

**Intervention at the Morning Hearing on Energy
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Thank you co-chair, my name is Emilia Reyes, from Equidad de Género, Gender Equity, a Mexican NGO part of the Women's Major Group. The fundamental point of entry for us is changing the way in which power is orienting the current energetic policies. Energy should not be a means to increase concentration of wealth. This is why is really important to highlight the human rights framework and instruments to hold accountable private sector in the energetic sector in their social and environmental impacts and externalities. (Some countries addressing nuclear energy as a "clean" option, but it has concerning social and environmental implications). Good practices to strengthen states are at hand, via fiscal polices and the use of public budgets for decentralized production, management and delivery of energy (ie. gender budgets).

Some of the WMG organisations are concerned by global initiatives such as SEFA, because we need a paradigm shift of means and ways of production and consumption with sustainability criteria. In the equality agenda, we don't want women cooking in clean stoves for ages to come, but a redistribution of work and co-responsibility in production, access, management and use of energy between states, private sector, communities, families, women and men. In an energetic transition women need to take part in the highest (and sustainable) investments and benefits.

But in the environmental agenda, things are really worrying. I am just coming from Warsaw, a climate change conference with dissapointing results, to the point in which civil society abandoned as a whole the venue in a gesture of protest, in response to the lack of commitments and will on behalf of governments. We are facing urgent problems and the answers need to be at the level they require. The Post 2015 process has to promote the highest ambition for addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, including the finance agenda. The energy agenda is crucial, and we expect substantive action.