

Greetings from Ethiopia

I am Frezer from Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium , speaking on behalf of WMGs

We would like to extend our profound gratitude for the opportunity as we stand before you to emphasize on the need for actions to achieve a healthy environment and prosperity for all.

We would like to underline the need for gender just, rights based biodiversity conservation, which is also discussed in the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the CBD at the moment. We support the emphasis of the leadership dialogue on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, but are very concerned the text is currently gender blind, which is not concurrent with existing UNEP policies, the CBD Gender Plan of Action and other UN commitments. Moreover, we would like to bring to the attention of all actors the need for equitable and fair utilization of natural resources among countries and the need to eradicate the prevalence of conflicts and wars around the world which is also worsening the current food security crisis

We urge all countries to recognize and act on the need to integrate the resolution passed by the United Nations Human rights council on the rights to **a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment** into national policies and legal frameworks. Civil society organizations **should** work on advocating this landmark resolution and the resolution to **End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument** . to ensure the environmental rights of vulnerable groups are protected.

We at last express our **profound solidarity** with all the **victims** of current international and civil wars. We **call on states** to **HALT ALL MILITARY interventions** and other **forms of violence** and to **solve** political disagreements through **peaceful dialogue** that **fully respects all human rights**. And **BOLDLY WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THERE CAN NOT BE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT PEACE!**

I thank you!