

## **SOVIET-AMERICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT II**

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### **RESTORING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT: Sustainable Models for the New Millennium**



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We, the Citizens of the Soviet Union and the United States, having met at the Soviet-American Citizens' Summit II in Moscow between January 21-26, 1990, at the Conference, RESTORING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT: SUSTAINABLE MODELS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM, hereby resolve to exercise our authority and responsibility as global citizens to achieve the following Desired Futures, Common Goals and Joint Projects by the year 2000:

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Reduce all national defense and intelligence community budgets by not less than 50% and redirect funds to areas of global human need and environmental restoration.
- Stabilize planetary population at appropriate carrying capacity levels for all forms of life.
- Establish a very well-funded International Green Cross administered by UNEP to facilitate international cooperation on restoration of ecological areas that are globally significant to life on Earth.
- End debt burden of Third-World countries through debt forgiveness, debt for nature swaps, and debt exchange for a clear commitment to restore their respective environments and to implement sustainable solutions.
- Restructure all international aid and World Bank related grants and loans to focus on funding sustainable programs, technologies and futures.
- Establish an International Peace Park where the Berlin Wall once stood, with trees and flowers

planted by the children of the World.

- Increase the standard of living in developing countries to eliminate mass poverty, often at the root of environmental degradation, through available health care, education, sustainable agriculture, and efficient and renewable energy technologies.
- Halt deforestation, including that of the rainforests, and set remaining forests aside as parks, indigenous people's reserves and extractive reserves.
- Commence global and ecologically appropriate reforestation, planting not less than 130 million hectares of trees in developing countries and 40 million hectares in industrial ones.
- Phase out ozone depleting chemicals by 1995.
- Protect, unequivocally, the fresh surface and ground water resources and reserves of Earth for the future of all life.
- Initiate major recycling programs, globally, for solid and hazardous waste.

- Expand UNEP to a much more powerful and well-funded U.N. Agency, with strong global enforcement powers.

#### **ENERGY**

- Establish a global energy conservation policy that will achieve the goal of a sustainable future for all life.
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20% by 2000 and by 50% by 2020.
- Increase energy efficiencies by 20-30% by 2000 and achieve global energy efficiency parity by 2005.
- Develop renewable energy resources to a level of 25% of total energy production.

#### **ECONOMICS**

- Establish national and global "all of life" centered economic systems and an order that serves to create a more productive, equitable, and environmentally sound society for all.
- Replace GNP calculations for all nations with Sustainability Index-



ing (SI) based on total life cycle accounting for all resource-impacting activities.

- Convert armaments into ecologically sustainable development.

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- Establish a Soviet-American Center for Conflict Resolution to facilitate the resolution of Soviet-American and other relevant societal problems.

### **GLOBAL SECURITY**

- Encourage President Gorbachev to exercise the planetary spiritual leadership he has demonstrated in recent history and to unilaterally stop the testing of nuclear weapons, expedite nuclear and conventional forces disarmament, and encourage the U.S. to join these disarmament and moratorium initiatives for the benefit of all life on Earth.

### **U.S.-U.S.S.R. THINK TANK**

- Establish a Global Think Tank to facilitate the earliest possible realization of an interdependent, sustainable future for all the peoples of Earth.
- Implement a Peace Room, a globally accessible interactive communications and information system using a decentralized community-oriented network to facilitate the democratic exchange of information, activities and ideas between citizens and organizations.

### **BUSINESS AND TRADE**

- Achieve a business environment in which human potential CAN be realized through unrestricted markets while allocating sufficient resources to restore the global environment.

### **WHOLISTIC HEALTH AND HEALING**

- Co-create a global society which supports each individual, each family, each nation, and all life forms in attaining the highest level of excellence in personal, environmental, and planetary health.

### **YOUTH AND EDUCATION**

- Develop educational systems which exemplify the global interdependency of humans and the natural world and strategies which empower each person to join with others in the truest sense of Community with all life forms, to be responsible stewards of Planet Earth.
- Adopt a global standard that sustainable development means assessing the impact a proposed action will have on the seventh generation of our children.

### **RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY**

- Restructure society through religious and spiritually based commitments that emphasize a global appreciation of the majestic beauty, interconnectedness, diversity and unity of all peoples, cultures and life on Earth.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS: THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL LIFE**

- Empower all people on Earth and their uniqueness and diversity by co-creating and implementing a global Declaration of People's and Nature's Rights and Responsibilities, based on the principle that all people are accountable and responsible for the social and environmental effects of their actions.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: PRINT-MEDIA**

- Expand and facilitate the exchange of information between the media of the U.S. and U.S.S.R., with an emphasis on our common future and restoring the global environment.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: VISUAL ARTS, A BRIDGE TO WORLD COOPERATION**

- Utilize the arts to convey to all peoples of the Earth the life loving symbols and myths that foster the highest potential of human kind—to live with peace on Earth, at peace with Earth.

### **WOMEN FOR CHANGE**

- Restructure all institutions and aspects of social, political, economic, and cultural life so that women and men may serve as equal partners, nurturing and protecting our children and all life on Earth in joy, with unconditional love, on a healthy boundary-less planet of "green forests, blue rivers, and smiling suns."

### **INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS' DIPLOMACY AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

- Develop a sustainable future by using the significant achievements of Soviet-American citizen diplomats as a model for an expanded, globally focused citizen diplomacy set of healing initiatives.

### **GAMES, STORIES, AND MYTHS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

- Allow children to play a vital role in domestic and international negotiations by creatively contextualizing them in processes where their presence will positively impact on a desired, sustainable future. □