



BELÉM STATEMENT

Commitments of the Prosecution Services to Promote Climate Justice

We, the representatives of the Prosecution Services of Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Mozambique, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Suriname and Uruguay gathered at the Heads of Prosecution Services Side Event for COP30, in Belém, Pará, Brazil, on October 22, 2025,

RECOGNIZING that the climate crisis is a global challenge requiring urgent and effective responses, and that it has a disproportionate effect on the most vulnerable populations,

CONSIDERING the urgent need for proactive and coordinated efforts to advance fairness and equity in climate change,

AFFIRMING the role of Prosecution Services as guardians of the law and defenders of diffuse and collective rights, including the environment, while respecting the respective national legal systems;

Commit to taking action to:

1. combat crimes that affect the environment such as trafficking of timber and wildlife, illegal mining, and money laundering associated with these crimes; dismantle criminal organizations and financing networks that support environmental offenses, in particular through effective asset recovery mechanisms; and strengthen international cooperation strategies for these purposes;
2. close implementation gaps primarily through enhanced and more concrete climate actions using legal actions to ensure that commitments made by the respective countries are fulfilled;
3. ensure citizens' right to participation as a means to promote environmental fairness and equity in climate change;
4. combat criminal activities related to illegal deforestation, especially in the Amazon — one of the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the region — and ensure the legality of supply chains by fostering global partnerships and institutional arrangements to strengthen traceability systems in international trade;
5. defend the human rights of populations affected by climate disasters, ensuring that adaptation processes are equitable, through more robust international cooperation, and call on developed countries to fulfill their legal obligations to provide finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support to developing countries;
6. hold economic actors accountable, where prevention is no longer possible, for adverse environmental and climate impacts resulting from their operations, ensuring appropriate reparation to affected communities;
7. ensure that in the criminal investigation of all crimes special attention is paid to the damage caused to the environment by the criminal conduct as a whole, and that all legal consequences are drawn to correct and repair the environmental damage caused, either



8. promote capacity-building of the Prosecution Services' personnel to enhance their understanding of the specificities of climate science and the effective use of scientific evidence;
9. improve sustainability measures within the institutions themselves.