

Mr. President, Distinguished delegates, thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak.

I am Ethan Spaner and I am speaking on behalf of Climate Action Network.

During the past 2 weeks we have come here together in Warsaw to try and frame what the future of our planet will look like. At this point, we have not done enough. The same humanity who has had the ambition to build this world has yet to have the ambition we need to save it.

We need to bring forward the finance to assist our brothers and sisters in developing nations to cope with the extreme weather that has surpassed even what our scientists thought was possible. We need those most responsible to come forward with emission reduction commitments that can lead us to a safe future. Instead, we witness backtracking.

Civil society wants action, but humanity NEEDS action.

To our ministers and negotiators who have come here to take part in this process, if you believe that this process is our best chance to work in cooperation, in equity and with respect for each other, then act now. If you stand in solidarity with Mr. Yeb Saño, and those in the Philippines who have spent these last 2 weeks burying the dead, then act now. Look around the room at your colleagues, and work together to find a way forward, a common way to secure our future on this planet, and at the end of this Conference of the Parties, start a new beginning.

Thank you.