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FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 60th session of the Human Rights Council: Synthesis report on opportunities, best practices, actionable solution, challenges and barriers relevant to just transition and the full realization of human rights for all people.

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Quakers, express our appreciation for this excellent synthesis report.

We urge everyone in this room to send this report to your Capitals, Ministries and policy makers, because this report offers a concise blueprint on how to implement climate policy that is transformative, effective, ethical and fair.

Climate policy that is experienced as fair is more likely to be successful and sustainable.

This report demonstrates how just transition is central to 'rights-based, community-led approaches to reduce conflict and promote fair and equitable benefit-sharing.

This report includes a human rights economy, and shows how just transition enables rapid, time-bound and equitable phasing out of fossil fuel production, essential for a liveable planet.

In sum, a just transition helps build peace and creates millions of new jobs.

However today, most wealthy fossil fuel economies are increasing fossil fuel production, not decreasing it.

Additionally, governments are dramatically increasing military spending.

Instead of sufficient finance for climate and humanitarian aid, **approximately 2.8 trillion dollars** were spent last year on weapons to kill people.

We must stop subsidizing the destruction of this planet and our future.

Our question for the interactive dialogue: How can just transition be strengthened by the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on States' legal obligation under international law to act on climate change?