

Resolving the Environmental Crisis

The Need for an International Court of the Environment

Meeting in Athens

Saturday, January 20 - Monday, January 22, 2001

As we are making our way into a new millennium, mistakes of the past can be replaced by positive action for the future. Global peace, good health and respect for the environment can become a reality, and the participation of every one of us is needed for the construction of this tower of hope and vision. A tower that may allow light and brightness to prevail over confusion and anxiety.

Changes in the attitudes of people throughout the world can be achieved by raising awareness of existing environmental threats and by eliciting a global appreciation of bios. Institutions and individuals are therefore urgently requested to participate in the establishment of an **International Court of the Environment**, which will impart the leadership and vision necessary to prevent further catastrophes.

The International Court of the Environment Foundation and all its distinguished members, the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Supreme Court justices, law professors and other eminent personalities are promoting an urgent initiative aiming at global environmental justice and the right to a clean environment. The Biopolitics International Organisation (BIO) is proud to be part of this effort, and it is a joy and privilege to have held this meeting in Athens.

This meeting was a follow-up to meetings held in the Hague, Washington D.C., New York and Rome, and we hope it will make a significant contribution towards the launching of an internationally acknowledged legal mechanism for resolving environmental disputes. BIO emphasises that, rather than developing into yet another punitive institution, it is important for the International Court of the Environment to function in the spirit of arbitration and conciliation, under the auspices and guidance of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

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