

## **INC Statement**

I have heard parties on the floor talk about the importance of decreasing production and protecting human health. Human Rights must take a central role in these negotiations. These play a role in remedy for communities like mine that live in the shadow of the fossil fuel industry. **My name is Yvette Arellano I am the founder of Fenceline Watch an environmental justice organization.** Our mission at Fenceline Watch is dedicated to eradicating toxic multigenerational harm on communities living next to toxic facilities including those from plastic production. We advocate to eliminate disparities of environmentally vulnerable communities and seek to increase effective access to justice- including redress, remedy, and inclusion in the decision-making process. My community is home to the largest petrochemical complex in the United States and one of the largest in the world. Plastic producing facilities expose communities to constant emissions. When exposed to extreme weather such as hurricanes, floods, and freezes, these facilities become ticking time bombs experiencing fires and explosions sometimes lasting days on end emitting millions of pounds of toxic emissions. Even under normal conditions, the constant exposure of toxics produces short-term and long-term effects.

**The same industry that plays** a role in the plastic plays a role in climate crisis. Addressing human rights begins at extraction and production. In scope we agree with many countries that an enforcement mechanism is needed and tracking and reporting throughout the plastics lifecycle is vital. For this to be effective the instrument must track emissions at every emissions points not just those out of the stack but emissions point including valves, and chemical storage. Living in a community consistently experiencing odors and symptoms including headaches, nausea, and in the long-term issues including reproductive harm that I face as well is a reality for many.

**The parties in developing the treaty should** request the that the secretariate examine how climate change affects the risks arising in the climate crisis. Emerging science demonstrates how plastic are interacting with the plankton in the ocean to potentially disrupt the oceanic carbon rink. Plastic could contribute 56 gigaton of carbon to the climate.

Tracking must also include the effects of an everchanging climate. As the extreme weather becomes our new normal we request the tracking of how these conditions affect the plastic lifecycle including production in order to prioritize actions under current and future conditions.

**Finance and technology transfer and knowledge** sharing are critical so that counties in the global south have access to the same materials in the global north. Safe product design its essential but can't be limited to the countries that can afford it. I also request the consideration of formal inclusion of historically oppressed communities in the INC process. We are encouraged to see an effective tool that addresses our current and need for future generations and environment.

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Tracking in product design, we request that implementation of product design be tracked including the countries that they being implemented in order to assure transparency and equitable implementation across countries.

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