

In this sense, I am including below a list of initial points that I have thought for possible inclusion in the Ministerial Outcome Document:

- Pollution affects everybody. It is a massive global challenge with consequences far beyond the environment. The increasing pollution of our air, water, land, and seas is a major obstacle towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set by our leaders in 2015. Pollution harms our ecosystems, affecting human health, hampering long-term economic growth and exacerbating social inequalities.
- Pollution is an individual and collective concern the world over, threatening the health and well-being of all of us.. Urgent action is all of our responsibility.
- Reducing pollution means positively transforming our world with benefits for all. It will help ensure that we, as humanity, make a generational leap towards a healthier, safer, brighter, more sustainable future. Our success will have multiple benefits:
 - More people will leave poverty behind; safer and cleaner technologies will drive our economies;
 - Peace, security and stability will help us promote inclusive societies, which respect human rights and gender empowerment;
 - We will reduce pollution to protect the health of everyone on this planet, today and in the future.
- The UN Environment Programme, as the leading global environmental institution, and the UN Environment Assembly, our highest-level decision-making body on the environmental dimension of sustainable development, are key institutions in keeping the state of the environment under review and in addressing the vital environmental pollution challenges of global and regional significance, which we are facing today..
- We recognize that both our UN Environment Assembly and UN Environment Programme cannot tackle the challenges of pollution alone and in this regard, we urge other United Nations inter-governmental bodies, UN Specialized agencies, funds and programmes, and all other stakeholders, including business leaders, to contribute towards reducing pollution.
- As the world's Ministers of Environment, we must be determined, therefore, to take the bold and necessary steps to address pollution at every level – global, regional, national and local – in order to protect the health and lives of all people on this planet, the developmental aspirations of current and future generations, and the immeasurable wealth of the environment and natural resources upon which we all depend.
- We invite all Governments, businesses, communities and people, and all other stakeholders to greatly reduce pollution by 2030 and to support our call to action by determining their own contributions and commitments to achieve **our vision**:
 - Support more sustainable management of materials, including reduction of waste, increased reuse and recycling of materials, innovation, and improved availability of and access to clean technologies;
 - Increase global, regional and national knowledge, awareness and education regarding pollution sources, impacts, and solutions;
 - Work with the private sector to identify and implement market based solutions and alternatives to reduce all forms of pollution;
 - Improve protection of the environment, ecosystems, and the health of people everywhere through stronger, integrated, coherent, and implemented policies and laws to reduce pollution and to establish quality and use standards for air, land and water, based on scientific evidence and data;

- Strengthen the implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and policies through national and local level capacity building and institutional strengthening, including monitoring and accountability systems;
- Reduce major sources of marine litter, such as microplastics, through greater efforts to manage waste and encouraging the reduction in use of single-use plastic by the year 2022;
- Accelerate efforts to achieve the sound management of chemicals and wastes, including all countries adopting national laws eliminating lead in paint;
- Reduce by half the amount of untreated wastewater entering water bodies;
- Substantially improve air quality in cities to within healthy levels for human consumption;
- Work with the local governments of the world towards promoting sustainable models of urban development that promote cleaner and livable cities;
- Expand the application and distribution of the best available science and technologies available to reduce pollution in all its forms;
- Expand existing and create new multi-stakeholder partnerships, bringing together Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations system and the people of the world to implement this call to action.
- We must work toward a pollution free planet. We welcome the many pledges and commitments being made by Governments, businesses and civil society. These show that solutions to reduce pollution are available and that moving onto a more sustainable path lies in our own hands.