Global Constructive Program for the 21st Century

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We citizens of Planet Earth recognize that our home in the Universe is a delicate balance of forces and phenomena with a finite quantity of natural resources. In order to live more harmoniously as stewards of this celestial globe, and for the benefit of future generations, we see the need for widening circles of caring communities that accommodate diversity for all. By "caring" we mean empathizing with the humanness in each of us while not tolerating the violence that humanness often causes. "Accommodating diversity" means recognizing as a fact that each person is unique concerning ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, and other ideologies; and respecting that fact. It entails exploring those differences in a safe and nurturing environment that transcends simply tolerating one another's uniqueness. This is the seed for a democracy that is truly of the people, by the people, and for the people. Attaining this vision requires the cooperation of governments to immediately initiate the following steps:

- 1) Immediately enact a carbon tax and commence active participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to halt and then reverse global warming. This is a here-and-now global crisis that is long past a state of emergency.
- 2) Restore transparency in governments at all levels.
 - a) Declassify all documents that invoke secrecy to deny public access to information. This in particular refers to black budget organizations and operations worldwide.
 - b) Bring "untouchable" topics out for public discussion (such as 9-11 documents, election manipulation & disenfranchisement, Pentagon budget accountability).
 - c) Break up the military-industrial complex whose maladies will become apparent with transparency.
- 3) Reduce military spending by 10% and continue annual reductions of 10% until paying for violence is eliminated.
 - a) Halt the modernization of nuclear forces.
 - b) Simultaneously, initiate meaningful negotiations for nuclear disarmament including *all* nations, and then proceed to total and general disarmament, according to the "Good Faith Clause" (Article 6) of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

- c) Pull foreign troops out of Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Middle East immediately. Then proceed to bring all other deployed troops back to their home country. If protection is needed in-country after withdrawal, call on the UN Protective Forces.
- d) Discontinue all foreign military aid.
- 4) Promote small businesses and free enterprise.
 - a) Provide financing for startups in planet-friendly and life-sustaining enterprises.
 - b) Break up the monopolies of large chains and other corporate conglomerates which rely on the "endless growth imperative" to satisfy stockholders.
 - c) Require strict accountability and transparency for corporations.
 - d) Remove laws, customs, and any other implication that give corporations the same rights as "persons."
 - e) Prioritize public safety, natural resource stewardship, and private & indigenous lands over business profits.
- 5) Use the money redirected from military budgets to finance socially useful programs which include:
 - a) Funding for immediate social needs including but not limited to:
 - i) Mental health assessment and treatment, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, crime prevention, poverty and homelessness.
 - ii) Affordable health care that meets everyone's needs; with a focus on incentives for wellness.
 - iii) Autonomous but transparent public education systems (including college) available to all youth.
 - iv) Affordable housing that meets everyone's needs.
 - b) Provide funding and structure for defining nonviolent solutions to all conflict from interpersonal to international.
 - c) Provide education on Basic Civic Literacy regarding how an individual should function in a Democracy, including responsibilities, with emphasis on nonviolent communication as well as analytical and mindful thinking.
- 6) Set up immigration systems that respects human rights and dignity; and which can expand to a world without borders.
- 7) Put global pressure on Israel to recognize Palestine and set up meaningful negotiations on borders.
- 8) Immediately pass legislation to protect and assure voting rights for all eligible citizens.