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Comments for the first draft of the Ministerial Declaration

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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”