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Hi everybody,

I am Germana de Oliveira Moraes, a Brazilian Federal Court Judge, and an Emeritus Constitutional Law Professor. It is an honor to be back at the United Nations to celebrate the International Mother Earth Day for the second time and to reconnect with my fellow experts in the Harmony with Nature Knowledge Network.

In 2017, during my first visit, I saw numerous social movements that continue to fight for an Earth-centered paradigm. Today, I am thrilled to see that the voices of indigenous peoples and social movements are joined by the Brazilian voices, such as Minister of Indigenous Peoples, Sonia Guajajara, Professor Tales Cavalcante, coordinator of UNESCO's network of schools in Ceará-Brazil and Professor Fernando Dantas, on behalf of universities.

My dear fellow Mother Earth-lovers, let me remind you, that we are here to discuss "the possibility of convening and the scope of a high-level meeting, to be held next year; the "Earth Assembly,". It is worth noting that the participation of more than one hundred relevant stakeholders from Brazil and beyond signals the potential for a highly successful meeting in 2024 in order to include the sub-item "Harmony with Nature" under the item "Sustainable Development." In light of the upcoming "Earth Assembly,", I would like to offer three proposals for discussion in dialogue with my Brazilian colleagues, Professors Tales and Fernando.

Firstly, due the success of formal education based on Harmony with Nature by the Organization Farias Brito, as presented by its Director Tales de Sá Cavalcante, I propose for reflection the promotion of high-level dialogues among educators to discuss educational experiences based on Harmony with Nature and how to mobilize these educators to participate next year.

Secondly, based on the Professor Fernando Dantas speech, I suggest the dialogues among universities and the judicial schools of different states worldwide, creating an interface between indigenous peoples, the scientific community, decision-makers, and other players to accelerate their efforts in implementing the 2030 Agenda, in particular the Harmony with Nature one. Besides the successful joint experiences of Brazilian universities and training schools for judges, like the pioneering Course on Harmony and Rights of Nature, it is essential to highlight the Brazilian Supreme Court's RAFA Program.

RAFA is a judicial Program:

- Artificial Networks focusing on the 2030 Agenda that enables the classification and dissemination of Court decisions on websites with reference to the SDGs to which they relate. This initiative deserves replication worldwide, facilitating debates on the use of artificial intelligence as a tool to strengthen the Earth-centered paradigm. It can also lead to high-level dialogues on reconciling traditional and scientific knowledge.
- Last, but not least, I would like to ask you, dear colleagues, how women, particularly indigenous women, ecofeminists, young students like the Brazilian Barbara Borges, of the Federal University of Goiás, women judges, and NGOs that defend women's rights, could contribute effectively to the implementation, reorganization, and co-creation of the 2030 Agenda and beyond based on Harmony with Nature. After all, the Earth, our Mother Earth, is a woman and it is crucial to recognize the unique perspectives and contributions of women.

My dear friends, let's prepare for the Earth Assembly! Thank you so much for your attention.