

Your Excellencies, Heads of State
Your Excellencies, Ministers.

We, the undersigned organizations and Peoples, are writing to urge that, as you step into the 79th session of the UN General Assembly and the New York Climate Week, **you demonstrate unwavering commitment to securing an international legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution that controls and reduces plastic production.** The science is clear: ending plastic pollution requires ambitious action across the full lifecycle of plastics, with substantially reducing plastic production levels considerably being a priority. The rights of current and future generations hinge upon your leadership in the high-level meetings that will take place this week where the last scheduled stages of the plastics treaty negotiations will be discussed.

We welcome the recent G7 [Presidential](#) and [Ministerial](#) commitments to reduce the production and consumption of primary plastic polymers and the reports from unnamed sources on the [US's potential shift on its position](#) to support a global reduction target for plastic production. Furthermore, over 50 countries and counting have signed a Declaration on Primary Plastic Polymers, the [Bridge to Busan](#). We also recognize the initiative of Peru and Rwanda in proposing a target to reduce production by 40% by 2040 in the negotiations.

Plastic production is fuelling the climate crisis and threatening to undermine the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement. If left uncontrolled, it will consume [up to one-third](#) of the remaining carbon budget by 2050, surpassing the energy and transportation sectors. Approximately [90%](#) of the GHG emissions associated with the plastics life cycle that comes from the extraction of raw materials — 99% of which are fossil fuels — and their transformation into polymers. A cornerstone of ending plastic pollution is containing and preventing these emissions.

The overwhelming amount of plastics produced today, mostly for nonessential items, has exposed us to an increased presence of microplastics in the environment and in our bodies — [the quantity of microplastics found in brain samples](#) from 2024 is nearly double that of samples from 2016. These production levels are also exposing us, daily, [to more than 16,000 chemicals](#), with 4,200 of them identified as a hazard for the environment and human health.

Already the culprit of an exponentially growing crisis, plastic production is projected to almost triple in the next decades, significantly exacerbating its impacts. [With more than 1,400 new fossil fuel-dependent projects to expand production capacity set to be built by 2027](#), the disproportionate harm and toxic exposure already faced by Indigenous Peoples and frontline and fenceline communities living near these production sites will surely intensify. Moreover, waste management systems—already insufficient to handle the amount and complexity of plastics we produce today—will not be able to keep pace as production continues to grow.

Measures in place today — such as recycling and selective product bans — have proven insufficient in addressing the plastic crisis. The evidence is clear: in order for us to meaningfully address this environmental and human health crisis, it is imperative to reduce plastic production.

With the last scheduled stages of the plastics treaty negotiations in your hands, we urge you to include and elevate in your public interventions the unequivocal need for this treaty to reduce plastic production to protect human health, human rights, and the environment.

We also urge you to participate in the high-level event “Galvanizing Global Momentum for a Plastic Pollution Instrument” and the Ministerial Consultation Meeting led by the governments of Canada and Norway, to lead the call for a political agreement that secures a legally binding instrument that, in addition to other essential elements:

1. Delivers concrete supply-side rules by the end of the negotiations that prevent the growth and reduce the production of virgin plastics.
2. Includes a global reduction target that serves as a collective benchmark, unequivocally accompanied by mandatory targets and clear pathways for each country to deliver the necessary reductions to achieve it.

The world is watching. We are ready to collaborate and support you in this effort.

Signed,

1. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
2. Environmental Defence Canada
3. Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)
4. Nipe Fagio
5. MarViva Foundation
6. Gallifrey Foundation, Switzerland
7. Plastic Pollution Coalition
8. The Last Plastic Straw
9. Objectif Zéro Plastique (OZP)
10. BAN Toxics
11. Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
12. Plastic Free Future
13. Mingas por el Mar Foundation
14. Congo Basin Youth for Climate
15. Polish Zero Waste Association
16. OceanCare
17. Race for Water Foundation
18. Plastic Change
19. Trash Hero World
20. Trash Free Trails
21. Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)
22. DION - Development Indian Ocean Network
23. CREPD-Centre de Recherche et d'Éducation pour le Développement, Cameroon
24. Pesticide Action Network - Mauritius.
25. Azul
26. Defend Our Health

27. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
28. Ocean. Now!
29. No Plastic In My Sea
30. VOICE Ireland
31. City to Sea
32. ECOS (Environmental Coalition on Standards)
33. Fondazione European Research Institute
34. Friends of the Earth Canada
35. Retorna (Spain)
36. Žiedinė ekonomika (Lithuania)
37. Seas At Risk
38. Sciaena
39. Center for Coalfield Justice
40. ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System
41. Women Engage for a Common Future, WECF
42. REACHOUT SALONE
43. Sustainable Environment Development Initiative (SEDI)
44. adansonia.green (Sénégal)
45. Zero Waste Europe
46. Observatoire du principe pollueur-payeur
47. Greenpeace
48. Zero Waste France
49. Zero Waste Kiel e.V.
50. Humusz Szövetség
51. Reacción Climática
52. Plastic Soup Foundation
53. Green Vientiane
54. Center for Biological Diversity
55. Beyond Plastics
56. Justice for Formosa's Victims
57. The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education (COARE)
58. Bend the Curve
59. Fenceline Watch
60. Fundación El Árbol, Chile
61. Ecojustice Canada
62. The Story of Stuff Project
63. Plastic Free Restaurants
64. Waterkeeper Alliance
65. Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
66. Three Rivers Waterkeeper
67. Egyptian Foundation for Environmental Rights (EFER)
68. Centre for Financial Accountability
69. Cut The Plastic Environmental Mitigation Solutions
70. Zero Waste Society (Ukraine)

71. Foundation for Environment and Development (FEDEV)
72. San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper
73. Snake River Waterkeeper
74. Surfrider Foundation
75. Surfrider Foundation Europe
76. Thant Myanmar
77. EARTHDAY.ORG
78. Plastic Free Seas
79. Ecosoum (Mongolian NGO)
80. Društvo Ekologi brez meja
81. Tearfund
82. Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPws)
83. European Environmental Bureau
84. Hogar sin Tóxicos (Spain)
85. Child Rights International Network (CRIN)
86. Columbia Riverkeeper
87. Terra Peninsular
88. Savannah Riverkeeper
89. Perpetual
90. Basel Action Network
91. Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)
92. Peconic Baykeeper
93. Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)
94. Milwaukee Riverkeeper
95. NY/NJ Baykeeper
96. Seneca Lake Guardian, a Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate
97. Tualatin Riverkeepers
98. Orange County Coastkeeper
99. Inland Empire Waterkeeper
100. Willamette Riverkeeper
101. Upstream
102. Taller Ecologista
103. Sustainable Research Action for Environmental Development (SRADeV Nigeria)
104. Waterkeepers Chesapeake
105. Environmental Health Project
106. Irrigation Training and Economic Empowerment Organization (IRTECO), Tanzania
107. Only One
108. Hann Baykeeper Réseau Baie de Hann
109. Persatuan Tindakan ALAM Sekitar Kuala Langat
110. Grambangla Unnayan Committee, Dhaka, Bangladesh
111. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (Friends of the Earth)
112. Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP), Malaysia
113. South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, Durban South Africa
114. Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA), Bangladesh

115. Waterkeepers Bangladesh, Bangladesh
116. Center for Environmental Justice and Development (CEJAD), Kenya
117. Appui aux Initiatives Communautaires de Conservation de l'Environnement et Développement Durable,(AICED), RDCongo
118. La Grande Puissance de Dieu
119. National Hawker Federation (NHF), India
120. Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Mgt (CECIC) Uganda
121. Rapid Transition Alliance (UK)
122. Zero Waste Durban, South Africa
123. Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE), RDCongo
124. AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA), Tanzania
125. National Consortium for the Elimination of Malaria NaCEM-Sierra Leone
126. Youth Alliance for Sustainable Development YASDev Sierra Leone
127. ECOCITY, Greece
128. AEEFG, Tunisia
129. Satilla Riverkeeper
130. Leave it in the Ground Initiative (LINGO)
131. Andy Gheorghiu Consulting
132. Regional Advocacy for Women's Sustainable Advancement Alliance for African and Arab States
133. Exit Plastik Alliance (Germany)
134. France Nature Environnement
135. Environmental Action Germany (Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.)
136. Brantas River Waterkeeper, East Java Indonesia
137. Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED), Nepal
138. Zero Waste Senegal Association
139. ROOHCAM, Cameroun
140. Calusa Waterkeeper, Inc.
141. Muchi Childrens Home
142. Dean Wilson Atchafalaya Basinkeeper
143. Australian Marine Conservation Society
144. ECOTON Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation, Indonesia
145. Brantas River Waterkeeper, Indonesia
146. River Warrior, Indonesia
147. Break Free From Plastic (BFFP), Global
148. Zero Waste Sabah
149. Malaysian Nature Society Selangor Branch
150. Natural Justice
151. Plastic Free Ibiza & Formentera (alliance), Spain
152. (Ma) Learning Lab for Sustainable Transformation (Ibiza, Spain)
153. Women In Climate Change Action-WICCA
154. ClientEarth
155. Just Zero
156. Ottawa Riverkeeper | Garde-rivière des Outaouais, Canada

157. Red Mexicana de Acción Ecológica
158. Swedish Society for Nature Conservation.
159. IndyACT- Lebanon
160. Integrative Strategies Form
161. Common Seas
162. Fundación PlastiCo. Project, Ecuador
163. Aliança Resíduo Zero Brasil
164. Ecology Center Berkeley
165. Innovation pour le Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement, RD.Congo
166. Hudson Riverkeeper
167. Life Out Of Plastic - L.O.O.P. (Perú)