

Intervention of Sustainable Ocean Alliance
Agenda item 20

"First, we would like to thank Jamaica and the secretariat for their hospitality.

And take advantage of this point to intervene as the Sustainable Ocean Alliance, the organization representing the world's largest group of young professionals working on the marine agenda.

Since we were children, we have been taught to respect norms and manners, from respecting the types of clothing they ask us to wear to respecting the religions imposed on us to how to cry and how to complain.

"Respecting norms and manners" is something that has always benefited only those who want to eat the world without any responsibility. As if respecting the norms and manners would stop the systematic aggression of some sectors, And still as if the aggression came mainly from those that are raising their voice and do things differently"

But unfortunately, it has always been like this, the indignation has always been focused on those who raised their voices at injustices, rather than at the injustices themselves. From the punishments that women were given for raising their voices before the men who did not allow them to vote, to the indigenous leaders who organized strikes in the face of the massive deforestation of the Amazon for years, and even. to the farmers who have been killed for throwing stones at those who are poisoning their water sources and making record profits from it. And now, in the middle of 2024, some want us to shame an organization for its way of protesting. And as SOA we are against that. but we agree that there is a side that IS putting human life at immense risk, but this immense risk comes from many who are working silently and respectfully with the respectful norms and manners to fulfill a mandate, but not from the organization that has come out with a strategic way to protest.

Furthermore, and while we discuss this point about the Secretary General's report, first I want to know where the Secretary-General is to ask him the question: in the future if we allow this interpellation by the council, who is next the scientists of today who know that they need to have a more active responsibility in the negotiations? Or we young people who are sure that to achieve coexistence between humanity and the rest of the species, we need to precisely question that ideological basis of respecting norms and manners. "