

Thank you chair

My name is Anabella Rosemberg and I speak here on behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation, representing 176 million workers from 161 countries.

Chair

The trade union movement has followed closely for the past years your discussions under the ADP, hoping the seeds of a deal would emerge from them. It was with great sadness that we have witnessed leaders' lack of commitment last year in Warsaw and decided to join many others in civil society to express our despair walking out from the conference.

Chair

Trade unions understand more than many the difficulties of a negotiation, as well as the need for compromise. We also understand not everybody has the same responsibilities or capacities. But science is telling us that some things are not negotiable. Chair, there will be no jobs on a dead planet.

This message came out clearly from the two thousand delegates attending our Congress last month. We committed there to stand with you when you will take action to protect our climate.

And we will try hard to make this commitment a reality. But now governments need to show leadership. Lima has to deliver a draft that contains hope for our climate and our people.

We are working with our unions to build the public support you need for climate action, for creating the jobs of the future and transforming the current ones.

You have to ensure the 2015 deal contains ambition on emission reductions, on finance and the political commitment to secure a just transition so that workers are fully on board in the transformation ahead.

The next eighteen months will show if each one of us raise to this historical challenge. It is still possible.