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The General Secretary
The United Nations
New York, United States

Subject: Role of Indian Youth as Forerunner of Global Sustainability

Sir

Reference to your letter on Postal India dated 10 July,2020 ,I would like to highlight my views on the instrumental role our youth can play to cultivate consciousness and conscientiousness about global sustainability.

I firmly believe that India is not only a country of 500 million youth. It is a country with 500 million young meticulous minds. If we can channel their potential in a constructive way, nothing can stop us from changing the dynamics of world's sustainability.

Youth is the lifeline of a country, If the passion and obsession of youth crafted properly, can act as a catalyst for winds of change. Youth led organizations are immensely capable to generate novel perspectives by comprehending ecosystems, gathering ecological data ,using media as a tool to disseminate knowledge to masses ,take action effectively & drive change in their communities & in the world .**While the toxic tentacles of the pandemic have engulfed the whole world ,problems emerge camouflaged in the form of luxuries.** With well devised framework, strong research armor, concerted endeavours, education and skills Indian youth can confront these problems effectively.They can take key steps to strengthen & promote sustainable development goals. The youth must spearhead the daunting task of spreading the word of awareness about our deep rooted philosophy of co-existence with nature & need to embark on a journey of environmental sustainability. Indian youth along with the multiple stakeholders can take the following baby steps to remain in harmony with mother nature by:

•Fostering innovation through technology

•Minimizing carbon footprints

•Reducing greenhouse emissions

•Raising CAFE standard

•Preserving & conserving flora & fauna

•Developing an empathetic, compassionate & humanitarian view of the globe.

There is no denying the fact that by developing proper SDG,s viz: creative & innovative planning, perfect execution, education interwoven with 21st century skills & technology adolescents can combat the complexities of climate change, resource scarcity & diverse such issues and can ensure environmental protection & prosperity across the globe.

In conclusion Indian youth with right contention and opportunities, can do the incomprehensible task of changing the mindset of billions of people towards creating a more just, equitable and peaceful world. **Youth must not aim only to protect the environment but create a world where environment doesn't need protection.** Today's youth can galvanize their action in

realizing the fact that, **"There is no plan B because we do not have a Planet B."**

It's high time for juvenescence to redefine, rediscover & recalibrate their strategies and realize that there is no greater luxury than sustainability.

"Sustainability is here to stay, or we may not be".

Hope this letter of mine would awaken every sleeping soul to get up from its stupor and become an eco warrior to nurture nature with sheer love, so that our single act of kindness blossoms in the form of million trees.

Let's collaborate together for the benefit of humanity at large.

May God guard us and guide us with right thoughts & right actions!

Yours sincerely

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(An Eco Warrior)

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