



**The Moscow Declaration of Intellectuals  
"To Prevent a Global Catastrophe,  
To Ensure the Preservation and Prosperity of Civilization"<sup>1</sup>**

We, the intellectuals of three generations - scientists and educators, politicians and public figures, post-graduates and students - participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Global Civilization "On the Path to the Noosphere Civilization" (Moscow, 03-05.12.2013) appeal to the United Nations and other international organizations, governments and political figures, businessmen and cultural professionals, leaders of the new generation with the following warnings and suggestions.

1. Humanity in the 21st century has faced with the threatening global catastrophe.

The catastrophe has many faces.

Environmental – depletion and rising in prices of vital natural resources, environmental pollution that has reached the critical level, climate change and the growing number of natural and man-made disasters and accidents.

Demographic - spread of depopulation, unregulated migration and epidemics, hunger and poverty of a large part of the population on the Earth.

Technological - aging of fixed capital, slowing innovation renewal of economy and labor productivity growth, the growing polarization between vanguard and lagging countries.

Economic - the decline in economic growth, a series of financial and economic crises, growth of the parasitic "bubble economy" and the widening gulf between rich and poor civilizations, countries and social strata.

Geopolitical – increasing tensions and the number of inter-state and socio-political conflicts, international terrorism, a new round of arms race and a threat of a clash of civilizations.

Sociocultural - the crisis of science losing its creative and prognostic potential, excessive pragmatization and a loss of fundamentality of education, spread of commercialized, impersonal mass culture, moral degradation and undermining the foundations of the family - the main unit of society.

All these are manifestations of the crisis of civilization which is a consequence of the decline and decay of the industrial world civilization prevailed in the last centuries, sensate socio-cultural system. But at the same time they are the harbingers of the evolving integral, humanistically-noospheric civilization, the background and elements which are already being formed in the vanguard countries.

2. The scope and depth of the occurring crisis and transformations stumped the governmental and international, business and scientific elite now prevailing. It has failed to understand the nature and prospects of changes occurring in the world nor it was able to develop and implement a radical long-term strategy to meet all the realities of the new century, seeks to restrict itself to half-measures and pseudo-innovations prolonging the agony of the outdated systems and deepening the crisis. Such a short-sighted policy only multiplies the threats to the global civilization.

Steps undertaken by the UN and other international organizations to overcome the crisis and transition to sustainable development are inadequate to the scale of the crisis and insufficient to overcome it.

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3. The path to prevent a global catastrophe is shown by such great thinkers as Vladimir Vernadsky and Nikita Moisseev, Pitirim Sorokin and Nikolai Kondratieff, Joseph Schumpeter and Fernand Braudel as well as by modern schools of thought developing their ideas.

Crises and catastrophes are to be surmounted on the basis of the science and technology revolution of the 21st century, a wave of epochal and basic innovations, establishing integral humanistically noospheric civilization. Scientists developed and presented, at the United Nations headquarters, at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development RIO+20 and to the leaders of the G-20, the "Global Outlook " The Future of Civilizations" for 2050, and reports "The Foundations of a Long-term Strategy for Global Sustainable Development Based on Partnership of Civilizations" and to the G20 summit - "Scientific Bases for a Strategy to Surmount the Crisis of Civilization and Taking the Path of Global Sustainable Development."

4. The 4th World Congress of Global Civilization (Moscow, December 3-5, 2013) discussed the strategic ways to surmount global crises: projects of the Centennial Plan for the integrated enhancement of the global ecological environment, establishment of the Organization to implement the plan and formation of the Global System for Monitoring, Forecasting and Emergency Response and revealed the significance of V.I. Vernadsky doctrine of noosphere as the basis for a long-term strategy for global sustainable development. The appeals to the United Nations and governments of the world on these issues have been taken.

It also discussed the issues of a socio-demographic, science and technology base and financial and economic mechanism for transition to sustainable development.

5. Relying on a long-distance vision and understanding the depth of global transformations occurring in the world, the scientists propose:

- adopt the Centennial Plan for the integrated enhancement of the global ecological environment involving harmonization of development of society and nature on the noospheric principles;

- establish the Organization for the integral enhancement of the global ecological environment that has sufficient authority and resources to implement the Centennial Plan;

- set within the UN a Global System for Monitoring, Forecasting and Emergency Response;

- using V.I. Vernadsky's doctrine of noosphere, to develop and adopt a long-term strategy to surmount crises and take the path of global sustainable development on the basis of dialogue and partnership among civilizations, nations, social strata and generations;

- set up an up-to-date science and technology base for surmounting crises and transition to sustainable development based on the assimilation of achievements of the science and technology revolution of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the 6<sup>th</sup> technological order, a wave of epochal and basic innovations, significant acceleration of the labor productivity growth rates.

6. To prevent the global catastrophe needs fruitful partnership of power and science. Recent decades have seen a dangerous separation of power from the advanced science and power without science is short-sighted, fussy and strategically helpless. It is taken shape the signs of overcoming this separation. It is established a Scientific Advisory Board at the UN Secretary General. Scientists have taken the next step: it is established an International Academy of Global Studies, which brings together scientists from different branches of learning, countries and civilizations to validate a long-term strategy to surmount the crisis of civilization, take the path of global sustainable development. It is established the Open University for Dialogue among Civilizations. The Congress participants appeal to the UN and other international organizations, governments of countries, business community to support these initiatives.

7. The Congress participants address the UN and governments of the world with an appeal before it is too late to heed the warnings and recommendations of scientists to develop and implement a long-term strategy that could prevent a global catastrophe and enter the path to the humanistically-noospheric civilization. They also address with appeals to the media and the Internet community to bring the vision and recommendations of scientists to authorities, global civil society, leaders of the new generation. Only together we are able to prevent the global catastrophe and to ensure the future for generations to come.