

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE I.U.B.E. TO PROVIDE GLOBAL COOPERATION

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Survival of the planet has become of central and immediate concern. The present situation requires urgent measures in all sectors: scientific, cultural, economic and political, and a greater sensitization of all humankind. We must make common cause with all people on earth against a common enemy—that is, any action which threatens the balance within our environment or reduces our legacy to future generations. International matters concerning the protection and improvement of the environment should, therefore, be handled in a cooperative spirit by all countries on an equal basis.

Cooperation through multilateral arrangements or by other suitable means is essential to prevent, eliminate or reduce and effectively control adverse environmental effects resulting from the activities of man. Hence the important and urgent need of the establishment of the International University for the Bio-Environment (I.U.B.E.) becomes the main objective of the Fourth International Conference of the B.I.O.

"Technology may be regarded as a means for providing new alternatives", especially to the solution of environmental problems. However, education in environmental matters for the younger generation, as well as for adults, is essential in order to broaden the basis for an enlightened understanding and responsible actions by individuals, enterprises and communities.

"We are on the threshold of a new millennium, a time when a remedy for the mistakes of the past can be found" and positive action for the future can bring global peace, a healthy environment and better conditions for life, besides initiating awareness of the problems in the environment and creating respect and responsibility in individuals to protect and improve the environment in its full dimensions for the present and future generations. Hence, the participation of all of us is essential for the realization of an international cooperation to create actions fulfilling the requirements of mankind in a better environment.

Destruction of the environment is occurring very rapidly. Therefore, the timely support of all dedicated people could implement these ideals. Hence, institutions and individuals must make arrangements on an international basis with a cooperative spirit. "An International University for the Bio-Environment with a flexible structure and a new vision must be established in order to promote the implementation of the goals of Global Cooperation for a better world."

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