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MINUTES OF A MEETING

Subject: Flash report – 3rd informal meeting on Voluntary Commitment – Plastic value chains

Location and time: 08/01/18, GROW BREY – 14/23

Participants:

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

DG GROW ()

DG ENV ()

GROW welcomed the participants and asks whether they have succeeded in transforming the overall principles of voluntary commitments expressed by the various representatives of the plastic value chain into a more concrete deliverable.

To put the works on voluntary commitments in a time perspective GROW indicated that the Plastics Strategy will be likely adopted on 16th January as announced earlier.

A quick tour de table took place. It was noted that:

- Plastics Europe wants to define targets for re-usability and recyclability for plastic packaging (60% by 2030) and actual 100 % reuse, recycling or recovery by 2030 for plastic packaging.
- EuPC and PRE aims at presenting a separate voluntary commitment where the targets for recycling are defined according per resin independently of the use.

COM representatives welcomed the almost agreed intentions expressed by the plastics sector and explained that these two separate voluntary commitments should be seen as a first step in the right direction where synergies between the two commitments should build up over time and needs to be foster: again repeating what was said at the last meeting, coherence and willingness to move towards the same goal is essential. GROW

representatives indicated that the most important aspects are also transparency, inclusivity, openness to concerned down-stream users. It is expected that feedback on opportunities, needs for support on aspects hindering the objectives are exchanged in this platform so that the whole value chain become sensitive to circularity objectives and help the plastics strategy to realise the level of ambition to be set by the Commission.

The two groups indicated that they will ensure communication on their respective commitments at the same time as the adoption of the Strategy will be announced. Communication materials from Plastics Europe, EuPC and PRE will be exchanged with the Commission.

COM representatives thanked the participants for their efforts and propose to discuss further the commitments during and after the Circular Economy Stakeholders Conference.