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Mr. President

We welcome the SG Analytical Report, in line with the ICJ Advisory Opinion affirming just transition as a cornerstone of international environmental law.

States must urgently reduce emissions and ensure climate action as fair, inclusive, and rooted in human rights.

The report identifies barriers such as fossil fuel dependence, critical mineral exploitation, precarious labor, widening inequalities, and North-South asymmetries.

Addressing these requires transforming energy, labor, and governance systems in democratic and participatory ways.

Polluters pay, developed countries takes greater responsibility and international cooperation through financing, technology transfer, and debt relief enables equitable transition.

While valuing human rights focus, we note the need for a deeper systemic critique and a vision of socio-ecological transformation beyond the economic model that caused the crisis.

Transitions must recognize the intrinsic rights of nature – forests, rivers, ecosystems, and biodiversity – as affirmed in the 2019 SG report on Harmony with Nature.

Integrating these perspectives is essential for the profound transformation our time demands.