

I am Emilia, from Brazil, and I speak on behalf of YOUNGO.

Chair thank you for the floor,

We stand here in solidarity with the victims of typhoon <sup>Hiyan</sup> ~~Yolanda~~, and all those affected by anthropogenic climate change. We must recognize that it has been the inaction, thus far, and the gross neglect of future generations that has allowed superstorms like this to occur.

*I, and the baby inside me,*  
I stand before you speaking not only on behalf of youth, but on behalf of future generations. The UNFCCC exists to both help alleviate current injustices and to ensure future injustices do not occur. It is therefore imperative that the principle of Intergenerational Equity is central to the ADP text. Intergenerational equity ensures that future generations have access to the same opportunities and resources as the current generation does. We need to stop discounting future generations in the economics of climate change. We need to recognize that the atmosphere is held in trust for these generations who possess the same fundamental rights. To neglect to do so would show a continued gross ignorance of Article 3.1 of the convention which states that 'Parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations'.

There is an old saying that "We do not inherit the world from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children". Until you finally recognize this and recognize the rights and voice of future generations, then, all that is left is silence. And so we dedicate the next few moments to a future that is being lost and a generation that is voiceless in these corridors.

**\*\*Puts tape across mouth and stands morosely for 15 seconds\*\***