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55. A macromer according to claim 54, in which the mean molecular weight of the polymer fragment Q is in the range from about 5000 to about 12,000.

56. A macromer according to claim 5, in which the total number of segments (a) and (b) in the polymer fragment Q is in the range from 2 to about 9.

57. A macromer according to claim 56, in which the total number of segments (a) and (b) in the polymer fragment Q is in the range from 2 to about 7.

58. A macromer according to claim 12, in which the indices  $x+y$  are a number in the range from 10 to 15.

59. A macromer according to claim 13, in which the ratio  $x:y$  is in the range from 0.7 to 1.1.

60. A macromer according to claim 15, in which  $P_1$  is alkenyl or alkenylaryl having up to 8 carbon atoms.

61. A macromer according to claim 60, in which  $P_1$  is alkenyl or alkenylaryl having up to 4 carbon atoms.

62. A macromer according to claim 23, in which  $n$  is an integer from 10 to 50.

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63. A macromer according to claim 62, in which  $n$  is an integer from 14 to 28.

64. A macromer according to claim 24, in which 90–100% of the radicals  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , independently of one another, are lower alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms.

65. A polymer according to claim 33, wherein the proportion by weight of the compound of the formula (I) is in the range from 80 to 10%.

66. A polymer according to claim 65, wherein the proportion by weight of the compound of the formula (I) is in the range from 70 to 30%.

67. An article having a surface coating which comprises a macromer of formula (I) of claim 1.

68. An article having a surface coating which comprises a polymer of claim 32.

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