



ORAL STATEMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS INCOMPATIBILITY OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES INTENDED FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

Item 5: Interactive Dialogue with the Advisory Committee

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Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes the Advisory Committee's report on the impact of new technologies intended for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights and notes in particular its findings that:

- such technologies risk delaying the rapid end to fossil fuel production and use that we need (“emissions cut deterrence”);¹
- they may also promote systemic close-mindedness and avert structural change required to address existing inequalities;² and
- “given the lack of sufficient knowledge as to their risks and adverse impacts, a presumption may apply that all new technologies intended for climate protection are generally harmful to human rights and their deployment would be contrary to existing States obligations”.³

We reiterate our call for States to commit to a full, fast, fair, and permanent phase out of all fossil fuel production and use, without reference to terms such as “unabated fossil fuel emissions” which would open the door to a reliance on risky and unproven technologies or which would delay the rapid phase out that is required.

We look forward to working with OHCHR in implementing the report's recommendations, including by providing input into the proposed set of international guidelines or operative standards allowing States to implement the precautionary approach with respect to such technologies.

Madame Chair,

How can these conclusions be integrated across all multilateral governance spaces where these technologies are likely to be discussed, including COP28 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the sixth UN Environment Assembly (UNE6)?

Thank you.

¹ UN Human Rights Council, *Impact of new technologies intended for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights: Report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee*, UN Doc. A/HRC/54/47, 12 July 2023, paragraph 12.

² UN Doc. A/HRC/54/47, para. 26.

³ UN Doc. A/HRC/54/47, para. 66