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## DEONTOLOGICAL CHARTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Mankind and Nature have an indissoluble synergetic relationship. Man has the ethical duty to be a heedful guardian of the environment.

Every intervention of man in the environment should take these statements into consideration and, therefore, be carried out in accordance with the strict principles of scientific competence, socio-economic evaluation, cultural reflection.

No one can arrogate himself the right to carry out interventions based on a merely productive outlook.

No one can claim the right to declare himself prejudiced against the intervention of man in Nature.

Emotivity and ideological interests must be set aside to face the problems of sustainable development.

The conservation of Nature cannot continue to be regarded as static: it is necessary to mature the concept of dynamic conservation.

Every human deed shall require one to be conscious of the factors of imbalance that may be introduced and foresee specific interventions of re-balancing.

It will be necessary to refuse those deeds in which factors of imbalance are objectively considered too high to be sustainable.

The conservation of Nature must become a definite duty of each person. Therefore, it will be necessary to carry out an action to educate people in this respect within the family, at school and in society.

The perspective of **sustainable development**, an expression that is hereby used to synthesize all the previous points, must, therefore, be that of **frugality** and **sharing** to give way to an **ethically oriented society**.

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