

‘Don’t back down’

We, the undersigned organizations, welcome the renewed commitment and leadership by over 90 countries to forge a binding global treaty to end plastic pollution to protect human health and the environment. The NICE Declaration reflects a clear majority support for a treaty that addresses the full lifecycle of plastic pollution, building on the growing political momentum that emerged at INC-5.1 in Busan.

The joint Declaration by ambitious countries must be a floor, not a ceiling, and governments must forge a treaty that matches the scale of the plastic crisis, safeguards human rights, and protects generations to come. As a minimum, the treaty – grounded in the knowledge, leadership, and lived realities of frontline communities, workers, waste pickers, and Indigenous Peoples – must not only include measures outlined in their Declaration, but also secure a just transition that protects people and communities in situations of vulnerability around the world.

After more than 2 years of negotiations, Member States, the INC Chair, and UNEP must accept that, to achieve this vision, a treaty adopted by consensus – dictated by the lowest common denominator – is not possible. A few low-ambition States have made every effort to block new measures and prevent a binding global treaty emerging from these negotiations, denying States their right to address this ever-worsening global crisis together. In response, States must now use all available procedural tools, including the option of voting, to conclude these negotiations at INC-5.2 with legally binding obligations and enforceable rules that can provide the certainty needed to reduce global production and shift trade and consumption patterns.

Pollution from across the entire supply chain is degrading ecosystems, contaminating our soils and harming human health and biodiversity. Nearly 30 million tonnes of plastics alone have poured into the oceans since negotiations began in 2022. A global response – anchored in enforceable rules, not vague aspirations – is long overdue. The ambitious majority must translate their strength in numbers into action and prevent a minority of narrow interests from continuing to shift the costs of this crisis on to communities and ecosystems. The upcoming negotiations in Geneva must be a test of will, leadership, and our collective ability to harness effective multilateralism in a shifting geopolitical landscape. The credibility of this process and multilateralism broadly hinges on delivering the treaty that was promised. Anything less would be a betrayal of global trust.

We now call upon other Member States to join the NICE Declaration and demonstrate ambition ahead of and during INC-5.2.

Translations into French, Spanish, and Russian can be found [here](#)

Signatories:

1. Center for International Environmental Law
2. Environmental Investigation Agency
3. Greenpeace
4. International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Plastics
5. Society of Native Nations (SNN)
6. WWF
7. OceanCare
8. Sustainable Environment Development Initiative
9. Objectif Zéro Plastique
10. adansonia.green
11. Loss and Damage Youth Coalition
12. Consortium des organisations de jeunes de Saint-Louis
13. Trash Hero World
14. Azul
15. Fondation Tara Océan
16. No Plastic In My Sea
17. Plastic Pollution Coalition
18. The Last Plastic Straw
19. Center for Coalfield Justice
20. Gallifrey Foundation
21. SHE Changes Ocean
22. EARTHCARE
23. Nipe Fagio
24. Eco-justice Ethiopia
25. Ocean. Now!
26. Hidden Plastic
27. Junior Chamber International Saint-Louis in Senegal
28. Pacific Environment
29. Plastic Oceans Chile
30. Habitat Recovery Project
31. The Children and Youth Major Group (CYMG) / the Youth Plastic Action Network (YPAN)
32. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
33. Plastic Free Seas
34. Thant Myanmar
35. Breathe Free Detroit
36. The Phoenix Group
37. California Communities Against Toxics
38. Zero Waste Society
39. Zero Waste Alliance Ukraine
40. Wonjin Institute for Occupational and Environmental Health (WIOEH)

41. Population and Development Initiative (PDI)
42. Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Management (CECIC)
43. Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC)
44. Tearfund
45. City to Sea
46. Eco-Dahab
47. Žiedinė ekonomika
48. GLOBAL 2000 - Friends of the Earth Austria
49. Seas At Risk
50. Priatelja Zeme - SPZ (Friends of the Earth - SPZ, Slovakia)
51. Whale and Dolphin Conservation
52. Race for Water Foundation, Switzerland
53. ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System
54. Retorna.org - Spain
55. Global Deposit and Return Platform
56. Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO
57. Plastic Soup Foundation
58. Zelena akcija / FoE Croatia
59. Faith and Hope Association
60. Coalition Clean Baltic - CCB
61. Fair Resource Foundation
62. Dietplastik Indonesia
63. Alliance for Zero Waste Indonesia
64. Asia Reuse Consortium
65. Indonesia Reuse Association
66. Fauna & Flora
67. People Over Petro Coalition
68. AICED RDCongo
69. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
70. Conservation Action Trust
71. CHEM Trust
72. Plastic Change
73. Blue Dalian
74. Scholar Tree Alliance
75. Habitable
76. HEJSupport
77. ToxicsWatch Alliance India
78. Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4 Center) Malaysia
79. 5 Gyres Institute
80. Between the Waters
81. Everyday Plastic
82. Núcleo de Pesquisa em Organizações, Sociedade e Sustentabilidade NOSS/EACH-USP
83. Youth Exploring Solutions

84. Mariupol Zero Waste
85. Zero Waste Kiel e.V.
86. Zero Waste Lutsck
87. Toxisphera Environmental Health Association - Brazil
88. Sustainable Environment Development Initiative
89. The People's Justice Council
90. Micah Six Eight Mission
91. Green Vientiane
92. Zero Waste Europe
93. AKO Foundation
94. Sciaena
95. Basel Action Network
96. Trash4tokens.org
97. Litter4tokens.org
98. Green Anglicans
99. CLEAN UP NEPAL
100. BankTrack
101. Captain Planet Foundation
102. Monterey Bay Aquarium
103. Ecojustice Canada
104. Surfers Against Sewage
105. groundWork, Friends of the Earth South Africa
106. Eureka Recycling
107. Alliance for Mission-Based Recycling
108. No More Butts
109. Health Care Without Harm
110. Asian Center for Environmental Health
111. PlastiCo. Project Foundation
112. Friends of the Earth Canada
113. Recycle Hawaii
114. Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
115. Mingas por el mar (Ecuador, South America)
116. Earth Ethics, Inc. Florida, United States.
117. The Story of Stuff Project
118. Black Women for Wellness
119. Fenceline Watch
120. Toxic-Free Future
121. Instituto de Derecho Ambiental de Honduras (IDAMHO)
122. Planet Tracker
123. Safer States
124. San Antonio Bay Waterkeeper
125. Plastic Free Future
126. Reusable San Mateo County
127. Polish Zero Waste Association

128. Moms Clean Air Force
129. The Climate Reality Project – Chicago Metro Chapter
130. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (Friends of the Earth Malaysia)
131. Consumers' Association of Penang, Malaysia
132. Bali Waste Platform
133. Taller Ecologista
134. Humusz Szövetség
135. Observatoire du principe pollueur-payeur
136. Environmental Justice Foundation
137. Surfrider Foundation Europe
138. Australian Marine Conservation Society
139. Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development - MYF
140. Naturvernforbundet (Friends of the Earth Norway)
141. Center for Environment (Friends of the Earth Bosnia and Herzegovina)
142. FoCo Trash Mob
143. Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)
144. National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO)
145. Center for Biological Diversity
146. Foundation for Environment and Development (FEDEV), Cameroon
147. Centre de Recherche et d'Éducation Pour le Développement (CREPD),
Cameroon
148. Ecosoum, Mongolia
149. Juste 2.0C, France
150. Mother Earth Foundation Philippines
151. Solid Waste Management Roundtable (SWMRT), India
152. MAEWAN, France
153. Elders Climate Action
154. Zero Waste Durban
155. Centre for Earth Works (CFEW)
156. Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)
157. Fundación Apaztlan- México
158. Environmental Defence Canada
159. Alaska Community Action on Toxics
160. Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN)
161. Just Transition Bangladesh Centre (JTBC)
162. Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE
foundation)
163. The Green Earth, Hong Kong, China
164. Labour at Informal Economy Society (LIE), Bangladesh
165. Bangladesh Free Trade Union Congress (BFTUC)
166. Društvo Ekologi brez meja
167. International Alliance of Waste Pickers
168. Strandliners, UK
169. Egyptian Foundation for Environmental Rights (EFER), Egypt

170. Polar POD
171. Fenceline Watch
172. The Descendants Project, US
173. Wings of the Ocean
174. Break Free From Plastic (BFFP)
175. Expédition MED
176. Aliança Resíduo Zero Brasil
177. The Scarab Trust, UK
178. Ocean Legacy Foundation
179. Let's Talk Trash
180. Plastic Free Delaware (Zero Waste First State), US
181. Between the Waters, US
182. Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD), Kenya
183. EARTHDAY.ORG
184. Integrative Strategies Forum
185. VOICE Ireland
186. Only One
187. ClientEarth
188. JustMoney Movement
189. Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)
190. Terra Advocati
191. Red de Acción por los Derechos Ambientales RADA
192. National Aquarium (Baltimore, Maryland, USA)
193. Greeners Action (Hong Kong)
194. Seattle Aquarium
195. Friends of the Earth U.S.
196. Zero Waste Skhirat (Morocco)
197. PACAN TX/USA
198. MarViva Foundation
199. Women Engage for a Common Future - WECF International
200. Women's Major Group
201. Waterkeeper Alliance
202. International Pole and Line Foundation
203. Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe
204. Journalists for Human Rights, North Macedonia
205. Fundación Conservaré
206. The Last Beach Cleanup
207. Red Defensoras del Ambiente y el Buen Vivir Argentina
208. Juventud Unida en Acción
209. Red Ecofeminista Latinoamericana y del Caribe
210. Asociación Ciudadana por los Derechos Humanos. (Argentina)
211. Red de Defensoras del Ambiente y el Buen Vivir. (Argentina)
212. Agregar Frente Sindical de Acción Climática
213. Fundación IVI MARAEI

- 214. Movimiento de Justicia Socioambiental Tarija
- 215. Yanapaqui Asociación Civil Catamarca Argentina
- 216. Oceana Brasil
- 217. Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis (Brazil)
- 218. Enda Colombia
- 219. Centro Ecuatoriano de Desarrollo y Estudios Alternativos, CEDEAL - Ecuador
- 220. Kuala Langat Environmental Action Association, Malaysia
- 221. Zero Waste Malaysia
- 222. Zero Waste Sabah
- 223. Centro Holístico EcoVirtual (Chile-Brasil)
- 224. ONE OCEAN EMPIRE PLT
- 225. Black Sea Women's Club
- 226. International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)
- 227. Centre for Sea and Society, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 228. Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
- 229. Changing Markets Foundation
- 230. Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPws)
- 231. Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS) EU
- 232. VeryNile, Egypt
- 233. Zero Waste France
- 234. Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE, RDC)
- 235. Exit Plastic Alliance, Germany
- 236. Total Environment Centre - AUSMAP
- 237. Turtle Island Restoration Network
- 238. Acción Ecológica México