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Thank you Mr President.

The Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) warmly welcomes the OHCHR's [report](#) on the impacts of climate change on people in vulnerable situations.

As panelists and testimonies highlighted, climate-related impacts are felt by communities in all regions of the world. This loss and damage is harming human rights, exacerbating multiple and intersecting forms of vulnerabilities and reinforcing preexisting discriminations.

As a matter of their human rights obligations, States have the duty to provide effective remedies for climate harm and must take all effective measures to address the root causes of the climate crisis, including through the effective regulation of private actors, in particular the fossil fuel corporations bearing the greatest responsibility in the climate crisis, and their financial backers.

The report highlights solutions including effective participation of people in vulnerable situations in the design and implementation of climate action, the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and practices, an urgent transition away from fossil fuels, a dramatic scaling up of gender-responsive and grants-based climate finance, effective compensation for loss and damage, and increased protection of environmental defenders who are facing increased targeting, including by corporate actors, in response to their engagement on behalf of a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

CIEL appreciates these important contributions to increase understanding of a people-centered, human rights-based and intersectional approach to climate action, and expresses gratitude for having been included in the panel.

Thank you.