

Textual proposal of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Article 2 Definitions

Kazakhstan support that it is necessary to strictly adhere to the definitions provided in the article throughout the document and avoid incorrect usage.

We are emphasizing the importance of using definitions as they appear in the text. In case an article is removed, the corresponding definitions must also be removed to avoid misunderstandings.

Kazakhstan suggests replacing the term «primary plastic polymer» with «primary plastic» throughout the text.

During the discussion in Group 2 on Article 7, it was noted that there is a lack of a shared understanding of the definitions of «Emissions» and «Releases», which hinders effective discussion of the article's provisions. We kindly request the Secretariat to provide clarifications on these terms and include them in the definitions accordingly.

We propose to introduce the following terms: plastics, plastic product, primary plastic, secondary plastic, microplastics, nano-plastics, plastic waste, plastic pollution, recycling, as well as provide the definitions for the following terms «emissions» and «releases» by the Secretariat.

Plastics or primary plastics means a material that consists of one or more polymers combined with additives to give the material specific properties.

Plastic product means *synthetic* materials produced from plastics, or recycled plastic.

Secondary plastic or recycled plastic means plastic materials produced from recycled plastic waste.

Microplastics means small plastic particles that are typically less than 5 mm in size and that have already entered the environment.

Nano-plastics means small plastic particles that are typically less than 100 nm in size and that have already entered the environment.

Plastic waste means discarded plastic materials that are no longer in use or have fulfilled their intended purpose.

Plastic pollution means pollution caused by plastic waste.

Recycling means the action or process of converting plastic waste into reusable materials while adhering to the principles of the waste hierarchy.