

Thank you, chair for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Frankie Orona, with Society of Native Nations

I want to start by acknowledging all indigenous and frontline representatives that are here today to hold space because of the adverse effects petrochemicals has on our communities.

Indigenous Peoples bear a disproportionate burden of the impacts of plastic pollution, while their rights are undermined at every stage of the plastic deathcycle.

We want water security and Indigenous rights embedded into the core obligations of the treaty.

We want locally-based non-toxic reuse and circular economies to be prioritized solutions.

We want plastic pollution to be acknowledged as a human rights issue as we have a right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment for all future generations.

We want nature-based solutions and indigenous knowledge to be centered in the core obligations so that nature doesn't only survive the abuse of industry but continues to thrive.

We want chemical transparency at all stages of production and existence of plastics. Reparations must be a part of the remediation process for all impacted communities.

- Plastic pollution has a profound impact on Indigenous Peoples and their territories. These impacts begin with the extraction of fossil fuels, which are used in the production of [99% of all plastics](#).
- The extraction of oil and gas frequently occurs within Indigenous Lands and Oceans around the world.
- Over ~3000 Indigenous territories are affected by plastic production in the Americas alone.
- The exposure to toxic chemicals from plastics has adverse impacts on Indigenous Peoples and their Lands and Oceans.
- The air in Indigenous and Frontline communities contains massive levels of chemicals.
- This Treaty must protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples throughout the entire deathcycle of plastics. It must eliminate toxic chemicals while reducing the supply and demand for plastics in order to protect our water, soil, and air for future generations.
- **Given the historical and current impacts of plastic pollution on Indigenous Peoples, it is crucial to also include a mechanism to ensure justice and**

reparations for Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities adversely impacted by the petrochemical and fossil fuel industry.

Thank you for your time