

# TEXT PROPOSAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES FOR DEFINITIONS

## DEFINITIONS (I.)

### I. Chair's Proposal of items

**Plastics:** *A material consisting of a plastic polymer to which additives or other substances may have been added, and which can function as a main structural component of final products, with the exception of natural polymers that have not been chemically modified*

**Plastic product(s):** *All physical goods which contain or are partly or entirely made of any form of plastic.*

**Plastic waste:** *Plastic waste refers to any plastic material or product that is discarded, lost or abandoned, intended to be discarded, or required to be discarded.*

**Microplastics:** *Plastic particles that are less than 5 mm in their largest dimension or plastic fibers shorter than 5 mm.*

**Primary Plastic Polymer:** *Plastic materials made of synthetic and semi-synthetic polymers that are used for the first time to create plastic products in any form. This necessarily includes all thermoplastic, thermoset, elastomer, and composite resins made from both bio-based and fossil-based feedstocks.*

**Plastic pollution:** *Broadly, all emissions and releases resulting from plastics production, use, waste management and leakage from different sources and pathways, coming both from legal and illegal activities.*