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A Call to Conscience: Peace, Unity, and Ethics for Climate Action

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As global leaders gather in the heart of the Amazon for the landmark COP30, the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University would like to join with others, to make this the moment when we take a bold step towards a sustainable and flourishing world, guided by peace, compassion, and a sense of unity as we envision our common future.

We support the Global Ethical Stocktake as a vital invitation to examine not just our choices and what we emit, but what we value. In this decisive decade, climate action must arise not only from science and finance but from ethical awareness, will and inner transformation.

A SPIRITUAL RESPONSE TO AN ETHICAL EMERGENCY

The roots of climate change can be traced back to our disconnection from nature, from one another, and our deeper selves. Addressing this demands more than technology, policies, and finance; it requires love and courage, a shift in worldview and attitude.

We wish to bring not just concern, but hope: hope in the human spirit, in shared values and ethics, and in the power of communities to regenerate ecosystems. This is a time to awaken unlimited consciousness; an inclusive mindset that cares for all and fosters holistic innovation and deeper purpose.

OUR FOUNDATION AND COMMITMENT

The Brahma Kumaris is a global spiritual movement, present in over 120 countries. It is an organization for men and women, led by women as per its constitution. We work through quiet power, cultivating resilience, clarity, and ethical leadership from within.

Our worldview is grounded in Oneness:

- One Home: Earth is a shared and sacred living system. We are trustees, not owners.
- One Family: All life is interconnected. We belong to each other across territories, communities, and generations.
- One Source: Our greatest strength flows from an unending Source of peace and love, a Higher Power that belongs to all, renews and unites us.

Values inform our ethical commitment:

- Promoting non-violent, plant-based lifestyles and conscious consumption.
- Offering meditation and silence as tools to cultivate emotional resilience and clarity of purpose.
- Investing in renewable energy, including R&D in solar thermal technology for cooking and power generation, as well as innovations in solar PV and biogas applications.
- Practicing and teaching Sustainable Yogic Agriculture, combining natural methods with spiritual awareness to regenerate soil, empower farmers, and restore balance.
- Providing transformational education through experiential values-based, intergenerational learning.

ETHICAL DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS

In its COP 30 call to action, the Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC offered the concept of Faith Determined Contributions to bring the ethical perspective to the commitments needed to reach our goals. We endorse and support this proposal as a spiritual complement to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Aligned with the Paris Agreement, the Global Stocktake, and the Baku to Belém Roadmap, our ethical contributions include:

- Raising public awareness of climate justice through human rights considerations and respect for nature.
- Supporting women and youth through education and leadership development.
- Modeling low-carbon lifestyles and institutional practices.
- Hosting spaces for interfaith dialogue and spiritual reflection within the Rio Conventions.

These efforts demonstrate that inner transformation is essential for lasting outer transformation. The power to shift systems begins with the power to change ourselves.

ALIGNING WITH THE COP30 VISION

We deeply resonate with the COP30 Presidency's call for "mutirão", a collective movement rooted in shared responsibility and creativity. It mirrors our own ethic of community-based care and global solidarity.

We strongly support:

- An ethical lens for public climate finance commitments: grants-based, rights-responsive, and accessible.
- Stronger commitments to non-economic loss and damage, nature restoration, and social equity.
- Clear recognition of climate justice as central to implementation, ensuring dignity for those most affected.
- Full integration of the Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD) as one ethical and ecological framework. The leadership of Indigenous Peoples and the inclusion of spiritual voices in the Circle of Leadership.
- Embedding ethical clarity in the Baku to Belém Roadmap.

We emphasize the importance of synergy, where awareness, community, and global action come together. When consciousness and compassion align with policy and purpose, transformation takes place.

CLOSING: INNER CHANGE, GLOBAL IMPACT

May this be a summit of conscience, where inner silence nourishes outer regeneration. Amid ecological disruption and social fragmentation, we offer stillness, solidarity, and spiritual courage.

Guided by peace, justice, love, creativity, and hope, we stand ready to collaborate across borders and traditions.

Real resilience arises from within. Real regeneration begins when we align with our highest values.

Let us act—not out of fear, but out of love. Not out of obligation, but out of sacred commitment. Not as individuals alone, but as one planetary family. _____

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