Thank you for the floor

Distinguished delegates,

I’m Dalia Márquez, from the NGO Juventud Unida en Acción. I’m speaking on behalf of the Women’s Working Group on Ending Plastics Pollution and we want to highlight:

1. The future plastics treaty must ensure a just transition, human rights approach and intergenerational equity. This signifies equitable stakeholder engagement, prioritizing women's and other groups in vulnerable situation rights, health, and inclusive decision-making. The treaty must also include women's perspectives.

2. Plastic's toxic lifecycle disproportionately impacts women's health, as evidenced by microplastic infiltration and endocrine-disrupting chemicals that cause cancer, infertility and irreversible health disorders. Our demands for a moratorium on hazardous plastics and robust transparency mechanisms reflect these urgent concerns. The treaty must prioritize solutions that prevent adverse impacts on human health and the environment, including reducing plastic production, eliminating toxic chemicals, and increasing transparency and traceability throughout the life cycle.

3. The treaty needs adequate financial mechanisms for implementation. A dedicated financial mechanism is necessary to implement the treaty and its objectives, particularly for countries of the Global South and those with economies in transition, includes a mechanism of funding support for stakeholders engagement.
4. Meaningful stakeholder engagement is crucial, emphasizing women's participation in national plans, implementation, and monitoring. We advocate for legally binding commitments, and transparent monitoring to ensure treaty effectiveness and accountability.

5. The Women's Working Group on Ending Plastics Pollution position aligns with the Rio Principles. We urge delegates to work towards a comprehensive treaty covering the full lifecycle of plastics, prioritizing a sustainable future for all.

Thank you