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CONCEPTUAL COMMENT

“The Noo-Constitution is the quintessence of theoretical studies in the field of cosmic science. It is a sort of scientific NOOSPHERIC GOSPEL to the younger generation of Earth dwellers, which is being offered here as an ideological and world-vision concept.”

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In the third millennium Mankind entered a new phase of its development. The latest scientific disclosures contributed to the creation of a uniform world picture. New terms entered the scientific vocabulary: **globalization, biofield, biomagnetic situation, tolerance, noosphere**, etc.

The whole exposition of Russia at the World Exhibition EXPO-2005 in Japan was named, **“The Harmony of the Noosphere.”** Noospheric housing and settlement examples were exhibited there. At the stands and exhibits of the Russian Section of EXPO-2005, the project of the “Noospheric Ethical/Ecological Constitution for Mankind” (Noo-Constitution)[1] was presented. Proposals by the nongovernmental organization World Assembly that were put forward at the Global Civilian Forum of the Summit Rio+10 in Johannesburg (2002) outgrew the stage of “national ideas” and are becoming the planetary ones.

The same concept was supported by the International Summit on Noospheric Education (Settlement Shapsugskaya of the Abinsk Region of the Krasnodar Province, September, 2006) and by the Second Planetary Congress on the Biosphere Rights in the Brazil’s capital Brasília in September, 2006. In the closing statements of those gatherings, it was stressed that these forums have been held within framework of the Forum of Earth’s Peoples for discussion of the Noo-Constitution and that such discussion constituted an inalienable part of the Forum.

The emergence of a new science in the contemporary world under the name *Globalistics* reflects the world, for the first time ever, as the unity of nature and society. The patterns of its dynamics, its anthropogenic limits, and inner relationships allow the provision of a so called “post-Vernadsky” definition of the term “noosphere.” *The Noosphere is a sphere of intelligence and spirit of terrestrial scientifically managed, universally meaningful civilization, which is ever expanding in time and space.* Its life activity is attained by the harmonic cooperation of Mankind and of the biosphere as a whole, limited by the threshold density (power) of anthropogenic load of around 70 kilowatts/square kilometer, and by harmony inside the world community itself, attained when the index of social-economical disharmony does not exceed 10-15 (currently the meaning of the latter descriptor is close to 100). *Globalistics* is scientifically proving the necessity of introducing rules of human behavior that correspond to the described parameters currently and in the future.

[1] As shown by the results of international discussion of the Noo-Constitution, the overwhelming majority of the planet’s citizens define “spirituality” only as attributed to religious teachings, and don’t bring broader scientific considerations into understanding of the term. In this relation the authors deemed it necessary to substantiate the name of the published document. Instead of the well and widely known name “NOOSPHERIC SPIRITUAL/ECOLOGICAL CONSTITUTION FOR MANKIND” it is now suggested that it be called “NOOSPHERIC ETHICAL/ECOLOGICAL

CONSTITUTION FOR MANKIND” with relevant amendments in the text. The abbreviated names “Noospheric Constitution” and “Noo-Constitution” remain unchanged.

Just such rules have been united within the project “NOOSPHERIC ETHICAL/ECOLOGICAL CONSTITUTION FOR MANKIND,” which looks at Mankind as a spiritual/ecological category having a legal status and social role to play.

Mankind’s legal status is a system of general rights, freedoms, and duties of people and Mankind as they were formulated and adopted by the UN, and sufficiently added to by the current document—norms of relations between Mankind and Planet Earth.

The social role of Mankind is its consciously organized activity aimed at guaranteeing protection of Nature and life activity resources, and at arranging a habitat for different social groups on the Earth and in the Universe.

The “NOOSPHERIC ETHICAL/ECOLOGICAL CONSTITUTION FOR MANKIND” is a document which lays the foundation for a new form of legal regulation in the world community, based upon an understanding of the Constitution as the **Law of the Sustainable (Eternal)**.

The conceptual apparatus of the document has been developed for seven years by scientists, scholars, lawyers, culture specialists, and political scientists. The Noo-Constitution for the first time describes the spiritual/ecological aspects of human life activity in the terms of the eternal trinity: **information/energy/matter**.

Everlasting exchange and mutual transformation of energy, information, and matter are going on in the Universe. Information and energy give birth to matter. Material bodies are being formed out of physical vacuum- and torque fields (elementary particles of energy). Matter is condensed energy. Spirituality (human spirit) is closely related to the information component (potential energy); the soul, to energy shell of the spirit (kinetic energy); and the body, to the dense material component.

Thus, Mankind **is a combination of soul/spiritual (energy/informational) components** that are closely tied with universal (cosmic) and biological embodiment, which in turn are the moral foundation of the material component (*soma*, body), and bear a social role. Scientific research states that further development of civilization may continue only in **agreement with the laws of Nature**.

The moral character of laws providing for sustainability of the world’s dynamic structure is quite noticeable. It is obvious that the culture of information management—alias “spirituality”—is the principal factor of human progress.

Mr. Putin, the President of Russian Federation, said at the business summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) “Business and Globalization” held on 15th of November, 2000, in Brunei: “Mr. Vernadsky, our compatriot, in the beginning of the 20th century, developed a theory for the **noosphere**—the environment that unifies Mankind. It combines the interests of peoples and countries, nature and society, scientific knowledge and state policy. The principle of **sustainable development** was actually built on the basis of this theory.”

The Noo-Constitution for Mankind is a sort of ethics code compatible to the utmost extent with the notion of the “collective integrity of Mankind,” i.e. to living in accordance with the “unitary laws of the Universe.” **The principal postulate of the Constitution will be not punishment of the guilty, but encouragement of justice.**

We are not prophets. We are common people preoccupied with the property of our own home. We just suggest looking at ourselves from apart (out in Space). To consider the problems of

the life activity of Mankind on planetary dimensions is only a long ripe necessity.

It is high time for Mankind to exclaim: **“The planet is in danger! Save yourselves, the ones who can!”** Well, Mankind is already yelling, in the voices of the most advanced and enlightened people. They are horrified to see how Mankind is “cutting off the branch it is sitting on.” With perseverance that deserves better application, Mankind is trying to destroy its own home—our native planet, mercilessly disposing of its natural resources.

Mankind has closely approached the deepest systemic crisis, after which an overwhelming catastrophe is looming within the next 30 years. Urgent measures are necessary to prevent the collapse of civilization.

The struggle for natural resources does not justify military confrontations, as breakthrough noospheric technologies of the 21st century have already been developed (and new ones are doubtlessly yet to be invented), the use of which will allow the sustainable development of Mankind without a fight for the re-division of the world.

We rely upon support and assistance of the younger generation who in the near future, in order to defend the planet from total destruction, will face the task of dismantling the debris from world wars and confrontations, utilization of weapons, military equipment, and explosives, both on the earth’s surface and in the seas and oceans.

But even under highly unfavorable trends of development of civilization, if and when Mankind adopts Noo-Constitution the following will become possible:

- 1. Integration of the peoples into a unitary civilization, universally meaningful, wisely accomplishing life and life activity—Mankind of Planet Earth. Formation of a Unitary Noospheric Republic (Civilization) of the Earth Dwellers with a united world government by means of gradual and voluntary (nonviolent) unification of all nations and peoples of the planet, upon results of national territorial referendums.**
- 2. Establishment of the foundations for Universal Cosmic Law.**
- 3. Improvement of the world states’ legislations** with the aim of their mutual merging and turning such legislations into a legal instrument for all humanity, able to provide favorable conditions for life and life activity of Mankind within indefinitely long period of its social development in compliance with the potential resources available on Earth and in Space.
- 4. Specification of the rights and freedoms for Man’s actions complemented by newer legal norms having a higher degree of significance to the general rights, freedoms and duties of Mankind,** in agreement with the demands of a noospheric world vision.
- 5. Consciousness of the role of Mankind,** not only on Earth but in the Universe.
- 6. Establishment of the universal peace,** cessation of wars and violence, prevention of the destruction of the planet and extinction of the human society.
- 7. Gradual, nonviolent, transition from state borders to functional territorial boundaries,** as measured by the awareness of peoples and their governments.
- 8. Establishment of the legal status of the Earth (Planetary Law)** as a living object and the universally determined environment of human life activity.
- 9. Evolutionary transition from a technosphere organization of life activity to a spiritual/ecological, noospheric one.**

10. **Global transition to a sociocracy** by means of the establishment of the Noospheric Republic (Civilization) of Earth-Dwellers **with a planetary coordinating center** (collegial organ) for planned scientific management of the principal, resource-consuming fields of human life activity.
11. **Abolition of destructive economic relations**, including real estate, based upon usury, upon capitalist extraction of profit by whatever means.
12. **Promotion of ecologically clean, resource-saving technologies**, including biotechnology and nanotechnology, having cosmic principles of **information and energy movement** in mind.
13. **Admission of the “reason/consequence” law** as the principal law of ethical relations among people and peoples.
14. **Admission of gender equality** (gender principle) in all aspects of human life activity.
15. **Admission of the boundlessness of the Universe** in time and space, upon discovery of the Universal Field as the energy/information holographic matrix of the Universe, according to which it is evolving endlessly.
16. **Introduction of the time-measuring systems** that are consistent with natural cosmic-conditioned life cycles.
17. **Control of the impacts that are hard to register**, but that are inflicting irreparable damage to nature and society, provoking dangerous changes in the character of human life and development of the human being as a cosmic and biological species.

Adoption and introduction of the Noo-Constitution **would allow Mankind to realize** the following objectives:

- basic ethical principles of human life activity;
- basic rights and duties of citizens, of their unions as well as enterprises and organisations involved in the production and application of energy/information technologies;
- legal norms for the registration of energy/information phenomena;
- principles of partnership between cultures;
- scientifically substantiated legal norms and regulatory acts and their rational use;
- development of basic legal education in the field of energy/information well being of Mankind;
- a spiritual/ecological (noospheric) world vision of the population, as the important nature-defined social factor to contain human life activity for an indefinitely long period;
- creation of the new kinds of products, possessing higher ecological safety and principally new capabilities;
- social integration of the population, specifically scientific, religious, cultural, and social practitioners;
- introduction of new means to safeguard and support the health of the population;
- decrease of potential possibility for the violent enslavement of the will and consciousness of peoples, and for their exploitation with the aim of profit;
- development of new, efficient, humane ways and means of cooperation and communication for different social groups of population in search of solution to conflicts and to the socially meaningful problems of the social development of Mankind.

The draft document combines traditional as well as nontraditional features. The Noo-Constitution as a whole is a fully traditional legal act. Its contents have already been presented in well-proven forms according to legal norms. This provides for evolution of acting legal documents regarding their compliance with the demands of the Noo-Constitution, which is especially important in the period of transition. It would be naïve to expect future society to survive without such instrument of social regulation as Law.

Development of legal norms along the lines of the Noo-Constitution objectively continues and develops constitutions currently acting in different countries as well as relevant declarations, charters, agreements, and treaties. The Noo-Constitution is just a succeeding stage in development of social life. It is based not on the principle of law enforcement, but on the principle of conscious voluntary following legal recommendations.

Relatively new motion here is a suggested transition from *human rights* to *rights of humanity*. This new step in defining this subject of legislation is transforming the subject's rights into a qualitatively new category, based on the traditionally approved foundation.

As far as the form of presentation and document's structure are concerned, the Noo-Constitution complies with the norms and terms adopted by the International Standards Organisation (ISO), as we consider legal documents to be a form of standard acts.

Scientific progress brought us to a stage where legislation studies and legally defines not only phenomena that have already happened (this existed earlier as well as now), but also phenomena that might happen. In other words the scientific progress introduced a preventive approach. If a situation does not occur, then the law will be not applied, but if it occurs in reality, people should be not caught unaware and legally unprepared. We cannot ignore statistics of the facts and events, irrespective of whether scientific explanations have already been found or not, as they sufficiently (materially) interfere with the lives of human beings whose rights should be defended always.

In particular, the Noo-Constitution is supposed to maintain a provision for the **sovereignty of Planet Earth** to be spread over "Near Space." The boundaries of sovereign Space are offered conditionally, in relation to the practice of manned orbital Space flights, similar to the Law of the Seas: the Space immediately adjacent to Earth is "territorial," while remote Space would be considered "neutral." Accordingly, man-made objects in Space should be considered extraterritorial creatures, to which the Law applicable on the Earth should also be applied.

We approached the Right of Shelter (Living Quarters) similarly, having defined it as the human life-activity environment. As a matter of fact, Mankind is considered to be a unitary organism in most cases where the Law has been applied by analogy, for example, when dealing with the Right of Life.

Most of the ethical and psychological categories earlier declared but not clarified have been substantiated (such as life, life activity, death, consciousness, dignity, reputation, integrity, justice, correctness, etc.). Here we need exactness, because the Law of Ethics cannot depend on the opinion of randomly selected experts.

There are no indisputable legal norms. The Noo-Constitution from the very beginning has been planned as a dynamically developing legal document, to which, by measure of justification and improvement of this or that provision, relevant amendments will be introduced. The authors are far from presenting this document being the one and only panacea to save the world. But they deem their duty to bring their own input into development of contemporary society. Emergence of this document has been provided by the whole pace of

development of terrestrial civilization as an historically inevitable stage of transition of the biosphere into the noosphere, as was predicted by Russian cosmists.

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*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
Through Him all things were made;
without Him nothing was made
that has been made.*

John 1:1, 1:3

PREAMBLE

We, people of good will, realize that:

- *Mankind is only one of the parts of the rational living world on the Earth and in the Universe.*
- *The contemporary civil/political arrangement of planetary human society does not comply with the principal goal of containment and development of life on Earth, and may bring its destruction;*
- *The capability of Earth to renew resources for life and life activity is not unlimited;*
- *With technocratic development of civilization the planet is turning into a planetary land-fill of dangerous wastes;*
- *Mankind is dangerously (first of all dangerously for itself) ignoring the diversity of the living world;*
- *Capitalism, as a social-political formation, having bred a system and society of boundless consumption leading to economic crises and armed struggle of states for possession of resources, has already outlived itself historically and practically;*
- *An attempt to build socialism (Communism) in the USSR based only upon social, state ownership of the land and production means, while having given Mankind a type of priceless scientific and practical experience of planned management in human societies, nevertheless did not provide for the basic rights and freedoms of people necessary for dignified life and for sustainable development, and ended in failure;*
- *All man-made mischief leading to a threat to its very existence continues to originate in an unwillingness (first of all on the part of the power structures) to realize and consider the global problems and threats in their boundless striving for immediate profits and benefits (alias for notorious capitalist profit);*
- *The struggle for possession of resources remains the principal source of military tension in the world, the root of the evil destroying Mankind as an integral civilization;*
- *Possession of armaments breeds political and social irresponsibility; violence breed violence;*

- *Civil society, including nongovernmental organizations, in fact remains voiceless and can only discuss, but not solve the world's property; only governments and financial centers—but not peoples—have the right of vote, which is usury of power—giving them the right to act against the wills of the peoples and of Humanity;*
- *Neglect of human rights brings barbarous acts which disturb the human consciousness;*
- *Recognition of dignity and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is a foundation of freedom and of a just world;*
- *Establishment of a world in which all people have freedom of speech and beliefs, and are relieved of fear and poverty should be declared a highly esteemed pursuit by and an indisputable right of the people;*
- *It is necessary to defend human rights by law, which, having made peoples free within a framework of just and humane laws, would have excluded powerlessness and oppression of separate groups of the world's population—the very foundation of human conflicts;*
- *Our generation, as any other generation, bears responsibility before future generations of Earth for the continuation of Mankind—bearer of the mentality on Earth;*
- *A scientifically based route to continuation and sustainable development of Mankind together with life on Earth was opened to our generation by V.I. Vernadsky, the greatest scholar of the XX century, in his/her teaching on the NOOSPHERE;*
- *This direction is the establishment on Earth of the unitary—unified by the common goal of conservation and expansion of cosmically meaningful, intelligent life of the human community on our planet—NOOSPHERIC CIVILIZATION, creating and providing for humane (having no root contradictions), just life arrangement of earth-dwellers, built upon achievements of intelligence, scientific thought, noospheric democracy, economy, and culture.*

Deriving from above considerations, we, people of good will, established the Noospheric Spiritual/Ecological World Assembly (NSEWA, World Assembly) joined by progressively thinking people standing outside of social groups, confessions, parties, national formations, of clans and tribes; and we also developed the NOOSPHERIC ETHICAL/ECOLOGICAL CONSTITUTION FOR MANKIND (Noo-Constitution). Having adopted it as effective for our own actions, we offered it to world public opinion for discussion and general adoption. Having assumed upon ourselves the general rights, freedoms, and duties of the world's peoples provided for in the Noo-Constitution, we appeal to all citizens of the planet to do the same!