

## **Contact Group 1**

### 1. Objective

To prevent plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, and its related risks to human health, and to eliminate legacy plastic waste.

### Part II.

#### Article 1. – Primary plastic polymers.

The Russian Federation supports “option zero” with regards to this article, which means that primary polymers must not be discussed within the INC process and shall not be part of the future Instrument.

The Russian delegation would like to draw the attention to the fact that during the work of the Contact Group III most of the countries expressed their clear support to the position that the scope of the future Instrument shall be strictly in line with the mandate for these negotiations as defined by the UNEA Resolution 5/14.

The issue of primary polymers lies beyond the mandate of the above-mentioned Resolution and beyond the mandate of UNEP itself. We would like to emphasize once again that the INC process is an environmental process, which shall not cross into areas of primary polymers, production and trade.