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MINUTES OF A MEETING

Subject: Plastics Strategy. Voluntary commitment.

Location and Date: 18/12/2017 (GROW BREY – M. AYRAL 12TH FLOOR)

Participants:

EuPC (), PlasticsEurope (), PRE (), PET Core Europe (), VinylPlus (), Borealis (), Polystyrene initiative (), Carpet&Rug association ()

DG GROW ()

DG ENV ()

GROW recalled the objectives on the meeting, i.e. to discuss the principle of voluntary commitments and how to reach it.

A quick tour de table took place. Afterwards the present organisations made presentations and explained where they currently stand:

VinylPlus made a presentation of their "platform"(existing since the year 2000) where objectives are defined against a 2020 deadline (amongst others an objective of 800 kTons PVC recycled/annum by 2020); they presented as well their vision, intentions and objectives to be reached by 2030.

PET Core Europe made a short presentation and explained its commitment, organisational setting and progress made since 1993.

Borealis presented the newly created Polyolefin Circular Economy Platform (PCEP) and explained the main difficulties that it is currently facing and their goals and intentions linked to the Plastics Strategy.

Polystyrene Initiative explained the current challenges, how these challenges could be overcome and the potential for chemical recycling compared to mechanical recycling.

Carpet&Rug association presented their carpet collection scheme and recycling initiative.

ENV reminded that the voluntary commitment should go beyond plastic packaging waste and what will be in the revised PPWD. Coherence and willingness to move towards the same goal is essential. GROW shared this view and added that the industry should explore all the sectoral legislation, including LCA aspects in order to make the whole value chain more circular.

ENV and GROW acknowledged that reaching agreement on the voluntary commitment is on good track. But a revised version with quantitative targets and precise timeframe was needed and should be shared as soon as possible and at latest, by the end of the year.