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Subject: Commission's intention to join, on behalf of the EU, the Joint Ministerial Statement of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution

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Delegations will find in the [Annex](#) a note from the Commission on its intention to join, on behalf of the EU, the Joint Ministerial Statement of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for the Environment
Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism
Global Environmental Cooperation and Multilateralism

Brussels, 16 October 2023

**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL WORKING PARTY ON
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**SUBJECT: Ministerial Statement of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic
Pollution**

**CONTACT POINTS: DG Environment, Unit F.3 – Global Environmental
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REMARKS:

With reference to our letter of 20 July 2023, please find annexed the updated version of the Joint Ministerial Statement for the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution (HAC) on which basis we seek Council endorsement.

As there are no significant substantial changes from the previous version of 26th September, the assessment of the Commission is that this later version of the joint Ministerial Statement, attached to this note, is in line with the existing EU positions for the negotiations of the new international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution. It also aligns well with the current EU policy on the area, including the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan. The statement does not preclude further development of negotiating positions to be taken on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

On this basis, and the assumption that the Ministerial Statement will not be changed substantially from its current form, the Commission proposes to endorse the joint Ministerial Statement of the HAC, on behalf of the EU. The Commission is therefore seeking Council's endorsement for that purpose.

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Attachment: Joint Ministerial Statement of the High Ambition Coalition



