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**Subject:** Input to 2024 Miniserial Declaration

Dear Mr. Firadi,

Please accept the following submission of the Commons Cluster of the UN NGO Major Group, The All Win Network; and the Institute of Planetary Synthesis to the Draft UNEA 6, 2024 Ministerial Declaration:

- We recognize that the depletion and degradation of our natural environment is caused by the cumulative effect of the actions of <u>all</u> people. Achieving the 2030 Agenda therefore requires concerted cooperation between all people and their governments for the well-being of all in harmony with Nature.
- Nature's cooperative structures and practices, such as "all for one and one for all" that, for
  instance, characterize ecosystems, have proved effective and sustainable over time. Applying
  such a maxim to our work as UNEP Member States can therefore both benefit each one
  individually and the global community as a whole, while accelerating all actions we take to
  implement the 2030 Agenda.
- Where our actions are attuned to the qualities and laws of Nature, our actions will be sustainable and in sync both with one another and with Nature. At the same time, they will be supported and propelled sustainably by the evolutionary forces of Nature herself—the most powerful, sustainable forces that are active on Planet Earth.

<u>Comment:</u> It is understandable that UN Member States are often primarily concerned with the economy and society, given the amount of suffering that suffuses so many lives. And yet, these 2 dimensions of sustainable development tend to be conflicted and lack the power for constructive change that come into being when we work in sync with the third dimension of sustainable development, **the qualities and laws of Nature**.

Each one of us individually is able to align with these, thereby empowering our individual sustainable actions without adding to the conflict inherent in actions relating to the economy and society. Sufficient actions in sync with Nature can bring about sustainable change and can actually heal economic and social divisions.

These insights are outlined in a paper to be dispatched to all Permanent Representatives of UNEP (and UN) Member States with the title:

INTEGRATING THE LAWS AND QUALITIES OF NATURE TO IMPLEMENT THE SDGS WHILE BUILDING INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE WORLDWIDE AND UN MEMBER STATES.

The Commons Cluster provides a channel for Civil Society Organizations to submit best practices to UNEP and UN Member States in the context of the work we are all doing within the context of the United Nations, including UNEP.

We are grateful for the role you are willing to play with regard to the UNEA 6 MInisterial Declaration.

Yours respectfully,

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