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to the Commission**
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Subject: Plastics

25 million tonnes of plastic waste are produced every year by Europeans and less than 30% of it is recycled. Worldwide, plastics account for 85% of beach waste. Plastics can have a negative impact on human and animal health and life as micro plastics are present in food, air and water. In accordance with the new strategy, by 2030 all plastic packaging will be recycled, thus contributing to a reduction in the use of disposable plastics.

Therefore, can the Commission say:

- 1) What specific changes will be made to the EU strategy for plastics as regards the design, manufacture and use of plastic products and recycling thereof?
- 2) Does it plan to introduce restrictions on the deliberate use of micro plastics?
- 3) Will the planned transformation process lay the foundations for new opportunities in the areas of innovation, competitiveness, job creation and, above all, environmental protection?