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My name is Blessed Chidhoni, speaking for ENGO-DCJ, or Demand for Climate Justice.

DCJ's members – such as the **40 million** members of India's Street Vendors' Association – are concerned that civil society's demands in Dubai are being **cherry-picked** to please the most powerful Parties' preferences.

An example is the GST draft. Many governments are finally supporting language on phasing out fossil fuels, but they must include more than just **campaign slogans**. Of the four options on fossil fuels, **not one of them** even mentions climate finance or links to Means of Implementation.

We are urging not only a phase out, but one that is **fast** enough to limit warming to 1.5C, **fair** enough to be equitable for all, and **funded** so that all countries and all communities are included.

Another DCJ member, the Texas Campaign for the Environment, who fights with **frontline** communities against the biggest build-out of fossil fuels in the world today, demands the mess that industry made be cleaned up, and the community supported in its own just transition.

But in COP28's Just Transition Program, we are seeing some Parties trying to actually **remove** the title of "Just Transition" and **replace** it with only "Pathways to 1.5C" with no justice at all. That would undermine the point of any program and perpetuate the COP frauds of the past.

DCJ won't believe the hype. We won't fall for the hypocrisy.

We are **watching**, and we will **warn** the world what you are really doing by claiming this is climate justice, when we know it is not.

For DCJ, climate justice means **systems** change, not climate change. That's what **Dubai** must deliver!

Thank you.