



**IPEN Comments on the Draft Ministerial Declaration of the 2019 United Nations  
Environment Assembly  
“Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and  
production**

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The IPEN comments relates to the paragraph below, on the draft ministerial declaration, by suggesting a new proposed language as below.

**Paragraph (i)** *We will decisively address* the damage to our ecosystems caused by the unsustainable use and disposal of single-use plastic products, including by phasing-out most problematic single-use plastic products as early as 2025, and we *encourage* the private sector to find affordable and eco-friendly alternatives;

**New proposed Language**

"We will decisively address the damage to our ecosystems and Human Health caused by the unsustainable production, use and disposal of plastics including by phasing-out most problematic single-use plastic products as early as 2025. We encourage the private sector to find affordable, non-toxic and eco-friendly alternatives to hazardous and toxic ingredients in plastics which limit their effective reuse and recycling and we also encourage all member states to develop and establish effective recycling industries ensuring plastics do not end up as waste."