

Ukraine's written comments on the Draft Ministerial Declaration of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production"

General

- Ukraine welcomes the Draft Ministerial Declaration which is a good basis for further consultations and negotiation;
- We welcome relevance of the three main priority areas which are highlighted in the document to the theme of the UNEA4 and more importantly to the activities undertaken by the UN Environment within its Programme of Work;
- We believe that the document could be less lengthy and less technical as it appears at this stage.

Specific

- With due and equal respect to all UN Environment subprograms and their respective priorities of work we would welcome a mention of "environmental security" in the document. AS is known, conflicts often result in direct and indirect environmental damage, including on human health, livelihoods, ecosystem and, which is relevant to the theme, on resource extraction and their sustainable management.
- We would also like to see a mention of the "civil society" along with the private sector throughout the document. Civil society is already key actors in collecting and analysing environmental data from different sources. It is also worth noting that civil society should be understood broader than formal NGOs, indeed the scientific community is also part of civil society.