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Watch [this inspirational video](#) where lifelong activist and hip hop artist Xuihtezcatl Martinez, Youth Director of Earth Guardians, calls for the United Nations to take action on climate change.

Picture yourself in Xuihtezcatl's position. You have the opportunity to affect massive change! UN leaders are there to hear **you** teach them how to build a better world. Write a speech that you could read at a UN meeting which poses solutions to massive climate justice challenges. Record a video reading your speech to a group of friends, peers or family members. Keep it under 4 minutes. And pack it with power!

Link to video:

<https://youtu.be/zP7CoQy23Ng>

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I am standing before you here today, for one reason, and one reason only. I want you all to acknowledge the largest single threat our species has ever faced.

It is something that can't be ignored, but with unified collective action can be mitigated.

This isn't a partisan issue.

This is human caused climate change.

We have known about it for decades, yet we have not acted.

Even when more than 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change is caused by humans, our political leaders have failed to take adequate action.

Extreme weather events have become more frequent and more destructive, costing billions of dollars in damages. These events disproportionately burden the already disadvantaged in the developing world; those who have done the least to cause climate change bear too many of its costs. Unusual droughts and soil degradation have already caused crop failures, food shortages, and terrible living conditions.

Nonetheless, its effects are increasingly felt everywhere. Just this year, in my hometown of Bloomington, Indiana, we had a record flood that swamped parts of the Indiana University campus, left thousands without power, and closed roads for weeks. It raised the water level in some creeks more than 10 feet, and cars were washed away by the torrent of fast moving floodwater.

Now is the time to set aside our differences and beliefs to do our part in protecting the earth, the only place we have, and the only place we will ever have, for future generations.

We must implement proactive climate catastrophe mitigation strategies, using techniques like regenerative agriculture, shifting to renewable energy, and carbon taxing, along with many others mentioned in the green new deal.

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Implementing these policies universally, across all governments, is the only way to ensure that the earth remains habitable and hospitable for the remainder of our existence as a species.

And the first step is acknowledging the millions of youths marching in the streets, demanding action now, by passing legislation that would make the necessary goal of keeping global temperature rise under 1.5 degrees celsius forever.