

**Agreement Proposal for Academic, Scientific, Artistic and Literary  
Communities -in short, for Intellectuals- to take the lead in social  
mobilization and ensure that all required changes are implemented  
before it is too late.**

*"Each unique human being capable  
of creating, there lies our hope"*

Until only three decades ago the vast majority of human beings were born, lived and died in a few square kilometres, under the dominance of male absolute power.

Now, for the first time in history, human beings have access to global information and can acquire the technological skills they require to become citizens of the world, aware of the nature of threats and of the need for an appropriate and timely response. Digital technology has facilitated the flow of information and -even more importantly- the capacity to express oneself. In this new era, the most salient fact is the increasing participation of women. Instead of the evil adage "*si vis pacem, para bellum*" (if you want peace, prepare for war) -which has been the invariable dogma of male power- it has now become possible to imagine the transition from a culture based on domination, imposition and violence to a culture of encounter, dialogue, conciliation, alliance and peace. The historic transition from force to word as women gradually gain the role they deserve in decision making. Fortunately women are already expressing, in person or through the cyberspace, their collective support

to the unavoidable transformations that must take place if we want to correct current trends.

Young people are also taking action knowing that their destiny cannot be put on the hands of neoliberal governance.

If present generations look into the eyes of their descendants and of all the children of the world they will feel compelled to fully assume their intergenerational responsibilities.

Fundamental changes required to ensure a dignified life for everybody will only happen if we, the “peoples”, take control of our common destiny.

We know since a few years ago that the demography and the activity of humankind both have an influence on the standards of living that future generations will have on the planet Earth. There are no delays or excuses not to strictly comply with Paris Agreements and with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aimed at “transforming our world”.

Among the three main emergencies - extreme poverty together with the increasing social inequality, ecological deterioration and the nuclear threat- climate change is the only that can doom mankind to an historical failure leading to points of no return as far as the Earth’s habitability is concerned.

The lack of solidarity is increasing. Development aids and funds devoted to the appropriate reception of refugees and immigrants have both

experienced a clear decrease. Impunity at an international level and, therefore, the absence of stability and security; the transfer of public responsibilities from political leaders to the “market”; national and religious extremism; racial fanaticism and supremacism... have unfortunately all been revitalized in the last decades and *indifference* –the sickness of our time- has also been encouraged as a collective response.

United Nations System and democratic multilateralism have been marginalized by creating autocratic groups and encouraging Nations to leave UN institutions, as has often been the case with United States Republican Party with regards to critical institutions such as UNESCO, the Convention for the Rights of the Child, the International Court of Justice or the creation of the World Trade Organisation beyond the frame of United Nations System.

The Earth Chart, one of the most clairvoyant documents of the last decade, says the following: "We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace...".

We have helplessly witnessed the replacement of ethical principles - justice, liberty, equality and solidarity, as established in UNESCO Constitution- by trade rules. We should have protected our common ethical values and ideals, starting with the equal dignity of all human beings. We have not been able to defend what should have been defended, we have not prevented efficient democracies, cooperation (which has been replaced by exploitation) and industries from being destroyed, the last ones due to relocation of production... we've been sceptical and disoriented citizens instead of individuals ready to follow the democratic principles which still could, if urgently implemented, straighten many of the crooked paths that humanity is following today.

We are facing a gigantic media power which turns most of the citizenship into distracted and impassive spectators. Education is oriented to having and obeying rather than being "free and responsible"... Human beings are unique due to their impressive creative capacity, their ability to anticipate and prevent, to deliberately design their own future. The future is till to be done. "Everything has yet to be built and everything is still possible... but who will do it if not us?" says Miquel Martí i Pol. All together against the few who want to keep control over our common destiny.

The time has come to put into practice a new concept of security that will not only take into consideration the territories, but also the people who live within their boundaries (food, drinking water, quality education and health services, environmental care).

It's time for action. We have many diagnoses at our disposal. We now have to administer the effective treatments before it is too late.

## **AGREEMENT**

Academic, scientific, artistic and literary communities -that is, intellectuals as a whole- must take today the lead in the search for appropriate responses for the threats humanity is facing at a global scale. In order to deal with potentially irreversible processes a great mobilization is needed that will make all human beings aware of the current situation and, consequently, will encourage them to become committed actors, ready to take action without delay through an adequate daily behaviour.

The deep and fundamental changes that have become unavoidable will only happen if we, the “peoples”, take control of our common destiny. A great popular clamour -both in the street and in the cyberspace- is now urgent if we want to establish an efficient multilateralism endowed with all requested personnel, financial, technical and defence resources. The General Assembly should consist in equal shares of representatives from the States and from the civil society institutions. Apart from the Territorial Security Council, there should be a Socio-economic Council and an Environmental Council.

The appropriate and timely fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda -voted by the UN General Assembly through its Resolution A/RES/70/1 (October 2015), entitled “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and which sets the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

that are essential to correct the current System- as well as the Paris Agreements on Climate Change (December 2015) will only be possible within the context of a global, efficient and swift cooperation, coordinated under the authority of United Nations.

The SDGs represent the firm commitment of all countries of the world, within the multilateral frame of United Nations, to redirect people's behaviour, ensuring an equal dignity and the use of strategies based on knowledge and allowing a human and sustainable development (food, drinking water, quality education and health services, environmental care) for everybody. Learn how to express ourselves, how to participate, how to listen, how to share, how to live together.

In order to face global threats, we also need global responses from a worldwide citizenship, fully alert and capable of preventing or reducing the evil consequences that would otherwise result from current trends.

This is an unavoidable intergenerational responsibility that must be faced for the first time in history in the era of the Anthropocene. If we do not succeed in putting an end to the effects of human activity on the Earth's habitability, the legacy left by current generations to the following ones would be an inevitable step backward in mankind's evolution.

Let's join our voices so that they reach the highest range and are heard everywhere, giving rise to an interaction that will place the "most human sense" in the heart of the educational, social, cultural, political and economic action, thus enabling a positive dialogue with all actors and

allowing a genuine human development that will ensure harmony with nature and cultural diversity.

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