Part II

1. Primary plastic polymers

Option Zero:

Do not include any provision in the Instrument.

Arguments of the proposal

Cuba does not support any of the options. The regulation of the production of primary polymers cannot be within the Instrument, since that exceeds the mandate of UNEA Resolution 5/14.

In this regard, Cuba highlights that during the negotiation of this resolution at UNEA 5, here in Nairobi, the reduction of polymer production was never discussed.

The reduction in polymer production will have great economic impacts for developing countries, both producers and importers, as is the case of Cuba.

If in the future there is any reduction in the production of plastic polymers, it shall be as a natural result of a decrease in demand due to a successful implementation of the Instrument when it comes into force and not because there is a binding obligation to reduce it. For example, if alternative substitutes could be developed for a wide range of plastic products, which would be expanded enough into the market and have an impact in the demand of plastic polymers.