

Distr.: Restricted  
14 February 2018

English only

---

## Working Party on Inland Water Transport

### Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

#### Fifty-second session

Geneva, 14-16 February 2018

Item 7 of the provisional agenda

#### Third meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport

## Comments for the first draft of the Ministerial Declaration

### Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

1. Preamble, page 3

“Hereby endorse the following objectives and actions and invite **all parties involved** to develop action plans for their implementation:”

2. Preamble, point (c), page 3

To encourage investment in the sector aimed at modernizing the inland waterway infrastructure, the fleet and ports as well as fostering innovation **and using alternative fuels** to increase ...”

3. Strategic action 11, page 4

“Ministers ~~acknowledge~~ **promote** the role of water transport ~~as an urban transport mode contributing to balance urban air pollution and connecting cities with suburban areas~~ **using alternative fuels or electromotion in an urban environment**”

---