

Thank you for the floor.

Distinguished delegates,

My name is Dalia Márquez, from Juventud Unida en Acción and I'm speaking on behalf of the Women's Working Group on ending Plastics Pollution.

First, we denounce that female colleagues were victims of harassment and during INC-2. Therefore, we adhere to the zero-tolerance policy for harassment and demand compliance with UNEP's internal standards and call on all parties to guarantee this negotiation is a space free of harassment in all its forms.

Second, toxicity throughout the life cycle of plastics affects our health, leading to infertility and irreversible disorders, particularly in women. Therefore, regarding obligations 2 and 3, aligned with the precautionary principle, we urgently demand a moratorium on problematic plastic materials and products, including single-use plastic products and chemicals of concern used in plastic production and products that might harm human health.

Third, we urge a globally harmonized and legally binding mechanism to ensure that information about the presence of toxic chemicals in plastics is publicly available and tracked in individual materials and products, including those for women.

Fourth, the polluter pays principle, health and human rights must be central, as well as the Planetary and One Health approaches.

Fifth, about Obligation 12 and Part IV: to ensure a just transition, meaningful and inclusive participation and engagement of civil society is key. The consultation process and implementation of the National Action Plans must be inclusive and include women, indigenous communities, and vulnerable groups, and groups in vulnerable situations.

Finally, we call for delegates to work towards a strong treaty that will ensure the scope covers the entire life cycle of plastics.

Thank you.