

# WOMEN & GENDER CONSTITUENCY

## **WGC Joint Closing Plenary Intervention (2 minutes)**

**13th December 2023.**

My name is **Ayskha Najib** and I speak on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency representing feminists from across the world, **whose voices MUST be centered here.**

The outcomes of COP28 continue to affirm a process that does not serve communities around the world in desperate need of a historical course correction to ensure our collective survival. The lack of ambition eliminates any hope of keeping 1.5 alive and undermines the very survival of people on this planet.

An outcome that does not clearly state an end to the extractive system that has been harming, murdering, and destroying lands and bodies across the Majority of the world cannot be applauded as delivering gender justice. An outcome that fails to center ambition in implementation and rebuild the essential trust and global solidarity needed for real climate action - with a clear commitment to new and additional grant-based public finance- is an outcome with no equity, no gender equality and no climate justice.

Where is the finance for a just transition? Where is the finance for the new energy package? Where is the finance for the critical global goal on adaptation? Where are the billions - not millions- needed for addressing loss and damage? This is money needed and promised yesterday. Why is there always money for war and never for climate action?

The outcomes here at COP, while mentioning a transition away from fossil fuels, are riddled with loopholes and bring us backwards by opening the door widely to dangerous distractions and false solutions. It does not reflect genuine calls for action informed on disaggregated data but remains framed under intentions, wishes, and invitations to do so.

We are deeply committed to dismantling oppression and inequalities perpetuated by militarized, fossil fuel-driven colonial powers - bearing witness to the genocide in Palestine, the atrocities in Sudan and Congo and in many regions around the world.

**We join in solidarity with our allies here to demand a permanent ceasefire now, an end to fossil fuels, with a just transition, fast, fair, fully funded, feminist and forever.**