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Subject: compte rendu meeting voluntary agreement PE EuPC PRE

Eric,
 Ci-dessous, le compte rendu.
 Il me manque le nom d'une personne de ENV et d'une autre personne de la part de l'industrie (éventuellement [REDACTED] de PRE mais je ne suis pas certaine).
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**Meeting with Plastics Europe (PE), European Plastics Converters (EuPC), Plastics Recyclers Europe (PRE)
 8 December 2017**

Topic: Plastics Strategy and the plastics industry's voluntary commitment

Participants:
 European Commission: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (ENV); [REDACTED] (GROW)
 Plastics industry: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (PE), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (EuPC), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (PRE)

PE, EuPC and PRE started the meeting by giving an update regarding the voluntary agreement the three representatives are currently working on. A first draft was sent out before the meeting. PE explained for the time being, full alignment hasn't been reached. The main measure of the things that were agreed upon, is to ensure that by 2040 all plastic packaging is 100% reused, recyclable or energy recovered. Other measures will focus on preventing plastic leakage and on increasing resource efficiency.

ENV and GROW agreed that in the current version objectives are not quantified. Milestones and follow-up measures should also be added and links between overall objectives and specific objectives more clearly established. PE, EuPC and PRE were also invited to reflected on measures regarding the recycled plastic content. Both DGs agreed that concrete measures with clear leadership is expected. GROW and ENV also stressed that it is important that other actors of the value chain are involved e.g. brand owner for the uptake of recycled plastics. ENV agreed that the Commission could intervene as a facilitator. PE explained that the whole industry is working on organising themselves by polymer type and applications (platforms). This will help to provide reliable and quantified figures. EuPC explained that the plastics industry is currently moving following different speeds e.g. for some polymers recycling and market is more developed than for others. It stressed that the right approach is the one that is polymer specific. Link with recyclers is essential in order to reach good quality recyclates capable of find a market.

GROW wanted to know how the industry intends to finance the achievements on the goals that it is setting. PE explained that the industry is committed to provide adequate funding in order to reach these objectives, including to cover the monitoring and governance costs. However, regarding investments in innovation, some external financial support will also be needed.

ENV wanted to know whether it would be possible to go beyond the plastic packaging recycling. GROW agreed that it is important to mention other sectors, at least for the uptake of recycled plastics. EuPC took note and showed willingness to work towards inclusion of other sectors e.g. automotive, construction. PE expressed its doubts given the tight deadline.

It was agreed that:

- the industry's commitment in the way it is drafted should move from conceptual stage to a concrete commitment ensuring that monitoring and follow-up actions with deadlines are set;
- brand owners should be associated; the Commission could intervene as facilitator,
- section 3 should be clarified;
- the industry's agreement should clearly indicate how it will be funded and organised; funding must come from the industry.

A short update was given regarding the adoption of the Plastics Strategy.

Participants agreed that another meeting is needed in order to discuss more in details the ongoing work on platforms (5 should be set and operational by mid-December). It will take place on 18 December (14:00 – 17:00). Another follow-up meeting might take place at the beginning of January (week of 8/01).