

1. Preamble should be short and general and shouldn't go beyond the scope of UNEA Resolution 5/14, which already defines the scope of the future document.

We also suggest using reference to UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, by which the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

The Russian Federation believes that the preamble should not contain text on timelines and monitoring, and that the level of ambition of the commitments should be commensurate with the level of means of implementation and national circumstances.

2. Scope.

The future Instrument shall apply to plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle from the design of plastic products to the environmentally sound management of plastic waste.

The future Instrument shall not apply to the following substances:

- raw materials, such as hydrocarbons and their derivatives,
- intermediate products, such as virgin polymers, which have to be further processed for serving end uses,
- any dual-use items.

3. Definitions.

In terms of definitions, the Russian Federation is of the view than only those definitions should be used which are already fixed in the existing international legally binding environmental instruments.

We believe that only fundamental definitions such as plastics, microplastics, full life cycle approach for plastic waste etc. should be reflected in the draft document.