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SOCIAL ECOLOGY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMON HOME

The state of the environment has been deteriorating for decades. The environmental crisis has a global dimension and, since the 1970s, it has manifested itself in all its fullness.

We are witnessing serious technological imbalances; we managed to arrive on Mars, but we cannot replace the internal combustion engine of our cars. In many metropolitan areas of the world, air pollution is one of the main causes of death.

We invest in increasingly sophisticated weaponry, but we cannot meet the most basic needs of most people. Despite the enormous technological progress that has taken place in the last two hundred years, the planet has now reached its limit.

Technological progress has led to a more comfortable existence by reversing many diseases and increasing life expectancy, although only for a minority of the planet's population. However, at the same time, this progress has plundered the planet's resources, destroyed the natural environment and filled it with hazardous waste and slag.

The tendency of the human being to transform the environment in his favour has been reversed. It is endangering his very survival, under pressure from groups restricted to power that act according to primitive reflections, considering their own interests as opposed to those of others.

The violence against the nature and human beings are at the basis of this imbalance, which is expressed in exploitation, discrimination and authoritarianism.

This is the reason why we believe that ecology and social justice are two closely related topics, that together form the term Social Ecology.

We must create a "Principle of Responsibility" for all living things, for future generations and for all the species that inhabit the Planet.

We are calling into question the frenzied economic development, hoping that a truly humane and sustainable society will emerge.