

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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SUBGROUP 1.2

PART II 1 – Primary plastic polymers

The Philippines supports Option 1 and Sub-option 1 requiring global reduction targets based on scientific evidence, with nationally determined targets to achieve them.

The Philippines believes that the international legally binding instrument must be guided by science. We are reminded of UNEA Resolution 5/14 calling for complementarity of the international legally binding instrument with other conventions including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Thus, we are greatly concerned with the recent scientific studies by the US national government's Lawrence Berkeley laboratory, the study by Grid Arendal, and the inputs of the Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty and the International Science Council telling us that it will be extremely difficult, perhaps almost impossible, to achieve the 1.5 degrees C goal under the Paris Agreement if there are no reductions in primary plastic polymer production. The latest study by the US national laboratory shows that about 75% of the greenhouse gas emissions from plastics happen even before the production of polymers.

We are also moved by the scientific studies analyzing projections on plastic pollution that conclude that a reduction in plastic production is the most effective scenario to prevent the tripling of plastic waste going to the environment by 2060.

For these reasons, we believe that a reduction of primary plastic polymers, global aggregate targets, and national phase-down schedules are essential elements for sustainable production and consumption under the international legally binding instrument. Let us heed the warnings of the world's scientists.

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