Part 2 Provision 2 Primary Plastic Polymers UK Intervention

Thank you co-facilitator,

As others have highlighted the science is clear – the current primary plastic production levels and expected growth significantly exceed global waste management and recycling capacity, resulting in growing releases and accumulation of plastics in the environment.

This is unsustainable.

The UK believes that the UNEA 5/14 mandate is very clear - provisions on plastic production as stated in paragraph 3b are within the scope of our negotiating mandate.

Therefore, the UK supports a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, including the promotion of sustainable production and consumption of plastics to sustainable levels.

On the provisions under this streamlined text, the UK supports sub-option 1 as a good starting point and the original title of ‘primary plastic polymers’, not the alt proposed, as we believe this provision should address virgin or primary plastic polymer production only, as measures to incentivise secondary plastics are addressed in provisions for product design.

Therefore, we support the deletion of mentions to secondary plastics and the deletion of paragraph 4 under sub option 1.

Additionally, the UK does not support paragraph 3 as parties should be able to determine which applications and which measures they.

We would also like to delete references to optimize as this could be misinterpreted to increase production.

Thank you