

Monday 20 February - the Human Rights Advisory Committee's draft report on the impact on human rights of new technologies for climate protection (A/HRC/AC/29/CRP.2)

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. FWCC and Amnesty International addresses this room. To note, Quakers are also expert reviewers and active observers at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. We reiterate many of the concerns expressed by our colleagues.

Firstly, we thank the authors' strong stance on "free, prior, and informed consent." Additionally, we uphold the conclusion of restrictive regulations, including a moratorium, in the face of unforeseen negative impacts. The call for an information campaign on the primary necessity of emission reductions is also a positive step.

However, the report in its current state is vulnerable to being abused to justify additional research for the deployment of CDR and SRM. There is limited recognition of the risks to human rights associated with these technologies. We encourage deeper analysis and links to IPCC findings on the threats they pose to humans and nature. CDR implementation is associated with ecosystem destruction, loss of biodiversity, and intensification of food and water scarcity. In addition to novel, not yet imagined negative planetary wide consequences, SRM risks include its securitization and hegemonic control, and terminator effects. These concerns could receive more attention for their human rights implications, especially as relates to those communities most vulnerable to the climate crisis and the negative impacts of NTCPs.

Additionally, we, like Panama, ask: why are new technologies that healthily transform climate change root causes while easily integrating human rights-based approaches, such as agro-ecological techniques or circular economy approaches, excluded in this report?

Finally, we witness with deep concern how fossil fuel wealthy economies ever more promote these unproven and potentially harmful technologies while failing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at source. CDR and SRM are following fast behind such promotion, imperiling our future generations' ability to live on a healthy planet.

We call on the Advisory Committee to delay, if necessary, the release of this report to conduct needed further research, hold more robust consultations with relevant stakeholders, including Indigenous People, and develop stronger human rights analysis. Thank you.