Contact Group 1: Core obligation 1: Phasing out and / or reducing the supply of, demand for and use of primary polymers

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The UNEA resolution 5/14 has acknowledged that plastic pollution is not limited to waste management but begins when fossil fuels are extracted and refined or processed to make the feedstocks for plastic polymers. People in developing countries who do not have the necessary environmental regulation or public health support systems pay the price for fossil fuel based development which privileges private profit over health and livelihood rights of people. We need to stop this now and support 10b(i) with a combination of a moratorium on new petrochemical facilities to reduce the harmful effects of plastic production at source and address the scale of the issue. We have a problem today with all the plastic produced and we are planning on nearly doubling this production. We cannot end plastic pollution without drastically reducing production.