

**Montessori Adolescent Summit**  
**Global Manifesto for the Preservation of the Earth**  
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Earth has been our home for a longtime. We got used to live from the earth and not with it, causing an imbalance for nature, which if continued will be fatal for all living beings. This is the only place where life can exist; therefore we are obliged to take care of it. Different programs have been carried out for the conservation of it; however the damage has not been counteracted by the lack of interest, awareness, and resources. The society in which we live thinks that having money is more important than caring for the environment.

The growth of the population has generated a greater demand of goods and products that the industry has to cover; this process requires resources and space that are obtained from different ecosystems. However, ecosystem services that can be obtained from natural resources are not sufficient to supply the population's demand. The industry is forced to produce more with less space, forcing science and technology to develop more efficient processes, which generate residues harmful to the planet.

These residues contaminate the air, water and soil. This causes environmental imbalances, harming the quality of these essential elements for life. The main trace of imbalance is global warming that is related to these three fundamental aspects.

On the one hand, the media makes us believe that global warming does not exist or that it is not as serious as we are actually observing it, there is scientific evidence available to all, which demonstrates this. On the other hand, the industry creates us a need to consume products in a constant way. Resulting in over-exploitation of natural resources and generating an excess of garbage.

The selfishness shown by humans has triggered pollution, destroyed forests, eliminated the wild life, regardless of the impact this generates.

At first it was thought that there sources were infinite and that would always be at our disposal, but later we realized that this was false and that would cause us many problems, difficult to reverse.

We consider it important to actively and efficiently execute the following five points:

**1. Educational Environmental Programs:**

We see that it is imperative to promote programs in which people commit to participate in the care of their environment. We believe that the best way to promote these activities is from basic education.

**2. Governmental Support:**

We think it is necessary to require government agencies to take more rigorous measures when establishing and complying with the different measures that promote environmental care.

**3. Promote Responsible Consumption:**

We demand that all consumers acquire what is necessary only to meet their needs, without being carried away by marketing and fashion. Find out before you buy! Because we have to take into account that the products go through a process that releases pollutants into the environment.

#### 4. Promote the Use of Alternative Energies:

It is essential that household's change their energy sources take advantage of their sources that the environment provides us depending on the area, that governments implement resources and technology to bring people this type of resources.

#### 5. Responsible Urban Development:

We propose that the habitants consider applying alternatives such as: green roofs and walls, rain water harvesting and/or haze and urban gardens. That there is a strategic planning of the city where we take into account garbage deposits, water treatment, distribution of spaces and respect for the green areas that we still have.

#### 6. Make land use efficient in agriculture

That governments regulate the indiscriminate use of pesticides, fertilizers and additives in agricultural land, in turn generate clear rules and execute sanctions with respect to the production of transgenic foods, we know that the demand is great, it is important to look for other alternatives of food.

#### Conclusion

On the basis of these proposals, this manifesto leads us to conclude that it is important to take urgent action in the face of major environmental problems. We ask for the commitment of the authorities and the population to contribute with these ideas that will help to curb some of the consequences of our actions, so that we can live in harmony with the earth and carry out actions that promote the conservation of the environment.

It is our responsibility to use these resources understanding the importance of maintaining a balance in the needs of the Earth and the well-being of humanity.

We know that to get her we have unlimited power, if each of us brings small and constant actions.