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to the Commission
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Subject: Protecting the Mediterranean from microplastic pollution

Microplastic pollution in the Mediterranean sea poses a growing threat to marine biodiversity and human health in Europe. According to recent studies by the Joint Research Centre, the Mediterranean is one of the seas most affected by this type of pollution due to its heavy maritime traffic and relative isolation from bigger oceans.

Despite EU legislative progress on the issue, scientific evidence indicates that the health of marine ecosystems is not improving and microplastic pollution is continuing to increase at an alarming rate. This situation is exacerbated by a lack of progress in international negotiations to adopt a legally binding global plastics treaty.

Considering the above:

1. How will the Commission ensure that current and future EU measures are sufficiently strict and coordinated to significantly reduce microplastic pollution in the Mediterranean without being strictly limited to plastic pellet pollution?

2. What is the Commission's view on the failure of the second part of the fifth (and final) session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee held in Geneva this summer to develop a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution? What steps and actions does the Commission plan to take in the face of this failure?

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