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Subject: FW: Poems for Parliament - endorses the UN Earth Alarm 2023

Your Excellency,

I write on behalf of the publisher '[Poems For Parliament](#)'. We express our support for the [UN Earth Alarm 2023](#) initiative from [Platform DSE](#). We also recommend that the resulting UNGA emergency session consider several [existing initiatives](#) that would foster voluntary and equitable reduction in Gross World Product. The worthy ambitions expressed in the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals are sadly, in some respects, tarnished by the mindset of growth economics within which they were conceived. If humanity are to slow down the final phase of the Sixth Mass Extinction, and the [escalating mortality rates](#) for our own species, then we urgently need to acknowledge the toxic nature of growth economics.

As well as reviewing some aspects of the seventeen SDGs, we shall need to consider what 'aspirations' will best help us to achieve our 'goal' to become sustainable. The pedagogy in the modern world teaches people to aspire to make money and raise a family. Neither of these aspirations are helpful in global climate breakdown and ecosystems collapse. In fact, these two growth orientated aspirations only serve to escalate our problems. Poems for Parliament works in collaboration with friends who are sharing the Degrowth message in both [Malawi](#) and [Kenya](#). My [Kenyan friend](#) detected both [greenwashing and pretence](#) when he attended the recent Africa Climate Summit as a delegate.

Our anthropocentric Human Rights declaration combines with growth economics to favour the human species over all other life-forms. Adopting an Ubuntu philosophy that includes all life-forms would peacefully embrace the global Degrowth aspiration expressed in the '[UN Charter for Ecological Justice](#)'. This concept was proposed in the submission from 'Poems for Parliament' to the [2023 global stocktake](#) for the Paris climate agreement, and also in the [2022 submission](#) to the High-Level Political Forum.

Yours Sincerely

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