

## PROTECTION OF THE BIO-ENVIRONMENT

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I am truly honoured to welcome you today to this most important Biopolitics International Organisation conference, knowing that with your knowledge, competence and continuous support, the vision for the establishment of an International Court of the Environment, under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, will become a reality.

Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis' endless efforts concerning the protection of bios and the creation of the Biopolitics International Organisation are well known world-wide and certainly by this audience. Her endeavours have been long and laborious and need all our support.

The protection of the environment concerns every human being on this planet, and unless we realise this fact, I fear that we will not be able to protect our planet for future generations. Education is the only way to achieve this awareness. That is why the teaching of the Biopolitics philosophy is so important and should begin even as early as kindergarten. However, this is a long-term mission. Meanwhile, there is much to be done in other fields.

Obligations to respect the environment should be imposed on all enterprises, not only industries. Ethics should become the number one objective of all governments throughout the world. However, the big responsibility lies with those countries which have achieved their economic advantages, not only at the expense of their own environment but, often, at the expense of less developed regions of our world.

The creation of an International Court of the Environment is imperative. Action should be taken immediately; time will not wait. May this be a very successful meeting.

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