

# **INTERNATIONAL CALL** **to halt the Topolobampo** **Ammonia Plant in Mexico**

We, 112 organisations from multiple regions of the world, write to express our deep concern regarding the severe human rights violations and environmental harms occurring in Topolobampo, Sinaloa, Mexico. These violations were formally brought to your attention by eleven United Nations Special Rapporteurs on September 19th 2025. These independent experts issued formal communications to the German, Swiss and Mexican governments, as well as to KfW-IPEX-Bank, Proman and Gas y Petroquímica de Occidente (GPO), warning of serious risks associated with the ammonia plant under construction by Thyssenkrupp Uhde for GPO (a subsidiary of Proman) in Ohuira Bay. To date, these concerns have not been addressed.

Topolobampo is a region whose economy and cultural identity depend on its mangroves, fisheries and the ecological integrity of the Gulf of California. The ammonia plant, enabled through European financial and technical backing, poses an irreversible threat to this landscape, placing ecosystems, livelihoods and human lives at unacceptable risk. The project's continuation, despite repeated alerts from local residents, scientists and UN experts, demonstrates an alarming disregard for human rights.

The information cited in the letters details the severe impacts that the ammonia plant would have, such as “the destruction of more than 500 tons of shrimp larvae annually,” which is more than half of the reported production in Ohuira Bay. Such loss would collapse the livelihoods of thousands of fishermen in the area, undermining food security and destabilizing the local economy. In addition to being a critical source of income, the Santa María-Topolobampo-Ohuira lagoon system is recognized as a wetland of global importance (Ramsar) for conservation and includes islands belonging to the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Islands of the Gulf of California”. The advancement of this ammonia plant directly endangers protected ecosystems and the lives of communities that steward them.

These concerns are made even more urgent by GPO's own data. In its Environmental Risk Study, the company acknowledges that even a 5-minute ammonia leak could render the entire Ohuira Bay a zone of "immediate danger to health or life". Experts warn that, given the scale of ammonia to be processed at the plant, an explosion could generate a toxic cloud large enough to reach the city of Los Mochis, Sinaloa. This would impact more than 400,000 people. This risk alone demonstrates that the project is incompatible with basic human rights obligations.

We also draw attention to the serious security crisis unfolding in the region. The UN letters document threats, intimidation and violence against members of the affected communities. The letters recount testimonies of serious attacks, including the attempted kidnapping and disappearance of one of the defenders. These acts are directly linked to those who publicly oppose the project. It is urgent that the German, Swiss and Mexican governments ensure accountability for these abuses and address the role played by KfW-IPEX-Bank, Proman, Thyssenkrupp Uhde and GPO in enabling a project that has already generated harm even while still in construction.

Indigenous Mayo-Yoreme and local communities have repeatedly expressed their concerns and non-consent for this project and their warnings about their health and safety have consistently been ignored. When those most affected refuse their consent and when evidence shows catastrophic environmental and human risks, all actors involved have a legal, ethical and political responsibility to cease construction and guarantee human rights.

We therefore join the UN Special Rapporteurs in expressing our deep concern and call for the immediate suspension of construction of GPO's ammonia plant in Topolobambo, Sinaloa, Mexico. We further demand that the safety of environmental and community defenders be guaranteed, and that a full re-evaluation of the project and its damages be conducted before any further action.

Respectfully,

#### **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Blue Planet Project
- Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
- Corporate Europe Observatory
- European Water Movement
- Food & Water Action Europe
- Global Atlas of Environmental Justice
- Re-Earth Initiative
- RESAMA – Red Sudamericana para las Migraciones Ambientales
- Resource Justice Network

#### **ORGANIZATIONS BY COUNTRY**

##### **ALEMANIA**

- Andy Gheorghiu Consulting
- Bürgerinitiative gegen CO<sub>2</sub>-Endlager e.V.
- Deutsche Umwelthilfe / Environmental Action Germany
- Leave it in the Ground Initiative (LINGO)
- Netzwerk Energiedrehscheibe
- Urgewald

**ARGENTINA**

- Asociación Argentina de Abogados/as Ambientalistas
- Cooperativa Audiovisual Lawen
- Multisectorial Golfo San Matías

**AUSTRALIA**

- Jubilee Australia Research Centre

**BOLIVIA**

- Plataforma Boliviana Frente al Cambio Climático (PBFCC)

**COLOMBIA**

- Asociación de Pescadores Artesanales del Golfo de Morrosquillo (ASOPARGOLMO)
- Movimiento Cesar Sin Fracking y Sin Gas

**ESTADOS UNIDOS**

- Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Clinicians for Climate Action New Jersey For a Better Bayou
- Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health
- Periodismo para Elevar la Conciencia Ecológica (PECE)
- RiSE for Environmental Justice
- Texas Campaign for the Environment

**GUYANA**

- Justice Institute Guyana

**NIGERIA**

- Renewlyn Development Initiative (RDI)

**PAÍSES BAJOS**

- ASEED – Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Diversity

**PANAMÁ**

- ADOPTA Bosque Panamá
- Centro de Incidencia Ambiental (CIAM)

**PARAGUAY**

- Unión Juvenil Indígena del Paraguay (UJIP)

**PORTUGAL**

- Climáximo

**PUERTO RICO**

- Puerto Rico Clinicians for Climate Action

**REINO UNIDO**

- Landworkers' Alliance
- Mothers Rise Up

**REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DEL CONGO**

- Climate Clock

**REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA**

- Comité Nacional de Lucha Contra el Cambio Climático (CNLCC)
- Instituto de Abogados para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (INSAPROMA)

**SUIZA**

- Direkte Solidarität mit Chiapas
- SOLIFONDS
- Secretariado de Centroamérica

**ORGANIZATIONS BY MEXICAN STATE****BAJA CALIFORNIA**

- GBAL – Grupo Ballena Azul Loreto
- Mexicali Resiste
- Nosotras y el Mar

**BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR**

- BCSicletos, Colectivo de Ciclismo Urbano, A.C.
- Centro de Energía Renovable y Calidad Ambiental

**CHIAPAS**

- Siuat Yoltechikatli por los Derechos Humanos

**CHIHUAHUA**

- Agua y Bosques para la Vida de la Sierra Tarahumara
- Colectivo Sierra de Juárez
- ESE-ERRE, A.C.
- Pastoral Indígena de la Diócesis de Tarahumara

**COAHUILA**

- Movimiento Ciudadano Lagunero Colectivo
- Organización Familia Pasta de Conchos
- Sí a la Vida

**GUERRERO**

- Espacio Cultural Educativo Tikosó

**JALISCO**

- Colectivo Coa, A.C.
- Conexiones Climáticas
- GDL en Bici, A.C.

**NAYARIT**

- Nuiwari, A.C.

**MEXICO CITY**

- Alianza Mexicana Contra el Fracking

- Asamblea Ecologista Popular
- CartoCrítica
- Central de Organizaciones Campesinas y Populares, A.C.
- Centro Científico Sustentable
- Centro de Estudios para el Cambio en el Campo Mexicano (CECCAM), A.C.
- Centro de Investigación y Capacitación Rural (CEDICAR)
- Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA), A.C.
- Clínica Jurídica para la Justicia Ambiental Berta Cáceres de la Universidad Iberoamericana en Ciudad de México
- Consejo de Guardianes de la Naturaleza desde la Jurisprudencia de la Tierra
- Espacio de Coordinación de Organizaciones Civiles sobre Derechos Económicos, Sociales, Culturales y Ambientales (Espacio DESCA)
- Faro y Defensa Ambiental, A.C.
- Federación Indígena Empresarial y Comunidades Locales de México, A.C. (CIELO)
- Huerto Urbano Acatitlán
- Latinoamérica por una Política Sensata de Drogas
- Migala
- Movimiento Mexicano de Ciudadanía Positiva, A.C.
- Nuestro Futuro
- Ollin Quetzal, A.C.
- Red de Mujeres por la Transformación de Tlalpan
- Redes del Agua
- Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas del Instituto Politécnico Nacional

#### **NUEVO LEÓN**

- #UnRíoEnElRío
- Viaje al Microcosmos de Nuevo León

#### **OAXACA**

- Centro de Derechos Humanos Tepeyac del Istmo de Tehuantepec, A.C.
- Colectivo Ixtepec Diverso

- Grupo de Apoyo para el Desarrollo de las Comunidades Mixes del Estado de Oaxaca, A.C.
- Maderas del Pueblo del Sureste, A.C.
- Servicio para una Educación Alternativa (EDUCA), A.C.
- Unión de Comunidades Indígenas de la Zona Norte del Istmo (UCIZONI), A.C.

#### **PUEBLA**

- Jna Tsjo
- TimoPatla Intercultural, A.C.
- Radio Social Indígena Zacatepec

#### **QUINTANA ROO**

- Grupo Ecologista del Mayab (GEMA), A.C.

#### **SINALOA**

- Centro de Atención para la Alimentación de las Familias, A.C.
- Ciudad y Naturaleza en Armonía, A.C.
- No a la Planta de Amoniaco en la Bahía de Ohuira
- Red de Medio Ambiente del Instituto Politécnico Nacional
- Sinaloa Despierta ¡AQUÍ NO!

#### **SONORA**

- Ciudadanos por el Cambio Democrático
- Diversidad Funcional Hermosillo

#### **ESTADO DE MÉXICO**

- Engenera, A.C.

#### **VERACRUZ**

- Alianza de Comunidades en Defensa de los Ríos Bobos-Nautla y Tecolutla, A.C.
- Centro de Derechos Humanos de los Pueblos del Sur de Veracruz "Bety Cariño", A.C.
- CORASON, Coordinadora Regional de Acción Solidaria en Defensa del Territorio
- Dejando Huella, A.C.
- Proyecto de Reintroducción de la Guacamaya Roja en Los Tuxtlas
- Red del Corredor Arrecifal del Golfo de México

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

[› Letters by United Nations Special Rapporteurs](#)

[› Coalition of Human Rights Development's report on The Topolobampo Ammonia Plant, published September 2025](#)