

Joint NGO Statement at HRC46

Thank you, Madam President.

This statement is delivered on behalf of 28 organizations. The full list of which is available on the extranet.

We convey today the call endorsed by 1'100 organizations urging this Council to recognize the right of all to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. In this appeal initiated at the last Council's session, organizations from more than 100 countries and from a great diversity of constituencies rallied around the recognition that "The Time Is Now" for the protection of our right to a healthy planet.

We welcome the remarkable joint statement of UN agencies and we fully support the statement delivered by the core group on human rights and environment asking States to engage constructively in this process at the Council.

All these calls reflect the fact that a large majority of States already have such a right in their Constitutions and laws, also explicitly recognized by regional systems. The time is ripe for the global recognition of this right which is a matter of utmost urgency.

Three global environmental crises – the pollution crisis, the biodiversity crisis and the global warming crisis, as identified by UNEP and science in general – already violate and jeopardize the human rights of billions of people. Human rights must be fully protected in the face of these increasing and intersecting environmental crises.

Thank you for your attention

Signatories

1. Earthjustice (UN ECOSOC Status)
2. Franciscans International (UN ECOSOC status)
3. Center for International Environmental Law (UN ECOSOC status)
4. Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (UN ECOSOC status)
5. Human Rights Watch (UN ECOSOC status)
6. Universal Rights Group (UN ECOSOC status)
7. Child Rights Connect (UN ECOSOC status)
8. Amnesty International (UN ECOSOC status)

9. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) (UN ECOSOC status)
10. Quaker Earthcare Witness (UN ECOSOC status)
11. National Congress of American Indians (UN ECOSOC status)
12. Native American Rights Fund (UN ECOSOC status)
13. Soka Gakkai International (UN ECOSOC status)
14. Friends World Committee For Consultation FWCC (UN ECOSOC status)
15. Minority Rights Group International (UN ECOSOC status)
16. World Future Council (UN ECOSOC status)
17. Dominicans for Justice and Peace (UN ECOSOC status)
18. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (UN ECOSOC status)
19. Al Haq (UN ECOSOC status)
20. Association of Solidarity through Humanitarian Imperative Action International
21. CAUCE Foundation
22. Children's Environmental Rights Initiative (CERI)
23. China-Latin America Sustainable Initiative (CLASII)
24. Child Rights International Network (CRIN)
25. Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights
26. International Rivers
27. The Aytmaten Club at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane
28. Urgenda Foundation