

WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

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For the ones alive who are not here, and for the ones who have been murdered for protecting our land.

Thank you Chair, I am Cathy, speaking on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

Human rights are not an add on to ambition, they are a driver of ambition and effective climate policy, and they must be strongly safeguarded, across all climate actions and specifically under Article 6. The WGC demands strong social, environmental and gender safeguards as well as the establishment of an independent grievance mechanism.

We urge Parties to stop treating gender equality issues as easily tradable bargaining chips. We need you to make rights and equality your red lines, to stand up to those who want to bargain rights for other issues.

We encourage the Parties to adopt the new ACE Work Programme and to ensure that the technology mechanism is rights-based and inclusive. As Mexico and many Parties raised, youth, women and gender, and indigenous peoples' full participation must be ensured.

We welcome and support the draft decision under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform - and we urge all Parties to respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent, in all climate actions. This relates back to our key demands under Article 6.

Finally, today, we as a Constituency are calling out specific attention to false solutions - from unproven techno-fixes, risky technologies, negative emissions technologies and offsetting mechanisms - we reject the global rallying cry to sustain "business as usual" through offsetting loopholes. If we want to keep people safe, we need large and sustained cuts to carbon emissions now. Feminists are rising to tell countries that we don't want more greenwashing, offsets, carbon markets, or Net Zero delusions. We have real, transformative, gender-just solutions that demand investment, support and replication in communities around the world.

People power, climate justice.

Thank you