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NOTE TO THE FILE

**Subject: Meeting between Antii Peltomäki and Cosmetics Europe
Brussels, 24 November 2017**

Participants: Antii Peltomäki (Deputy Director General, DG GROW),

Visitors: John Chave (Director General of Cosmetics Europe),

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CE reiterated the minor contribution of their sector to **microplastics** in marine litter yet acknowledged the political pressure as well as proliferation of national measures to ban microplastics in certain cosmetics products. CE also expressed their concern for the broad definition of microplastics used in the context of a possible REACH restriction.

GROW explained that the **microplastics** issue should be put into the context of the Commission's wider Plastics Strategy. GROW sought clarification from CE as to which cosmetic products contained the most microplastics. CE replied that the products

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intended to be washed down should be the most targeted ones as they end up in marine litter, and that tonnages for leave-on cosmetic products are extremely limited.

CE further highlighted that international trade could be disrupted for European industry as the existing bans on **microplastics** in cosmetics outside the EU are very narrow in scope and focus on product function (i.e. exfoliating wash-off cosmetics as per the US ban). GROW noted that it would be useful to have a precise quantification on those cosmetic products for which no alternates to microplastics exist as well as their economic value.

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