GREENPEACE DEMANDS FOR A STRONG GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY

Plastic pollution is everywhere - it has flooded our planet, harming people’s health, accelerating social injustice, destroying biodiversity and fueling the climate crisis at each stage of plastic’s lifecycle.

The Global Plastics Treaty is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to solve the plastics crisis. For the sake of our collective future, we cannot waste this moment.

The full lifecycle of plastic harms livelihoods and the climate. The fact is that 99% of plastic is made from fossil fuels; oil & gas — and Big Oil, in league with Big Brands, continue to make more, promote false solutions and a throwaway single-use model where corporate profits come before the health of our communities.

Greenpeace, with our allies and supporters, demand a treaty that will keep oil and gas in the ground and put an end to big polluters’ relentless plastic production. A treaty that does not stop runaway plastic production & use is a failure.

The Global Plastics Treaty must:

1. **End plastic pollution - from production to disposal - to protect the environment and human health**
   Plastic pollution floods our planet, destroys biodiversity, and worsens the climate crisis across the entire life of plastic - from extraction, production, transportation, incineration and dumping. This deadly cycle brought by runaway plastic production and use needs to stop for good.

2. **Cap and phase down plastic production**
   Plastic production keeps us dependent on fossil fuels, drives climate change and biodiversity loss, and harms communities and workers living near production sites and landfills. If the industry has its way, plastic production could double within the next 10-15\* years, and triple by 2050. The treaty must have an immediate cap on plastic production set to a historic baseline, followed by a phasedown in the production and use of plastic and deliver a just transition away from all virgin production capacity.
3. **Ensure a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste, reuse-based economy**
   The treaty must drive a just transition to sustainable livelihoods across the plastics supply chain, empower workers, prioritizing waste pickers and other affected communities. It must support reuse and refill business models; prioritize the interests of Indigenous Peoples and advance traditional knowledge.

4. **Be firmly rooted in a human rights-based approach that reduces inequality, prioritizes human health, and centers justice in its creation and implementation**
   From production to disposal, plastic pollution negatively impacts our health and human rights. It accelerates social injustice and environmental degradation, and aggravates inequalities brought about by the climate crisis. The negotiations must ensure fair and equitable representation throughout the negotiation and implementation process from Indigenous Peoples and communities disproportionately affected by the plastic pollution crisis. The treaty must have a strong foundation in justice and human rights in order to mitigate further harm.

An effective treaty must ensure a future free from single-use plastics in the food we drink, in the air we breathe, in nature and a safer environment for the next generations. During the negotiations process, we will show how an unstoppable global movement can achieve an ambitious Global Plastics Treaty that will turn off the plastics tap and finally, end the age of plastic - for our health, our communities, climate, and the planet.