

Please find here the intervention by Hala Yousry from Egypt, who as nominated to give our 1 min. intervention tomorrow at the end of the opening plenary.

I am Hala Yousry from Egypt. I am speaking on behalf of the Women Major Group.

The women of Egypt have been on the forefront of the revolution. We were fighting, and we will keep fighting, for democracy, dignity, human rights and gender equality. All of these are preconditions of sustainable development.

We women around the world continue our struggle for our rights, basic needs, health, decent jobs, social and environmental protection – which are the very basis of our lives and future.

High-level representatives should know that there are many strong, committed, courageous and inventive women and men in every and each country. It is a shame that there is such a timid conclusion, here in Rio:

- -no mentioning of reproductive rights
- -no representation at high level for our girls
- -and not a single word about the dangers of nuclear power or mining.

What did we women get in Egypt? Less than 2% of the seats in the last parliamentary elections.

And what did we women get in Rio? Much less than we hoped for.