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Norwegian Minister for Climate and Environment
UNEA5 President

Dear Mr President,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the draft of the **Ministerial Declaration** leading up to UNEA5.

We now live in a global village viewing existence as a linear continuum of economic progress going right against the grain of the natural world the results of which are quite plain to see in the Draft Ministerial Declaration already put together. Although science figured prominently in the COP 26 negotiations the underlying agenda in the give and take process was economics. All the participating nations had their own individual economic agendas which invariably involved growth and which they were hardly likely to give up. This actually means taxing Earth resources that goes contrary to any collective agreement COP 26 ultimately conjures. We would venture to suggest that what we need is a strong lobby that would inject the idea of degrowth into the policy dimensions of nation states and consider UNEA the ideal platform to represent this idea.

We note that proposal 14 in the draft declaration refers to “circular economies” but this hardly goes far enough. We suggest that if applied with reasonable vigour the idea of degrowth would comprehensively deal with most if not all the concerns laid bare by the **triple threat** to planet Earth.

Please allow me to draw your attention to an opinion piece published recently by the International Press Syndicate where I deal with these issues in summary –
<https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/sustainability/climate-action/4924-faith-nature-the-climate-crisis-an-evaluation>

Sincerely yours

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