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Sole Warranty towards Sustainable HUMAN Development Goals: Article#19 Session: SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Ms. Chairperson, Excellences, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As first, I would like to THANK Mr. Surendra Borad Patawari (Convener), Mr. Vikas Chhajer, and the organizing committee for their tireless and tedious efforts for this Conference as well as for this unique opportunity to speak here today before you.

In this presentation, I will focus on the crucial importance of the Article 19th of the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights, in particular, within the context of the Millennium Development Goals, and Post-2015 Sustainable HUMAN Development Goals.

Prior to diving into my presentation, I'd like to share a little bite of the background of my very first acquaintance with the term and philosophy on the ANUVRAT Movement (ANUVIBHA).

It was through the ANUVRAT GLOBAL ORGANIZATION's invitation to its 7th International Conference on Peace and Nonviolent Action, which took place in Jaipur in November 2008.

Then, for the first time, I learned about ANUVRAT's thousands of years of philosophy for a non-violent Life-Style, which is also the key for sustainable human and ecological life for us all. With that I'd like to thank and acknowledge Dr. S. L. Gandhi, who initially introduced it to me. Since then, I've found out many similarities with my own thoughts and philosophy, which are in line with the concept of ANUVRAT.

Moving forward, as a global citizen with Turkish background and US Citizenship as well as permanent representative of The Light Millennium (an NGO) to the United Nations, and based on the initial experience and outcome of the above mentioned conference, I assume that this led to my participation in this Conference.

At the outset of this conference, now, I'd like to start off with the following quote:

"Freedom of expression, independent media and universal access to knowledge will fortify our efforts to achieve lasting results for people and the planet."

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General, United Nations

Briefing on "Media freedom for a better future: shaping the post-2015 development agenda"
United Nations – 1 May 2014



In order to lay out a ground for the title and concept, let's being with Article#19 of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- Article 19.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

- Article 20.
- (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
- (2) No one may be compelled to belong to an association

December 10, 1948

http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml



UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (1948) It is also necessary to remind the Article 1 and Article 3 of it in the given concept:

Article 1.

 All human 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 3.

 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml



Now, let's look at the United Nations Millennium Declaration' below section (Eight Plenary Meeting - 8 September 2000):

- Freedom. Men and women have the right to live their lives and raise their children in dignity, free from hunger and from the fear of violence, oppression or injustice. Democratic and participatory governance based on the will of the people best assures these rights.
- Equality. No individual and no nation must be denied the opportunity to benefit from development. The equal rights and opportunities of women and men must be assured.
- **Solidarity.** Global challenges must be managed in a way that distributes the costs and burdens fairly in accordance with basic principles of equity and social justice. Those who suffer or who benefit least deserve help from those who benefit most.
- **Tolerance.** Human beings must respect one other, in all their diversity of belief, culture and language. Differences within and between societies should be neither feared nor repressed, but cherished as a precious asset of humanity. A culture of peace and dialogue among all civilizations should be actively promoted.
- Respect for nature. Prudence must be shown in the management of all living species and natural resources, in accordance with the precepts of sustainable development. Only in this way can the immeasurable riches provided to us by nature be preserved and passed on to our descendants. The current unsustainable patterns of production and consumption must be changed in the interest of our future welfare and that of our descendants.

http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm



As you all know, the **eight Millennium Development Goals** (MDGs) set out to be achieved by 2015 as the first station of the MDGs in 2000, and only three months are left for the beginning of 2015. In this framework, I'd like to bring to your attention the following concerns:

- Despite the MDGs, which have been the most fundamental solution oriented set of goals towards the world's problems;
- Despite the fact that all the Member States of the UN who are agreed on the MDGs;
- Despite the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which has been the most fundamental document and constitution of the UN:
- Despite sky reaching developments and investments in technology and the military since 1948 (UNHR) and even since 2000:
- Despite the 15 years of consensus and ever encouraging support and programs on the governmental and intergovernmental levels by the UN member states for the targeted eight goals of the MDGs; which are:

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The year 2015 has a potential to be the crucial turning point in humanity, which will represent, re-connect, commemorate and celebrate with the previous turning points such as:

100th anniversary commemoration of the WWI (1914-1915),
Canakkale-Gallipoli (18 March 1915) - Anzac Day (25 April 1915) | New Zealand's and
Australia's launching war against the Ottoman Empire)
70th Anniversary of the United Nations' formation in 1945...

And, we are rapidly approaching the MDGs first phase targeted year 2015, which will measure and profile the UN member states commitments and performances for the first 15 year time-period.

At the same time, we are at the threshold of the second phase of the **Millennium Declaration** of the UN, which is now called "Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals".

Unfortunately it doesn't emphasize in its **title whether it is "HUMAN" centered!**



In this very crucial time in human history and at this moment of time, while the 69th UN General Assembly sessions continue at the UN Headquarter in NYC, which coincide with the Anuvrat International Conference. In this context, I would like to reflect my concerns in reference to the Post-2015 SDGs Agenda.

As you are all aware that in many cases and centuries, in particular, during the last several decades in the world, the term "development" also has been used against indigenous peoples' basic rights! In certain cases, the word "development" has been used as a tool to invade, take over and control national resources, lands, individual rights and sovereignty of peoples or communities in many regions and countries.

Taken from above points, I would like to ask you the following questions:

Do you know that more than 60 per cent (*) of the world's organic and conventional seeds have been undertaken-monopolized-privatized and patented by one-single private-company?

What does this mean?

Or how do we link and translate this most threatening information into the title of this presentation?, "SOLE WARRANTY OF THE SUSTANIABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: ARTICLE 19?"

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More references on the topic available at

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MONSANTO'S GLOBAL AGRICULTURE RULING ONLY SERVES UNSUSTAINABILITY AND DESTRUCTION INSTEAD OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABILITY

A World According to Monsanto's documentary film along with several accounts, and based on the over 500 lawsuits by Monsanto to the small farmers in the US;

- •Monsanto has stolen the indigenous people's very basic existential rights and products that is SEED from them;
- Propitiated the world's more than 60 percent conventional and organic seeds;
- Farmers cannot use previous years' seeds or a second generation seed product that is harvested in the farmers' land;
- Farmers are legally bound and forced to buy new genetically modified seeds, herbicide and pesticide on an annual or seasonal basis;
- The majority of the farmers land is contaminated by GM seeds so that they cannot go back to conventional or organic agriculture that also effects even non-GMO based farming;
- •When farmers use a second generation seed or left over seed from the previous year, then they face legal cases by the multi-billion dollars Giant Seed Company that kills off small and medium size farmers' businesses against what they have no defense and cannot fight!
- If anyone challenges the advisory side in order to protect their land and own rights against to the giant seed empire, then they face brutal outcomes throughout the world;
- And, this company holds in its hands our present times, near and distance future through propitiation of the world's seed;

AS CONSEQUENCES, THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AT THE PRESENT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE AND HAS BEEN PUSHED INTO MUCH MORE RISK UNDER THE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY. IT ONLY HAS BROUGHT AND PROMISES UNSUSTAINABILITY AND DESTRUCTION.

SO, IN THIS CONTEXT, HOW CAN ECONOMY BE CIRCULAR AND SUSTAINABILITY PUT INTO PRACTICE?





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Fairytale Science

"Monsanto should not have to vouchsafe the safety of biotech food....

Our interest is in selling as much of it as possible. Assuring its safety is
the FDA's job."



In reference to the world's 60 percent seed stock by Monsanto, I consider that this alone is one of the biggest threats before us all. NOW, as well as by the time of the UN's "Sustainable and Healthy HUMAN Development Goals" for 2030.

I am not aware that the UN has undertaken any drastic measure towards blocking any country or a single private-company or sector to monopolize the world's organic and conventional seed stock, on which, we all rely and depend!

Based on the 60 percent world seed stock monopoly, and if this cannot and won't be reversed this globally biotechnology invasion of our the most fundamental source for living –SEEDS and biodiversity-; consequently, we will fail as humanity at large as has been happening in the past and is still happening in present times. It also might potentially be another road block for the second phase of the UN Millennium Development Goals to be attained by 2030!

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"One question means one career."

Ignacio Chapel



In this current wrong world political structure and the monopoly on the World's SEED stock that is in the hands of one or only a few private transnational corporations, this private sector indicates that their only interest is maximum profit, **consequently**:

THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN KEPT TOO SLOW. SO THAT...

We cannot demand and obtain full freedom and independence;

We cannot have control over our own health and body;

We cannot have control over our own minds – our cells and DNA nor over our own children;

We cannot have a full understanding what genetically engineered seeds do and will do to us;

We cannot ensure environmental sustainability;

We cannot even have access to clean water;

We cannot protect and prevent the entire world's agricultural fields against contamination;

We couldn't eradicate global hunger and poverty;

We cannot prevent extinction of species;

We cannot prevent our body from accumulating poison through everything that we eat, drink, and even breath;

On top of all these, we cannot access the information or comprehend what our food and drinks contain that we pay for and buy!



WHY HAS THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA NOT BEEN HUMAN CENTERED YET?

Because we still cannot demand our basic and fundamental rights to have access to freedom of information and basic human rights on an equal level and world-wide.

For the same reason, we are losing our ground of being independent and having a say and right of decision over our own and our children's lives, because the company holds the world's majority seed stock and also controls research on it under the name of product property rights. These ongoing processes on the genetically modified seeds and its outcome must be fully transparent and under public domain and be incorporated in public education, starting from the middle school on anything that involves and concerns public and environmental safety.

We don't have a multiple and transparent point of view with all its complexities by independent researchers which won't be bought out by the world's giant seed company/ies and its multiple intergovernmental ties and transnational entities all over the world...

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The key concern is that even 67 countries in the world require labeling in all GM based food chains and products, but unfortunately this is not the case in the U.S.

Based on that, let's think of the fact that one private company owns and took over 60 percent of the world's seed stock, and has been bio-engineering it for more than 20 years, hold patents in such a way that even research falls under the company's copyright!

These genetically modified seeds not only kill the weeds and insects but make the farmers harshly legally bound to contracts so that they cannot use their left-over GM seeds from the previous year, neither second generation GM seeds from their own product, and that they have to buy new GM seeds on an annual or seasonal base.

What does that mean?

It means adding more pesticides and herbicides, in other words, poison that kills insects and weeds as well enter directly into our food, drinks, our bodies, and into the water, health and environment.

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Bringing to your attention once again, this single piece of information shows as a fact that the Global GIANT Seed Emperor -in this case Monsanto- in my opinion-, works against to the Charter of the United Nations;

against to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 1, 3, 19, 20 and as a whole;

against the 2000 Millennium Declaration and Goals; against the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals... and Against each country's and community basic indigenous rights, self-sustainability and food sovereignty.

As it is now, our basic rights and right to know and have access to information have been sacrificed.

Who knows, if we have been the largest experimental human laboratory through modified seeds without the company's taking any responsibility and legal consequences, we ourselves have been modified by them!

CONCLUSION: THIS IS WHY ARTICLE 19, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS THE SOLE WARRANTY TOWARDS TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GOALS...

OTHERWISE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE MAY LOSE OUR ABILITY EVEN TO QUESTION SUCH CRITIC ISSUES FOR OUR OWN DAILY LIFE AND FUTURE...

"You can stop splitting the atom; you can stop visiting the moon; you can stop using aerosols; you may even decide not to kill entire populations by the use of a few bombs. But you cannot recall a new form of life. Once you have constructed a viable E. coli cell carrying a plasmid DNA into which a piece of eukaryotic DNA has been spliced, it will survive you and your children and your children's children.

An irreversible attack on the biosphere is something so unheard-of, so unthinkable to previous generations, that I could only wish that mine had not been guilty of it."

-Erwin CHARGAFF, Biochemist, Genetic Science Pioneer



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The Light Millennium invites YOU to present YOUR ideas, work, action plan, and visions towards the United Nations' Sustainable HUMAN Development Goals in order to make them visible and available globally as well as seeking your collaboration and partnerships to it!



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WHAT IS MY ACTION PLAN?

Have you asked this question to yourself?

This project offers a specific mechanism along with multi-facet web and physical platforms in order to promote doable/action based ideas, bring those onto global surface from every corner of the world, connect, share, create an develop global partnerships implementable opportunity for to ideas/projects/plans towards solution based on a defined specific problem or chronic issue for the sustainable human development and improvement quality of lives in all levels as well as environmental sustainability in the Post-2015.

This project is launched during the 65th Annual DPI/NGO Conference follow by The Light Millennium's panel entitled,

"A QUEST TO FULFILL HUNGER OF THE BODY AND MIND POST-2015: Is genetically modified food a solution?" in the Trusteeship Council Chamber - United Nations, New York on Aug. 28, 2014.

First stage deadline for Submission: Monday, October 20, 2014

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For the full text of the project, please visit The Light Millennium's website at: http://www.lightmillennium.org - For your question or inquiry, please e-mail us to: MYACTION@lightmillennium.Org

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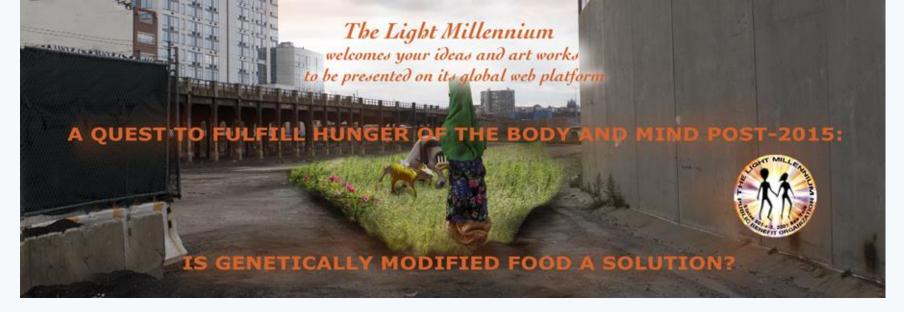
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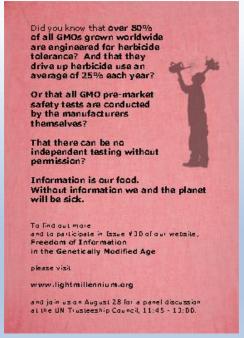
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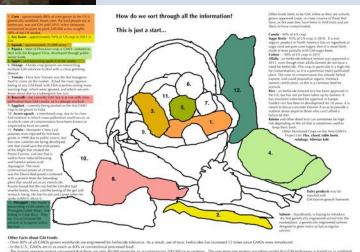


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"As a nuclear power - as the only nuclear power to have used a nuclear weapon - the United States has a moral responsibility to act."

Barack OBAMA
President of the United States







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THANK YOU...

