

The International Trade Union Confederation, who represents 207 million workers in 163 countries, welcomes the opportunity to submit input to the Draft Ministerial Declaration on “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”.

We appreciate the vision that is presented in the draft. In §3 we would like to stress the urgency of the environmental challenges we’re faced with. Therefore we propose to add: “We highlight the importance and urgency of creating synergies between...”. In the final paragraph of the vision, we would like to stress that innovative solutions should be ‘social’ as well as ‘technological’. This can be added in the following way “...scaling up social and technological innovative solutions for environmental challenges...”

Under main priority 1: c) we propose the following addition: “...in cooperation with the science community, ~~and~~ private sector and all stakeholders and maintaining the principles of ethics...”

Under main priority 2:

a) we propose the following addition: “...and circular economy, which significantly and urgently contributes to the...”

f) we propose the following addition: “...innovative social and technological solutions for enabling equal access to clean energy and...”

Under main priority 3:

Add a new paragraph after c)

C bis) We support and stimulate social dialogue processes between business and workers organizations, governments and stakeholders to plan and implement just transition strategies that facilitate and speed up the implementation of innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production.