



Thank you for the floor

Distinguished Member States and delegates

I'm Dalia Márquez, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

We gather here with a sense of urgency and responsibility to address pressing issues that affect the well-being of humanity, particularly women, children and youth and Indigenous people. Therefore we want to highlight:

1. The health impacts on women farm workers due to Hazardous Highly Pesticides (HHPs) are alarming. From breast cancer to infertility and reproductive health disruptions. Women also bear the weight of caring for children affected by HHPs, leading to developmental disorders and other diseases. We call upon all Member States to take immediate action to phase out HHPs. We advocate for the promotion of domestic solutions, including non-chemical alternatives, and seek international financial support for this crucial transition.
2. Chemicals and waste pose threats to human health and the environment, exacerbating the burden on women and children, especially in the health and education sectors of countries. Regulatory actions are essential to prevent and limit exposure to harmful chemicals in various industries.
3. Solar Radiation Modification technologies are certain to have transboundary impacts, affecting rain patterns, causing droughts, and disrupting agricultural production. We urge Member States to follow the call from Experts of a global NON-USE agreement of SRM, given its uncontrollable risks and costs, as acknowledged by international experts.

4. Environmental Ministerial Forums and Regional offices play a pivotal role in fostering multilateral cooperation to address environmental challenges. We commend the progress made by the Regional Working Group on Gender and Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean and advocate for increased participation of Major Groups and Stakeholders during Ministerial Forums.
  
5. On sustainable lifestyles our proposal includes the incorporation of language on 'intergenerational equity, and we emphasize the importance of gender equality aspects and the inclusion of women's knowledge in sustainable practices.
  
6. Lastly, we request Member States' support for actions for Climate Change and Climate Justice. Recognizing the disproportionate impact on women and girls in developing countries due to climate change, we call for collective action to support vulnerable nations, reduce risks, and promote resilience and adaptation.

In the pursuit of justice, sustainability, and the well-being of our planet, let us unite and work together to address these critical issues. Thank you.