



understanding of the sources, pathways and impacts on marine ecosystems and promoting comprehensive life-cycle approaches and assess the impact of our actions.

We need to recognize that international cooperation and support is important for developing countries, in particular small island developing states and least developed countries. There is a need to focus on capacity building in order to put states in a better position to educate, build capacity and utilize the new technology. *N a ea ed e a a e ec ed e e da  
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Innovation in a broad sense, including in governance, finance and technologies should be included in the Declaration as these innovations offer unprecedented potential to improve stewardship of ocean resources and ensure resilient and productive ecosystems. *N a ee e e c de e  
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- 11 b) Explore, consider and undertake innovations in governance with a view to scaling up ocean action in the areas identified in paragraph 10 above; [New language]

The declaration should highlight the need to strengthen partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. These partners can play a significant role in ensuring that ocean resources are used in a sustainable manner for our common good. *T e ec ea e ea ed  
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To follow up the proposed language in para 10, we suggest to substitute existing para 11c with the following:

- 11 c) Stronger global governance mechanisms in support of all countries in their efforts to address the growing challenge of marine litter and microplastics, with the view to eliminate all discharge of plastic litter into the ocean in the long-term