

# Declaration of the Rights of Living Beings

## Preamble

We, the representatives of the people of the world, assembled under the principles of solidarity, social justice, and respect for biological diversity, proclaim this Declaration of the Rights of Living Things. Recognizing the ecological crises and inequalities that threaten our coexistence on this planet, we establish these fundamental rights to protect all living beings-nature, animals, indigenous peoples, and all other forms of life.

## Article 1

All living beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

## Article 2

Every form of life has the right to live in a healthy and unpolluted environment. This right includes protection against the destruction of their natural habitat.

## Article 3

The rights of indigenous peoples to maintain their traditional lands, cultures and ways of life shall be respected and protected. They have the right to reject developments that threaten their ways of life and the natural environment.

## Article 4

Animals have specific rights which reflect their well-being and their nature. They must be protected from cruelty, suffering and exploitation.

## Article 5

Ecosystems and biological communities, such as forests, oceans and grasslands, have the right to protection against disturbance that threatens their integrity, biological diversity and functioning.

## Article 6

Human interventions that endanger the survival of non-human species must be controlled and regulated. This includes genetic modification, industrial pollution and commercial exploitation.

## Article 7

This right to a healthy environment is indivisible, interdependent and inseparable from human rights. Environmental protection must be considered an integral part of the rights of every being on the planet.

## Article 8

Every living being has the right to participate in decision-making which affects its environment. Such participation must be active, free and meaningful.

## Article 9

Conflicts between the rights set out in this Declaration must be resolved in such a way as to promote the dignity, survival and well-being of all living beings.

## Article 10 It is the duty of

every individual, entity and nation to adopt and respect this Declaration for the well-being of the planet and all its inhabitants.

## Conclusion

We call on all peoples and nations to unite under these principles for a sustainable and equitable future. May this Declaration inspire action and compassion for all beings who share this earth with us, and guide our steps towards peaceful co-existence that respects life in all its forms.

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