

ENOUGH

Fighting Global Plastic Pollution



Nina's Journey at INC 4
Ottawa, 19-30 April 2024

Youth Reflections for INC4

INC-4 resulted in the completion of several works, including developing a list of products and chemicals of concern, and standard design requirements to increase recyclability. However, despite calls from several countries, the negotiations did not address the need to reduce production of primary plastic polymers (new plastic). This was likely due to the influence of the nearly 200 fossil fuel lobbyists present at the talks, a 37% increase over INC-3.

I came to Ottawa with optimism that the plastic issue that I have been following since 2018 has received serious attention from the countries attending INC 4 in Ottawa. The enthusiasm that I feel is :

1. There is the ambition of countries that want to reduce plastic production as a source of environmental pollution and health problems due to plastic pollution
2. I am sure there will be a strong treaty to stop plastic production due to the publication of the discovery of microplastics in the food chain, the threat of hormone disruption in humans due to plastic polymers and the many countries in the world that ban the use of single-use plastics.
3. On the long march on April 21, 2024 with the theme end of the plastic era, I am optimistic about INC 4 Ottawa because it has succeeded in showing a united front of civil society. The week was punctuated by marches, as well as various actions and activities – many highlighting the experiences of frontline communities and Indigenous Peoples.
4. As part of Gen Z, I agree with David Azoulay, Director of Environmental Health at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). concludes that Civil society, rights holders, independent scientists and Indigenous Peoples are united. We know what it takes to solve the plastic crisis and we will be there to support the true leaders in this field – Peru, Rwanda and the Pacific Island Countries – every step of the way.

We are disappointed that INC has once again failed to respond to the question: how do we tackle unsustainable plastic production? we have failed to achieve our shared ambition to end plastic pollution. We saw many members of the High Ambition Coalition, including the European Union, fall for a bait and switch throughout the week. The hypocrisy was also evident in the positions of purported leaders like the United States. The controversy around production reduction is no accident – reducing plastic production poses a direct threat to the plastic industry's long-term financial interests. A CIEL analysis released during INC-4 found that nearly 200 fossil fuel and chemical industry lobbyists registered for the negotiations, including at least sixteen on country delegations. According to analysis by the Indonesian Zerowaste Alliance, 4 members of the Indonesian delegation came from the plastic and chemical industry such as Candra Asri Petrochemical and Greenhope.

In the future we will continue to accept this situation :

400 million tonnes of new plastic are produced annually. More than 8 million tonnes end up in the oceans each year, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths of marine life. Additionally, plastics are impacting human health, through ingestion of microplastic-contaminated water and food, leading to endocrine disruption, insulin resistance, and

in some cases even cancer. A 2023 study revealed that a staggering 171 trillion plastic particles – equivalent to about 2.3 million tonnes – were floating in the ocean by 2019. As countries work towards INC-5, it is vital that they act on the demands of indigenous peoples as rights holders who are entitled to a healthy environment and Young People as real victims of pollution. Indigenous peoples and children, along with frontline and frontline communities around the world, have explicitly demanded protection from the dangers of fossil fuel extraction and false solutions such as incineration and chemical recycling – which are requirements for sustaining their right to a healthy environment – as well as their call for real circular solutions such as non-toxic reuse systems and other indigenous practices. The trade in plastic waste from northern countries to southern countries must be stopped. Plastic proliferation and pollution is a problem that has many aspects and is global in nature. We are all depending on countries to continue taking legally binding steps in international law to ensure we agree to a treaty by the end of this year that addresses the full life cycle of plastic from extraction to disposal.

The INC-5 talks will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from November 25 to December 1, 2024



Global Negotiating Committee to develop a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution in the marine environment



Nina's Agenda at INC 4



1. April, 21, 2024, Aksi End The Plastic Eragave a statement in a press conference. Nina requested that Plastic Treaty provide protection for Gen Z from the dangers of microplastic pollution
2. April, 22, 2024 Press Conference And An Earth Day 2024 Planet vs. Plastics At NCC River House, Ottawa 501 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway, Ottawa, Nina explained that the impact of plastic waste from developed countries has burdened the environment of developing countries like Indonesia. In fact, currently Indonesia is facing a high number of diabetes sufferers in children caused by the use of food and drinks in sachets. Nina is currently encouraging the initiation of sachet-free school canteens by creating petitions and encouraging local governments at the city, district and provincial levels who have made policies to reduce the use of single-use plastics
3. April 23 2024 Interview Media 09.00 CBC TV15.00 CBC Radio
4. April 23 2024, Live NTV Today Nusantara TV, in commemoration of Earth Day 2024 "Planet Vs Plastic, Indonesia is the Second Country Contributing Plastic Waste!"
5. 25 April 2024 Participate in Discussion "Strengthening Global Plastic Pollution Mitigation: Integrating Implementation and Compliance in the Draft Plastics Treaty," FSS-1030 Room, Level 1, Faculty of Social Sciences Building, University of Ottawa. At the end of the presentation session, Nina asked the speakers about their confidence in the INC delegates to create a strong and implementable treaty. All resource persons stated that they would always be optimistic because they had gone through the long stages up to INC 4 in Ottawa
6. 26 April 2024 Aeshnina Get the opportunity to intervene in the INC 4 plenary
7. 26 April 2024, Aeshnina together with the Director of Waste Management of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Novrizal Tahar, discussed at the Liputa 6 SCTV Climate Talk event, Earth Vs Plastic, Our Habits and Uncontrolled Waste Creation
8. 27 April 2024, Aeshnina was given the opportunity to explain environmental pollution due to imported plastic waste at the High Ambition Coalition Meeting initiated by the European Union Youth Delegation. Nina was disappointed with the statement of the European Union Commission representative who stated that developing countries were willing to accept plastic waste from European Union countries and without feeling guilty continued to send plastic waste to Indonesia with the aim of recycling it, while the recycling industry in European Union countries had closed because recycling processes that require high energy and recycling processes that cause environmental pollution.
9. 27 April 2024 The Social Forum of The Human Rights Council, meeting between the European Union Delegation and the Society of Native Nations, 2nd floor room 202 The Shaw Centre. Nina explained the impact of recycling imported plastic which pollutes air, land and water in residential areas and around the recycled paper industry
10. 27 April 2024 Aeshnina Submit a letter of protest to Erlend Arneson Haugen, Program Officer Plastic Pollution Norwegian Delegation to the Plastic Pollution INC secretariat
11. 28 April 2024, met and submitted a letter of protest to Jennefer Baarn, Head of the INC kingdom of the Netherlands Delegation
12. 28 April 2024, met and submitted a letter of protest to
13. Gael DE ROTAILER The Team Leader from Waste to Resource, Directorate General for Environment) European Commission
14. 28 April 2024, Interview with The Hidden Plastic, Nina explains the existing conditions of imported plastic waste pollution in water, air and land and Nina's hopes for exporting countries to stop sending plastic waste to Indonesia and ASEAN countries.
15. 29 April 2024, press conference with GAIA, in response to the final day of INC-4.
16. Media Briefing : Global South Leaders Respond to INC-4 Negotiations, April 29, 1 PM EST (Room 203 Shaw Centre) Bersama Santos Virgilio (Delegasi Angola), Ana La Rocha (GAIA Tanzania), Dorothy Otineo (CEJAD, Kenya) dan Alejandra Parra (RADA, Chile).
17. 29 April 2024, Meeting and Discuss with
18. 15 mei 2024 News Line Metrotv https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdZHC3MrMMU&ab_channel=METROTV
19. 19 Mei 2024 Podcast Lantai 2 Suara Surabaya https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4DgZL49WjM&list=PL7s_LB3sSZCf_K3yvBm6VRAXqJ4CC0ZXG&ab_channel=SuaraSurabayaMedia

Nina's Contributions at INC 4

Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani, commonly known as Nina, is the Co-Captain of River Warrior Indonesia (Riverin). She received an invitation from the United Nations Environment Programme to attend the fourth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) to draft a legally binding international plastic treaty concerning plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The event, attended by 170 countries, is scheduled to take place in Ottawa, Canada, from April 23 to 29, 2024.

Nina's participation in the meeting received a positive response from the Regent of Gresik. The Regent expressed support for Nina's efforts to urge developed countries not to dump plastic waste in Indonesia, particularly in Gresik.

At INC 4, Nina was not just an ordinary participant. She actively engaged in various discussions, workshops, and rallies. She shared her experiences and insights on the plastic waste problem in Indonesia and offered innovative and creative

solutions. Nina's contributions at INC 4 were highly valuable and received recognition from both participants and event organizers.

Discovering Environmental Damage Caused by Imported Plastic Waste

"It's enough to witness the environmental damage caused by imported plastic waste in Indonesia. I want Indonesia to be free from imported plastic waste. At INC4 in Ottawa, Canada, I want to convey my concerns to the delegations of advanced countries, urging them to stop sending plastic waste to Indonesia. Enough is enough!" – Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani.

Nina, along with River Warrior Indonesia, has conducted research and discovered various negative impacts of imported waste. She revealed that the incineration of non-recyclable plastic waste produces dioxin pollution, which can lead to respiratory disorders and lung diseases.

Nina became even more furious when conducting water tests and found 4,000 microplastic particles in 100 liters of river water. Meanwhile, in the Amstel River, Netherlands, the same amount of particles is only 60 per 100 liters of water. "For years, it has been proven that recycling is not successful. Most plastics cannot be recycled and end up in my river.

Developed countries are shifting their plastic burden onto us, while we cannot even manage our own waste! This is unfair," she complained.

What's even more concerning is that Indonesia receives over 5 million tons of paper waste and millions of tons of plastic waste each year for recycling. However, the recycling industry in Indonesia lacks adequate capacity to properly handle waste. This results in microplastic pollution and plastic additive contamination in the waters.





"My motivation comes from the increasingly polluted and damaged environment. Since I was a child, my parents often took me to forests, beaches, mountains, and rivers. I really enjoyed these activities. However, as I grew older, I noticed that the environment was becoming dirtier, especially due to plastic waste. I feel this cannot be ignored because it will affect future generations."



"Plastic waste recycling is a myth; developed countries must stop exporting plastic waste to developing countries because recycling requires energy, pollutes rivers, and threatens human health," said Nina in her speech. Furthermore, as the Captain of River Warrior Indonesia, she stated that the export of plastic waste is a form of new colonialism that violates human rights and must be stopped.

To make matters worse, the polluted river water from these recycling plants is used as raw material for drinking water and irrigation for shrimp ponds in Sidoarjo, East Java. This undoubtedly endangers the health of the community and aquatic ecosystems.

Throughout 2023, Aeshnina and the Riverin team discovered:



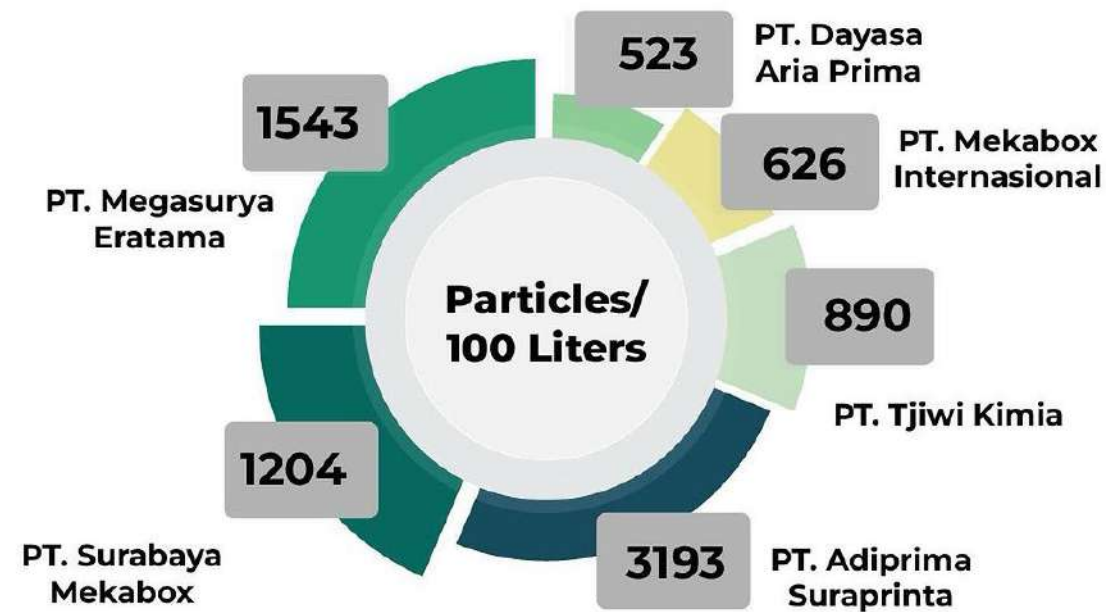
Nina took action in front of the Shaw Center in Ottawa voicing an end to the export of plastic waste from developed countries to ASEAN countries.



Nina met with Fandi Akhmad Yani, the Regent of Gresik Regency. Gus Yani supports Nina's actions at INC 4.

- 01 Imported waste piles in villages in Gresik, Sidoarjo, Mojokerto, and Malang regencies (East Java) and large waste piles inside PT Indah Kiat Paper Factory in Kragilan Serang, Banten, have the potential to pollute groundwater, contaminate air with microplastics, and cause dioxin pollution.
- 02 The burning of imported plastic waste as fuel for making tofu and limestone.
- 03 High Microplastic Discharge from Recycled Paper Industries in East Java, over 11 recycled paper industries using imported waste as raw materials discharge liquid waste into the Brantas River, which serves as a source of drinking water, rice field irrigation, and fish ponds.
- 04 Microplastic Contamination in Water, Sediments, and Seafood Biota.
- 05 The Government's Slow Response to Controlling Imported Plastic Waste Pollution, the Indonesian Government Fails to Provide Alternative Energy Solutions to Replace Plastic. Additionally, the Indonesian Government has not yet responded to findings of dioxin levels in free-range chicken eggs found in Tropodo Village, Sidoarjo.
- 06 Allowing the disposal of liquid waste without proper treatment processes from recycled paper mills results in damage to river ecosystems and microplastic contamination in aquatic biota.

Microplastics in the wastewater outlet of a paper mill



Microplastics in the **water outlet of the Recycling Plant** (particles/100 Liters)



Microplastics in the **sediment of the Recycling Plant** (Particles/50 grams)



In 2022, Indonesia continued to import plastic and paper waste from developed countries. In East Java, paper industry companies such as PT Tjiwi Kimia Tok, PT Dayasa Aria Prima, PT Eratama Megasurya, PT Mekabox International, and PT Adiprima Suraprinta utilized imported waste as raw materials for production, ranging from 49% to 85%.

Additionally, recycling companies processed imported plastic waste, including PET bottles, PP, and packaging plastics. The story begins with the importation of paper and plastic waste.

Meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Nina requests Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to respond to the protest letter regarding imported waste

On April 21, 2024, Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani, Co-Captain of River Warrior Indonesia (Riverin), joined hundreds of activists from around the world in a march in Ottawa, Canada. Activists from around the world attended due to their concerns. Over the years, plastic pollution has wreaked havoc on global communities and the environment, driven by the interests of fossil fuel companies.

At the end of the march, Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, met with the participants. Aeshnina had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the minister and express her concerns about plastic waste issues in Indonesia. Nina also offered solutions and expressed her hope that the Canadian government would take stronger action to address this crisis.

This isn't the first time Nina has advocated for plastic waste on the international stage. In 2020, she wrote a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, urging the country to stop sending its plastic waste to Indonesia. A year earlier, she made the same request to US President Donald Trump. She has also corresponded with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

"On behalf of the Prime Minister, Nina's letter will be promptly responded to," said Steven Guilbeault. Furthermore, the Canadian Minister of Environment acknowledged that illegal plastic waste exports to Indonesia still occur and that the Canadian government is working towards rectifying this issue.



Nina and other activists met with Steven Guilbeault, Canada's Minister of Environment, holding banners that read "End the Plastic Era" in front of the Shaw Center in Ottawa.



Nina and Gael DE ROTAIR The Team Leader from Waste to Resource (Directorate-General for the Environment) European Commission

Nina and Erlend Arneson Haugen, Programme Officer Plastic Pollution Norwegian delegation to the plastic pollution INC Secretariat, High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Nina handed over a letter of protest to Jennefer Baarn, head of the INC Kingdom of the Netherlands delegation. On the 2nd floor of the Shaw Center, Ottawa, Sunday (4/28)

Aeshnina requests the European Union to join in cleaning up the pollution in the Brantas River

Aeshnina requests that European Union countries that export plastic waste, such as the Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Norway, and Denmark, cease their plastic waste exports and take responsibility for rehabilitating and restoring ecosystems polluted by plastic recycling activities from European Union countries. "Microplastics and hormone-disrupting substances contaminate the Brantas River, Porong River, and Surabaya River due to the recycling of paper and plastic waste from European Union countries, so they must also be accountable for the environmental damage experienced in Indonesia.

It's truly unfair that developing countries like us have to deal with waste from developed countries," Nina expressed her concerns in front of the European Union delegation.

At the end of the event, Aeshnina handed over a protest letter to the Norwegian delegation represented by Erlend Arneson Haugen, Programme Officer for Plastic Pollution at the Norwegian delegation to the plastic pollution INC Secretariat, High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution, Royal Norwegian Embassy. "I will forward this letter to the other members," Erlend assured Aeshnina.



In her activism, Nina carried a banner with the inscription "Stop Flooding ASEAN countries with Your Sachet, No More Plastic In my Mouth, Stomach, Lung and Blood, and Stop Feeding Us Plastic." The action took place in front of a sculpture, a three-

dimensional art installation resembling a water tap in space emitting plastic bottles, created by Von Wong, a Canadian artist.

This installation art depicts that the plastic pollution crisis can be stopped simply by turning

off the tap, implying that single-use plastic production must be halted. There needs to be strong regulations, and consumers must reduce their use of single-use plastic," Aeshnina expressed.



Producers of Plastic Packaging Must Be Held Accountable for Global Plastic Pollution

A research paper published today in Science Advances reveals a direct correlation between plastic production and plastic pollution, with every 1% increase in plastic production by consumer goods companies associated with a 1% increase in environmental plastic pollution. “This scientific study confirms what activists and communities affected by plastic pollution have been saying for years: the more plastic produced, the more plastic found in the environment. Simply put, once again, plastic polluters like The Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo, and Nestlé continue to fail to meet their voluntary

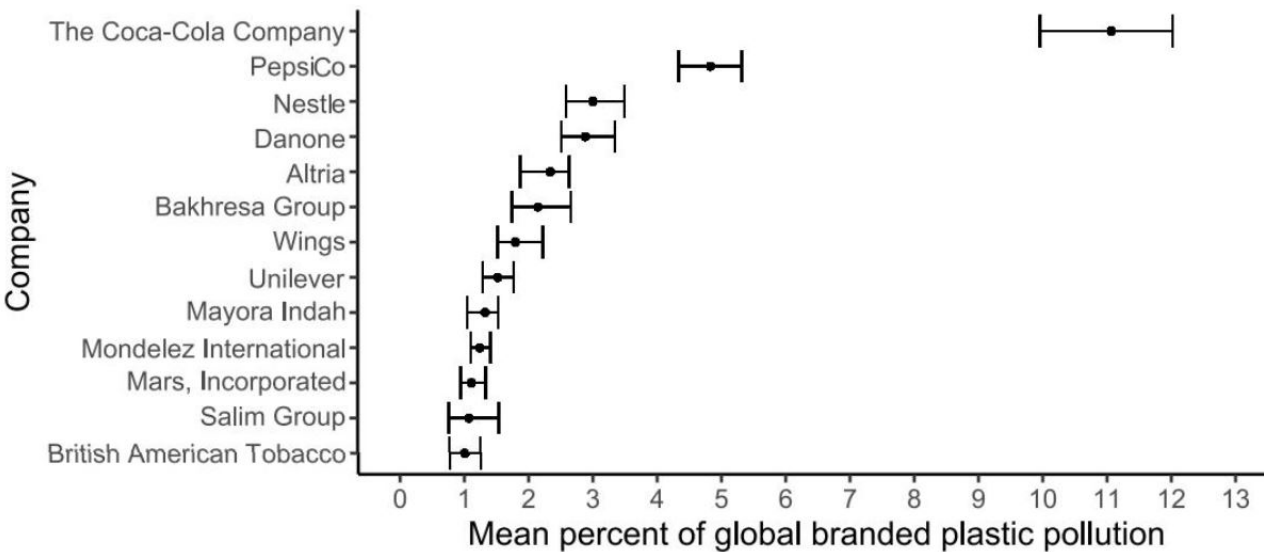
commitments to reduce their plastic footprint. We need a legally binding Global Plastic Treaty that mandates significant reductions in plastic production and stops companies from flooding the earth with single-use plastics,” said Sybil Bullock, Manager of the Global Community Campaign for Breakfreefromplastic. Furthermore, the coordinator of this global brand audit activity stated that the results of the five-year brand audit activities have become the basis for research using data from brand audits conducted by BreakFreeFromPlastic in 1,576 brand audit actions

across 84 countries. Brand audits are a Citizen Science initiative where volunteers conduct clean-up activities and document the brands of plastic waste found. Over the course of five years, more than 200,000 volunteers have submitted data through Break Free From Plastic.

This research was released concurrently with world leaders gathering to negotiate the Global Plastic Treaty at INC-4 from April 23-29 in Ottawa, Canada. The research serves as a tool to support the birth of a legally binding treaty with high ambitions that includes provisions on corporate accountability, prioritizing reductions in plastic production, and promoting reuse and refill systems.

“Our study emphasizes the importance of corporate accountability in addressing plastic pollution. Individual users of plastic are not responsible for this plastic crisis; the responsibility lies with these 56 global companies to take decisive action,” said Dr. Lisa Erdle, Director of Science & Innovation at The 5 Gyres Institute. She further urged world leaders at INC-4 to consider the scientific evidence and the clear relationship

between plastic production and pollution during the negotiations for the Global Plastic Treaty.



100 NGOs, including Riverin, Walhi, Greenpeace, ICEL, YPBB, Diet Plastik, Nexus, and Ecoton, are working to end plastic pollution in Southeast Asia and beyond. They are urging ASEAN member countries to cooperate and negotiate a global plastic treaty that meets the following key objectives:

1. To address the entire plastic lifecycle, prioritizing reduction of plastic production, starting with avoidable and hazardous plastics based on essential use criteria approach.
2. Ending Plastic Waste Imports to Southeast Asia and waste colonialism.
3. Eliminating toxins throughout the plastic lifecycle based on chemical groups (including polymers), including chemical additives, both intentionally added substances and non-intentionally added substances (NIAS), and microplastics.
4. Increasing transparency, traceability, labeling, and alignment of chemical disclosure in plastics as well as pollution reporting through pollutant release and transfer registers.
5. To enhance reuse and refill infrastructure that meets global minimum design criteria including non-toxic packaging standards, safe collection and redistribution mechanisms, and binding reuse targets.
6. Rejecting technologies that do not address the root causes of plastic pollution, and instead exacerbate impacts on human health and the environment, including chemical recycling, incineration, waste-to-energy, refuse-derived fuel (RDF), and similar technologies.
7. To prevent regrettable substitutes such as bio-based, biodegradable, and compostable plastics that have been shown to contain toxic chemicals and only divert attention from plastic production reduction.
8. To mandate accountability of polluters and producers through global standards for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) or additional responsibility for producers and mechanisms of the Polluter Pays Principle.
9. To provide a central role for human rights and social justice for all those affected by plastic pollution, including workers throughout the plastic lifecycle, especially waste pickers, indigenous communities, and developing country communities, through a Just Transition.
10. To strengthen research and monitoring of plastic impacts on human health and the environment, with the goal of restoration, compensation, and remediation.



Press Conference and Earth Day Dialogue “Planet VS Plastics”

April, 22, 2024 Press Conference And An Earth Day 2024 Planet vs. Plastics At NCC River House, Ottawa 501 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway, Ottawa, <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places/ncc-river-house> Nina with Laura Reinsborough is The leader of Ottawa Riverkeeper.

Press conference and community dialog event to raise awareness of what is at stake for the negotiations on the Global Plastics treaty being negotiated in

Ottawa this week, and to send a message to delegates at INC-4 to embolden their resolve for a strong treaty. The event included a discussion and listening session to share important perspectives from Indigenous leaders, fenceline community leaders and environmental groups experiencing the harmful impacts of plastic pollution. In addition, Waterkeeper Alliance and the event partners present a Declaration for the Press Conference

portion, highlighting the historic importance of Earth Day and the significance of the opportunity before us with the Global Plastics Treaty as the best opportunity yet to deal with the plastic and petrochemical pollution crisis.



Source : Ottawa Riverkeeper



Nina with Laura Reinsborough, The leader of Ottawa Riverkeeper



Media Briefing:
Global South Leaders Respond to INC-4 Negotiations
 April 29, 1 PM EST | Room 203 Shaw Centre



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Global South leaders respond to INC-4 negotiations, and Nina joins as a speaker in the media briefing on the topic.

A school campaign

Nina also conducted a campaign in schools related to reducing single-use plastic in support of the global plastic treaty. She visited schools near the Brantas River and educated them about the dangers of plastic by inviting them to observe

microplastics under a microscope. According to her, adopting a zero-waste lifestyle such as bringing a tumbler bottle, bag, and own food container is mandatory. Considering that single-use plastic containers will only be discarded and accumulate

as waste. Not stopping there, Nina also created a petition “Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Usage in School Environment” which has been signed by 22,000 people.



Nina's hope

Nina feels optimistic about policy changes regarding plastic waste after meeting many young people who also have a great concern for the environment. She hopes that youth delegations from various countries can continue to commit to fighting systematic environmental pollution.

According to Nina, the hope lies in the hands of the younger generation, and she continues to fight to ensure that the voices of young people like herself are heard. “We don’t want to be poisoned,” she emphasized.



Colonization over the world must be abolished, because it is not in accordance with humanity and justice.

I am really happy to be here, because this is my reason to speak up for my country to stop the waste colonialism. Since 1980 there are 11 paper recycling factories along Brantas river, the raw material is waste paper from developed countries, their waste is dumping to brantas rivers, drinking water source for 5 million people who live in the downstream. Every year we receive 3-4 million ton of paper waste per year in 2020 we found plastic waste smuggled inside waste paper more than 35% and 234 million kilograms of plastic waste per year. these paper recycling industries discharge their untreated waste to the river and we found high concentrate heavy metal and microplastics in the waste water of paper recycling industries. It is impacting our food chain. I analyzed 80% fish in brantas river are contaminated with microplastic, we took 70 samples of people's poop who live a long brantas river and all of the samples are contaminated with microplastics, 20-103 pm/10 gram poop.

Your waste is not being recycled in a proper way here

Industries discharge untreated waste into rivers and burn non-recyclable plastics, releasing dioxin-contaminated ash, affecting soil and contaminating chicken eggs. This imported waste severely impacts our environment and future.

As a pollution victim, I must speak up. Children are vulnerable to pollution.

I wrote to President Trump in 2019, but his staff blamed the Indonesian government for accepting waste. The Australian ambassador promised to stop waste exports but hasn't acted.

The German ambassador vowed to strengthen port security, yet waste still arrives.

I wrote to the Prime Ministers of Canada, the UK, and the Netherlands, and to my president three times, with no response. Leaders prioritize profit over people and the planet. We need leaders who care about us.

New Colonialism

Sending plastic and paper waste to Indonesia, where we still have a lot of waste problem, is injustice. Sending Plastic Waste to us = Sending toxic to our ecosystem, pollute our food chain. chemicals in recycled HDPE pellets, including toxic substances.

Recycling isn't the solution; it's energy-intensive and harmful.

We demand that the top plastic and paper waste exporters to Indonesia:

Stop exporting waste to developing countries. Recycle their waste domestically. Clean our rivers of microplastics. Stop producing single-use plastics.

End this waste colonialism. As the young generation, we want a healthy, plastic-free future. Let us enjoy clean rivers and fresh air. I hope INC-4 inspires us to solve this plastic pollution crisis.





Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment



Thank you, Mr. Chair. Distinguished delegate's

My name is Nina. I represent Break Free From Plastic youth and River Warrior Indonesia. I am 16 years old. I am the youngest daughter of two Indonesian scientists who taught me how to care for my environment well. Our house is located along the Brantas River, East Java, a drinking water source for more than 5 million people. My family drinks and uses water from this river.

But the Brantas River has become a dumping ground for wastewater from paper recycling industries that mainly recycle imported paper waste from developed countries, but it was smuggled with dirty plastic waste. We found plastic waste with labels from Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, and the USA.

We collected trash over three years and discovered that plastic bags, packaging, bottles and sachet are the biggest polluters of Brantas River. We found more than 4000 microplastic particles in 100 litres of river water. That's a lot compared to the microplastics in the water I sampled in the Amstel River last year, only 60 particles in 100 liter

Over the years, it has been proven that recycling does not work. Most plastic cannot be recycled and ends up in my river. Developed countries send their plastic burden to us, but we can't even manage our waste! This is NOT fair.

My community is being poisoned. Harmful chemicals in plastics threaten my health and my hormones. Our future is being taken away from us. What kind of disaster are we waiting for?

As adults who come to Ottawa to negotiate the plastic treaty, you must protect our rights to live in a healthy and safe environment. This problem needs to be addressed from the source. If the current plastic production continues, it will drown out other real solutions that need to be focused on in the treaty.

The solution is to reduce plastic production drastically. We need ambitious targets to ensure this reduction now!

And my generation sincerely hopes that you don't fail and disappoint us yet again this time.

Thank you, Mr Chair.



Utama Minggu

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Menyelamatkan Lingkungan Tak Harus Menunggu Hari Bumi

Sungai Brantas Keracunan Plastik dari Mancanegara

BERSAMA ratusan aktivis lingkungan dari berbagai negara, Aeshina Azzahra Aqlani berjalan menuju gedung parlemen Kanada pada Minggu (21/4). Berjaket hitam tebal, remaja perempuan yang biasa dipanggil Nina itu menggendong tumpukan sampah plastik setinggi 2,5 meter. Sambil melangkah, dia terus meneriakkan slogan menolak impor plastik oleh negara-negara maju ke negara berkembang, termasuk Indonesia.

"Sampah yang saya gendong itu adalah sampah-sampah plastik impor dari negara maju yang dibuang ke desa-desa dekat pabrik kertas daur ulang. Sampah itu menjadi beban lingkungan dan ancaman kesehatan. Saya ingin menunjukkan bahwa pencemaran sampah plastik membebani generasi sekarang," ungkap Nina kepada *Jawa Pos* tadi malam (27/4).

Aksi Nina berlangsung sebelum rangkaian konferensi United Nation for Environmental Programme (UNEP) Intergovernmental of Forum Negotiating Committee ke-4 atau INC 4 di Ottawa, Kanada. Nina bergabung sebagai *observer* dalam kegiatan yang berlangsung pada 23-29 April tersebut.

Dalam forum itu, Nina meneguhkan sampah plastik yang mencemari Sungai Brantas dan lingkungan sekitarnya. Bersama komunitas-

Dunia memperingati Earth Day atau Hari Bumi tiap 22 April. Namun, misi menyelamatkan lingkungan bukanlah aksi sehari dua hari. Yang Aeshina Azzahra Aqlani, Yayasan Get Plastic Indonesia, atau Prilly Latuconsina lakukan berawal dari langkah-langkah kecil, tapi tanpa henti.



TOLAK SAMPAH KIRIMAN: Nina memperlihatkan seruan tertulisnya di depan patung keran air yang mengalir sampah plastik buatan seniman Kanada Von Wong.

10 Negara Penghasil Sampah Plastik Terbanyak*

- 1 Tiongkok 37,6 juta ton
- 2 Amerika Serikat 22,9 juta ton
- 3 India 7,4 juta ton
- 4 Brasil 4,9 juta ton
- 5 Meksiko 4 juta ton
- 6 Jepang 3,8 juta ton
- 7 Jerman 3,6 juta ton
- 8 Indonesia 3,4 juta ton
- 9 Thailand 3,4 juta ton
- 10 Italia 3,3 juta ton

* Berdasar rilis 2024
Sumber: World Population Review

Nina's publication in the national newspaper, Jawa Pos.

Misi Nina di Ajang The Social Forum of The Human Right Council

Hai Uni Eropa, Stop Ekspor Sampah!

Bukan sekali ini *co Captain River Warrior Indonesia* (Riverin) Aeshina Azzahra Aqlani ada di forum internasional untuk bicara tentang polusi sungai di Indonesia. Kali ini dia bicara tentang di The Social Forum of The Human Right Council, Kanada.

MASIH berusia 16 tahun, gadis ini—yang biasa dipanggil Nina—sangat bersemangat. Pada Sabtu sore, 27 April 2024 atau Minggu, 28 April 2024 dia ke hari WIB itu sangat bersemangat. Di forum itu, ada delegasi negara-negara anggota Uni Eropa yang sedang bertemu dengan anggota Society of Native Nations.

Yakni organisasi yang didirikan oleh sekelompok kecil penduduk asli di Texas dengan anggota di banyak negara bagian. Mereka berdedikasi melawan ancaman bagi masyarakat dari batu dengan membantu melindungi dan melestarikan budaya, spiritualitas, sejarah, pengetahuan, dan cara hidup asli.

Society of Native Nations beranggotakan bangsa atau suku asli Indian Native America, Tongva, Chumash, Bororo, Teva, Mesico, Navajo, Pungpacha, Seneca, Ojibwa, Tsimshian, Naskapi, Lakota, Cherokee, Chiricahua,

Secara tepat Nina memilih negara-negara Uni Eropa pengirim sampah plastik seperti Belanda, Jerman, Perancis, Italia, Norwegia, dan Denmark yang memiliki ekspor sampah plastik. Mereka baru bertanggung jawab melakukan rehabilitasi dan pemulihan ekodisiplin yang telah merusak alam aktivitas daur ulang sampah plastik dari negara Uni Eropa.

Sebab melampirkan dan bahan berakumulasi di berbagai lokasi lingkungan Sungai Brantas, Kali Porong, dan Kali Surabaya akibat daur ulang sampah kiriman dari plastik dari negara-negara yang la sebukan itu. "Jadi ya harus diinget mereka itu bertanggung jawab atas kerusakan lingkungan di Indonesia. Dengan tidak ada bahwa Nina negernya bertanggung jawab mengambil sampah dari negara maju," katanya.

Dari pengamatan observasinya, Nina selama ini menemukan fakta ada dampak lingkungan akibat sampah impor dari negara maju di antaranya pencemaran dan sampah plastik yang tidak bisa diurai ulang. Sampah-sampah plastik ini menyebarkan limbah polusi di lingkungan.

Yang membandingkan, setiap tahun ada lebih dari 5 juta ton sampah kiriman dari jutaan ton sampah plastik yang dikirim ulang di Indonesia. Puncak industri daur ulang plastik menjadi kapabilitas pengolahan limbah yang baik. Berdasar pengamatan, melampirkan data bahan aditif plastik di perairan.

Adik Nina dengan teman-teman lainnya. Saat itu, Nina dan teman-temannya sedang berdiskusi tentang sampah plastik di forum internasional.

Indonesia, di tempat yang dibekali limbah plastik daur ulang menjadi bahan baku air minum dan input untuk produksi ritel. Hal ini sangat berbahaya. "Over the years, it has been proven that recycling does not work. Most plastic cannot be recycled and ends up in the river. Developed countries send their plastic burden to us, but we can't even manage our waste! This is not fair," ujarnya.

"Ini tidak adil! Negara maju harus menghentikan mengirim sampah plastiknya ke Indonesia dan negara berkembang lainnya di ASEAN, negara di Eropa juga. Itu akan sangat merugikan kita. Kita harus menolak sampah plastik dari negara maju," ujar Nina.

Momen itu terjadi ketika ia bergabung dalam panel untuk mengkritik G20 Plastik di Ottawa, pada 21 April 2024. Dalam aksi panel pukul 18.00, Nina ada bersama ratusan aktivis dari seluruh dunia menyampaikan kegelisahan mereka selama bertahun-tahun. Tentang plastik plastik yang telah mencemari lingkungan mereka dan bagaimana mereka dapat mengatasi masalah ini.

Pada G20 Plastik yang memuat peserta panel dan Nina mengkritik. Tahun 2020 ada mengirim surat protes ke Kanada tentang mengimpor sampah plastik ke Indonesia. Protes tersebut telah dikirim ke pejabat yang terkait dengan sampah plastik yang dikirim ke Indonesia dan negara berkembang lainnya," katanya. "Saya merasa bangga. Saya bangga karena saya bisa berbicara tentang sampah plastik di forum internasional." (Nina Azzahra Aqlani)

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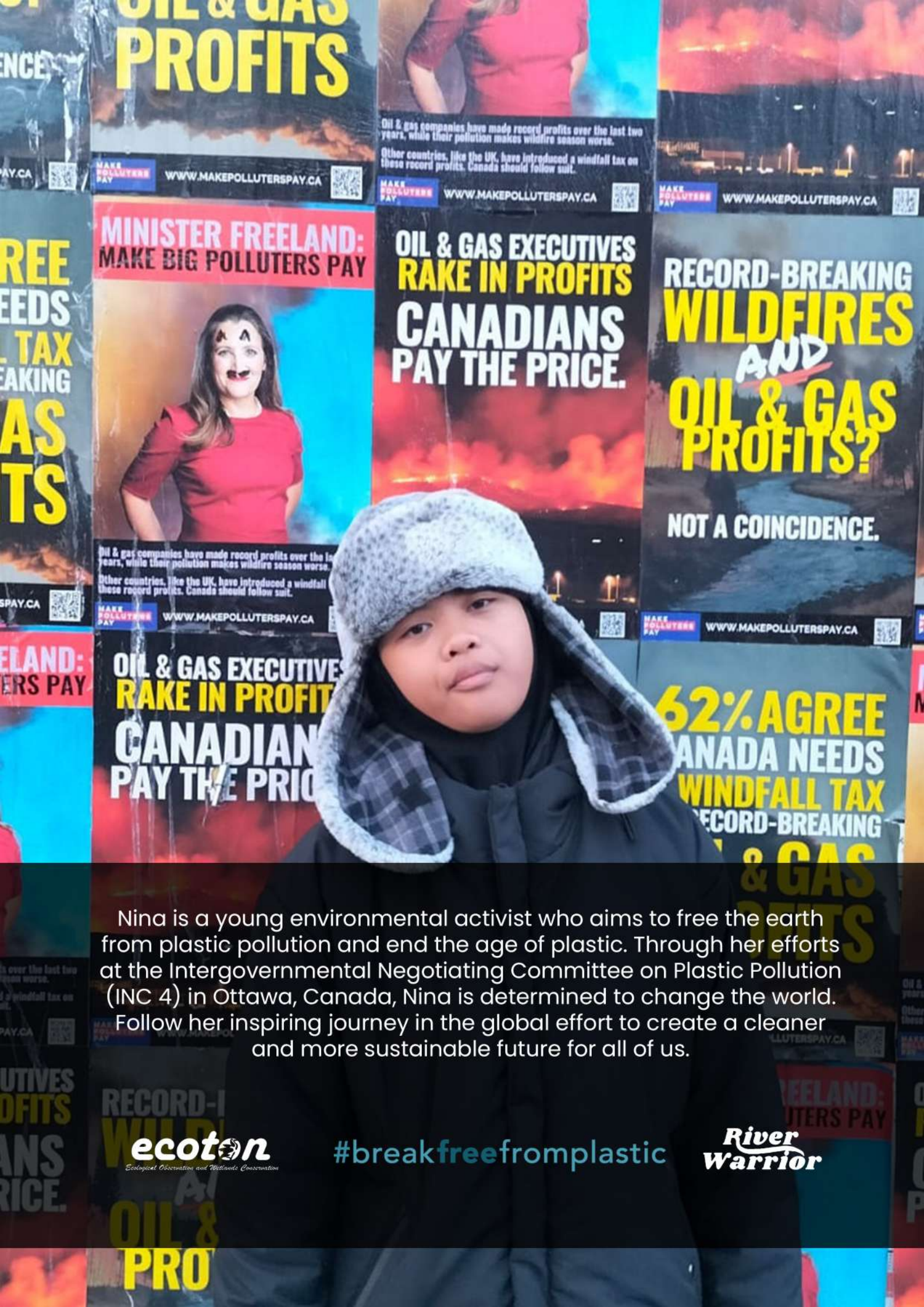


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5	19 April 2024	Aeshnina: Gadis Plastik dari Gresik di Konferensi INC-4 Kanada	Betahita.id	https://betahita.id/news/detail/10138/aeshnina-gadis-plastik-dari-gresik-di-konferensi-inc-4-kanada.html?v=1713477622
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8	22 April 2024	Demonstrators march through Ottawa, call for end to plastic pollution	ca.news.yahoo.com	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/demonstrators-march-ottawa-call-end-204734433.html?guce_referrer=aHR0cHM8Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2x1bmNvbS86guce_referrer_sig=AQAAABbGACivHXvTsvAHreyOK5NDG3O9-jaOfvOZtUAsX9rb6zqXF3p2x3PL-0nDQC68Rt5QlwXIndNEDFB0jq_8k4UwDmGG3lJaus2SeeXfeObqdbdHHZBIWeyzIqJUWYyfoHKABokSBXl-B-lCnIDuu_2NIOrQmsj4aJaOVaF&guccounter=2
9	Senin 22 April 2024	Aktivis Lingkungan Aeshnina ke Kanada Minta Justin Trudeau Hentikan Ekspor Sampah Plastik ke Indonesia	Tempo.co	https://tekno.tempo.co/read/1859328/aktivis-lingkungan-aeshnina-ke-kanada-minta-justin-trudeau-hentikan-ekspor-sampah-plastik-ke-indonesia
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20	28 April 2024	Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilan Desak Norwegia Terlibat Bersihkan Polusi Kali Brantas	Cakrawala.co	https://www.cakrawala.co/lingkungan/77512536577/aeshnina-azzahra-aqilan-desak-norwegia-terlibat-bersihkan-polusi-kali-brantas
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24	Senin, 29 April 2024	This Indonesian activist wants Canada to stop sending plastic waste abroad	CBC.Ca	https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/canada-plastic-waste-abroad-1.7186700
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26	Selasa, 30 April 2024	This Indonesian activist wants Canada to stop sending plastic waste abroad	ICI Radio Canada	https://ici.radio-canada.ca/rci/en/news/2088691/this-indonesian-activist-wants-canada-to-stop-sending-plastic-waste-abroad
27	29 April 2024	Di INC-4, Negara Maju Diminta Hentikan Ekspor Sampah Plastik	Berahita	https://betahita.id/news/detail/10176/di-inc-4-negara-maju-diminta-hentikan-ekspor-sampah-plastik.html?v=1714347579
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Nina is a young environmental activist who aims to free the earth from plastic pollution and end the age of plastic. Through her efforts at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC 4) in Ottawa, Canada, Nina is determined to change the world. Follow her inspiring journey in the global effort to create a cleaner and more sustainable future for all of us.

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