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**Azul Responds to Chair Draft Text of Plastics Treaty, Stands With Bold Action from GRULAC Member States**

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**Geneva, Switzerland (August 13, 2025)** – Today, as the Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) released a draft of the Global Plastics Treaty, Azul expressed strong concern that the text fails to deliver on the urgent need for a just and binding treaty that addresses the full lifecycle of plastics.

In response to the current Chair Draft Text, Azul’s Founder and Executive Director and Head of Delegation, Marce Gutiérrez-Graudiņš, released the following statement:

“This treaty is a dangerous step backwards. After three years of negotiations, communities around the world expect a treaty that addresses the full cycle of plastics, protects human rights and public health, and upholds ocean justice. Instead, the draft text is a giveaway to the petrochemical industry. We see loopholes and voluntary measures that let polluters off the hook while our communities continue to pay the costs.”

During the third plenary session of INC-5.2, a number of GRULAC Member States strongly rejected the draft treaty.

“While we are incredibly disappointed in the current Chair Draft Text, we are again heartened by the bold leadership of GRULAC Member States, particularly Panama, Colombia, and Mexico, who have championed the kind of treaty our communities need and deserve. They are listening to science, centering human rights, and working to ensure this treaty delivers on its promise.”

Find Azul’s proposals, memorandum, and more updates from INC-5.2 on our website:

[bit.ly/AzulAtINC52](https://bit.ly/AzulAtINC52)

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Azul is an ocean justice organization working with grassroots Latino communities to protect our blue planet. Founded in 2011, Azul has developed –and executed– campaigns that achieved groundbreaking ocean conservation policy victories.