

Declaration of various civil society organizations in Latin America INC-2 June 2023

Thank you for the floor.

Dear delegates, My name is Yarivith Gonzalez Regional Facilitator of the Latin American and Caribbean. I speak on behalf of various Latin American non-governmental organizations present at INC-2, as regional facilitator of Latin American.

Today we want to address several key points for the treaty

To solve the issue of plastic pollution we need:

- A drastic reduction of global production of plastics and the elimination of chemicals and products of concern in the entire plastic life cycle.
- To guarantee a fair transition for Grassroots Recyclers as an obligation and not just as a principle, with a focus on human rights and environmental justice
- To guarantee effective participation of civil society that defends the common good, linking the knowledge and technical contributions of civil society with discussions in contact groups, limiting the participation of those who defend private interests and corporations that profit from pollution.
- A fair, safe, inclusive, regenerative and non-toxic circularity understood from the concept of *avoiding* and *preventing* under the precautionary principle and to ensure NO regression where products are designed to last, reuse, repair, regenerate, recycle including return systems.
- To implement binding measures to ensure monitoring and control of the treaty.
- To integrate regional scientific knowledge, the indigenous system knowledge, local and spiritual peoples.
- To consider the perspective of gender, youth and vulnerable groups such as island communities that are unfairly impacted by plastic pollution.
- Transparency and traceability of substances used in the manufacture of plastics to eliminate toxic substances present in those plastics.
- Guarantee the obligation to protect health against the adverse effects that occur during the life cycle of plastic.
- A stop and ban on false solutions like incineration, co-incineration, co-processing, gasification, pyrolysis, chemical recycling and plastic credits.

- Prohibit the regulation of cross-border trade in plastic waste that generates a new type of Colonialism through garbage, a situation that especially affects the Global South.
- An instrument that is a guarantor of human rights in all regions, inclusive, equitable, mandatory and concrete in its concepts.

Dear delegates, we request: Do not use delay strategies that impede progress in the negotiations.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Accompanying this statement are the following organizations:

1. Fundación Protestante Hora de Obrar (Argentina-Paraguay-Uruguay)
2. Fundación PlastiCo. Project (Ecuador)
3. Alianza Basura Cero Ecuador
4. Consciente Colectivo (Argentina)
5. ACT Promoção da Saúde - Brazil
6. Asociación Sustentar (Argentina)
7. Unplastify (Argentina)
8. Taller Ecologista (Argentina)
9. Alianza Basura Cero (Chile)
10. Red de Acción por los Derechos Ambientales (Chile)
11. Idec - Instituto Brasileiro de Defesa do Consumidor (Brasil)
12. TOXISPHERA Associação de Saúde Ambiental (Brasil)
13. Galapagos Conservation Trust (Ecuador)
14. Plásticos en el Pacífico: Soluciones desde la Ciencia (PPCS - red Perú, Chile, Ecuador)
15. Red Mexicana de Acción Ecológica Colectiva Malditos Plásticos (Mexico)
16. Red de jóvenes regional por los DESCA - CREA
17. Red de Acción por los Derechos Ambientales RADA
18. Azul (Mexico)
19. Juventud Unida en Acción (Venezuela)
20. Fundación Mar Viva (Costa Rica, Panamá y Colombia)
21. Reacción Climática (Bolivia)
22. Aliança Resíduo Zero Brasil
23. Red Pazinde (Bolivia)
24. Alianza Mexico SIN Plástico (México)



