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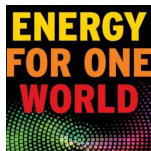
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**A Declaration on Energy and Economies for Peace and Human Dignity:
Building Energy-Economies Free of Concerns**



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Preamble: The Call of Our Time

World peace cannot be preserved without creative efforts commensurate with the dangers that threaten it.

In May 1950, at Houjarray, Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet recognized that lasting peace could not rest upon abstract treaties alone, but required concrete material solidarity: placing the physical drivers of conflict and heavy industry—coal and steel—under an open, shared High Authority. That decisive act demonstrated that sovereign nations could voluntarily pool their vital resources to make armed confrontation materially impossible.

Today, human civilization stands at a comparable, yet far wider, historical crossroad. The legacy paradigm of **System A**—driven by unconstrained financialization, volatile merchant trading, escalating geopolitical rivalries, a new technological (uncertain) revolution and the speculative exploitation of the Earth's natural commons—has brought our societies to the edge of social-ecological rupture and structural insecurity.

Access to available, affordable, clean, and reliable energy is not a privilege; it is the physical baseline of modern human life, human health, civil progress, and human dignity. When energy is treated as a speculative financial instrument or hoarded as an instrument of coercion, the foundations of peace fracture.

Therefore, we declare the necessity of an intentional transition to **System B**: a coordinated, regenerative energy-economy founded on public stewardship, regional solidarity, and planetary balance.



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I. Fundamental Tenets: Energy as a Common Good for Peace

1. **An Inalienable Human Right and Public Good:**

Clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy is affirmed as an inalienable right of all nations and all people. No home, community, or developing society shall be cast into cold, darkness, or economic exclusion by speculative price swings, volatile tariffs, or systemic abandonment. We affirm the right to *Energy-Economies Free of Concerns*—guaranteeing stable, dignified lifelines for households and productive enterprises alike.

2. **Energy in Service of Society, Not Speculative Extraction:**

The energy sector, utility networks, and the global energy majors exist fundamentally to empower their host societies, not to extract rent from them. Strategic lifelines—power grids, high-voltage interconnectors, baseload facilities, and strategic storage—are foundational public utilities. Speculative commodity hedging, dynamic hyper-volatility, and opportunistic financial trading carried out over the heads and at the expense of citizens are best to be strictly checked and curtailed.

3. **A New Corporate Duty of Care:**

The major oil, gas, and power corporations are best to evolve from maximizing short-term profit extraction, share buybacks, and depleted asset liquidation into long-term stewards of public energy utility and resilience. In return for regulatory clarity and de-risked transition frameworks, their engineering, project management capacity, and balance sheets are best, next to the upkeep of sufficient production and oil and gas reserves, also to support direct investments in the transition away from fossil fuel infrastructure, but into continental power grid developments, demand sided power equipment and manufacturing base (including new mining) and shared renewables power supplies.

II. State of Our Horizon: The Four Critical Aspects Requiring Common Care

Our collective transition cannot succeed if detached from geological and ecological truths. We identify four urgent areas requiring structural reform:

- **Direction of Economies and Consumption Intensity:**
The global quest cannot continue on the unsustainable premise that infinite material extraction and energy throughput can expand unchecked. We are best to actively bend the creaming curve of fossil consumption, eliminating wasteful intensity and decoupling authentic societal well-being from volumetric hydrocarbon burning.
- **The Physical Limits of the Subsurface:**
The geological reality of conventional oil and gas is governed by contracting Reserves-to-Production (\$R/P\$) ratios and declining Energy Return on Investment (EROI). Europe's internal underground holds only 1.5 to 2.0 billion barrels of domestic crude oil—barely 5.2 months of consumption—and roughly 16 months of natural gas, leaving it more than 95% dependent on crude imports. Simultaneously, the clean electrification quest faces severe physical bottlenecks: refined copper demand is projected to reach 42 million metric tons by 2040, facing, if nothing is done- a supply deficit of 10 million metric tons that may hamper the pace of global grid deployment. We are best to invest in new (ecological responsible new) mining capacities.
- **Planetary Boundaries and Nature's Alarm Bells:**
Humanity has crossed 7 of the 9 biophysical planetary boundaries. Adherence to the Paris Climate Agreement is not an optional accounting metric, but an existential physical necessity. Mitigation requires systemic emissions reductions across fossil fuel combustion, food systems, and global industrial manufacturing to prevent locking the biosphere into severe warming trajectories.
- **Geopolitics, Weaponization, and Choke Points:**
Kinetic attacks on energy infrastructure, disruptions across critical maritime passages like the Strait of Hormuz, and unilateral resource mercantilism have weaponized vital energy flows. Concurrently, the unchecked escalation of defense spending threatens to siphon hundreds of billions away from vital grid modernization and international SDG financing. Security cannot be bought through armaments alone while the essential physical networks of life are left to decay.

III. The Architecture of Reform: Concrete Material Solidarity

To turn systemic risk into tangible hope and practical capacity, the following institutional reforms are hereby declared:

1. Establishment of the UN Energy-Economy Council

Under the auspices of the United Nations, a dedicated **UN Energy-Economy Council** shall be constituted to govern the global energy transition as a peace architecture. This Council will coordinate strategic resource interdependence protocols, track planetary boundary compliance, deploy early warning systems for natural resource stresses, and ensure equitable access to critical mineral supply chains.

2. Activation of Empowered Regional Energy Councils

Global governance are best to be anchored in regional operational realities. Fully functioning Regional Energy Councils shall be activated and mandated across all key geopolitical blocs:

- The European Union (EU), The African Union (AU), The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), The Middle East and North Africa (MENA), India and South Asia, China, Central Asia with Russia, Latin America and the Caribbean (LaC / CELAC), North America

These councils will be tasked with removing zero-sum energy protectionism, synchronizing regional baseloads, and managing cross-border transmission networks as shared public utilities.

3. Instigation of Cross-Border "Energy Peace Projects"

Peace is forged through shared physical interconnections that make unilateral disruption mutually destructive. We call for immediate cross-border **Energy Peace Projects**:

- Developing transnational, high-voltage direct current (HVDC) **Supergrids** and meshed regional interconnections.
- Creating shared industrial **Electrovalleys**—industrial corridors uniting clean offshore power, direct reduced iron (DRI), green chemistry, and grid-scale storage.
- Uniting neighboring regions across historical fault lines through shared power agreements, directly advancing UN Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).

4. Structural Partnerships with the UN Global Compact

The multilateral business community are best to align its operational models with human dignity. Through the **UN Global Compact**, the global energy sector shall enact structural initiatives to assist developing and emerging economies:

- Mobilizing concessional capital, technology transfer, and engineering expertise to eliminate the deep structural access deficits across Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
- Deploying decentralized mini-grids, clean cooking facilities, and localized power architectures to ensure the forgotten billions are brought into reliable energy security without bearing the brunt of imported resource inflation.

5. Demonstrating by Executing the Ten-Point Gamechanger Plan: "Powering Europe"

Europe shall serve as an operating proof of concept for System B, putting into practice the ten-point transformation plan:

- **Non-Partisan State Energy Councils:** Sovereign Member States will establish statutory bodies (*Staatsraad voor Energie*) to conduct 30-year infrastructure planning insulated from short-term electoral cycles.
- **Consolidation into 4 Regional Energy Zones:** Resolving the friction of over 3,500 commercial utilities by grouping European infrastructure into four complementary functional zones: *Zone I (Scandinavia)*, *Zone II (Northwest Europe industrial clusters)*, *Zone III (Eastern Europe security and modernization)*, and *Zone IV (Mediterranean solar and interconnectors)*.
- **Physical Grid Execution :** Prioritizing concrete hardware over regulatory bureaucracy by modernizing high-voltage lines, securing long-term strategic copper stockpiles, and laying transmission cables directly through or next to decommissioned natural gas pipeline corridors to reach Europe's 46% electrification benchmark.
- **Innovation Europe & Electrovalley Hubs:** Reforming venture architecture away from compliance paperwork and into industrial deployment contracts, linking deep-tech ventures directly with power-, (automated) transport- and heavy industrial complexes.
- **Rebalancing Defense with Energy Diplomacy:** Ensuring that necessary security and defense expenditures do not cannibalize essential grid modernizations, recognizing that economic de-industrialization and energy vulnerability are themselves severe threats to peace.

IV Strategic Synthesis and Policy Recommendations

To avoid the structural decline with Scenario A, or worse: further weaponisation of energy resources, wars and conflicts and build the resilient, equitable architecture of Scenario B, global leadership are best to act with moral courage and strategic honesty. The following recommendations outline the strategic imperatives required to guide this civilizational pivot:

1. Establish Non-Partisan State Energy Councils

Sovereign nations are best to move past highly polarized, short-term climate and energy policies by establishing independent, non-partisan State Councils of Energy. These planning bodies are best to stand free from electoral cycles, restoring state planning capacity to finance, build, and regulate the physical infrastructure required for a post-fossil future.

2. Prioritize Physical Grid Expansion and Transmission Modernization

Governments are best to redirect financial capital from speculative market mechanisms, such as trade hedging, voluntary carbon offsets, to the physical construction of smart, resilient, and interconnected high-voltage transmission grids. This grid expansion and new power suppliers are best to be treated as a core national security priority and a prerequisite for industrial competitiveness, ensuring that the downward cost pressure of solar and wind generation reaches end-use consumers.

3. Reform Multilateral Governance and Decentralize UN Structures

As the United Nations approaches its 81st anniversary, the international community are best to advocate for deep institutional reform, transitioning from centralized, gridlocked assemblies to empowered Regional Councils for Peace, Security and UN SDGs. These councils can also be designed to coordinate cross-border energy grids, manage localized resource disputes, and allocate green finance more effectively than a paralyzed center or COP affiliated organisations.

4. Reduce National Defense Requirements with Diplomacy, Energy Peace Projects, and Integrated UN SDGs Trade Programs.

While Freedom, security & Peace are an essential ingredients for sovereign states, the unilateral commitment to divert 5\% of GDP to military expenditures—as mandated by the NATO Hague Summit—directly threatens the feasibility of the ultimate goals and objectives: Global Peace, Diplomacy, the Energy Transition and the attainment of the UN SDGs. European and Allied leadership are best to critically review their present planned capital allocation, ensuring that defense infrastructure investments are not hindering the above true longer-term national and global goals. Furthermore, it would radiate on Leadership if they understand that these societal parameters- such as ecological, material, and social parameters - cannot be secured through armaments, at all. People and economies will live in fear, insecurities and countries will rival and strive for earth resources.

5. Mandate Shared Corporate Stewardship for the Extractive Industry

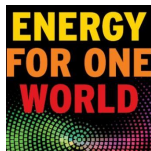
Sovereign states are best to reform corporate governance to enforce a more honest corporate commitment and "Duty of Care" within the BigOil/ Big Energy (multinational) corporations. Rather than permitting major oil and gas operators to liquidate or optimize profit returns from their asset bases for short-term shareholder payouts while externalizing their ecological liabilities, steering frameworks are best to require these firms to reinvest their organisational leadership, project management skills and cash directly (with the Public Sector) into non-fossil infrastructure and new power supplies, helping transform them into public utility stewards of our shared natural commons. In addition, some attention need to be given to re-structuring the present world oil and gas commodity trade- to a much better regionally attuned, and for holding regional reserves and developments.

6. The Moral Horizon: Care, Heart, and Walking into Beauty

We reaffirm that human ingenuity cannot outrun the biophysical limits of the living Earth. As Pope Francis warned our global community, we cannot run ourselves into genuine sustainability through accelerated consumption, technological hubris, and frantic extraction.

True sustainability invites us to change our pace: to walk ourselves into lasting beauty by rediscovering that **Less can be More**, and that **Slow can be Better for Good**.

When societies step away from the anxious churn of volume-driven wealth, an authentic economy of plenty emerges—one measured by public well-being, healthy ecosystems, shared security, and enduring human dignity. By infusing care and heart into the design of our energy systems, we dissolve the fear of scarcity and build an architecture of living together: an energy-economy free of concerns, dedicated to peace, and open to all.



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Mission Energy For One World Foundation- Navigating our shared Future

Energy For One World (EFOW) is a strategic mission dedicated to inspire and encourage transforming our global energy-economy architecture and leadership to meet UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Founded by Adriaan Kamp, the mission is to guide and inspire corporate leaders, political decision makers, and international organizations and based on a simple question, and ideal:

How do we fuel and provide energy to all people of this World, reliable, sustainably and in harmony (ie "stay out of trouble") ?

How do we create Energy-Economies "Free of Concerns"? For You, for Me. For the Whole Today, Tomorrow.

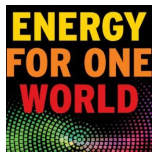
For the **2025-2026 campaign**, the mission focuses on the lessons learned over our "Decade of Action," and calls for a systemic shift from our current fragmented energy markets and models toward a better attuned, sustainable "System B"- for the century we are in.

We do not just observe the future, we help write it. By bridging the gap between conscious leadership, practical energy solutions, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals- we provide "the stepping stones" for a stable, prosperous, and unified world.

Through world-class speaker engagements, dedicated action teams, and visionary publications, we inspire forward-thinking leadership to turn high ideals into realities.

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