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As Einstein said, we cannot solve problems with the same level of consciousness that we create them. It is from the Western urban worldview, which is anthropocentric, androcentric and adult centric, that we have developed the vision of how we want to live. An omission and error in this vision is that it considers nature as an object and our well-being independent of it. This has led us to the environmental and values crisis that we are experiencing today.

Of all the things we have to do to remedy this situation, the only thing that we cannot stop doing is that the new generations grow up with active empathy for life: the ability to prioritize the common good through daily actions that generate well-being in us, in other people and in our planet.

For children to develop active empathy for life, we need Mother Earth as a teacher. Who better than life herself to teach us to know her, love her and take care of her. That is why in Peru we have initiated the inclusion and visibility of Mother Earth as a teacher and the creation of her "nature" classroom in schools.

I am convinced that Mother Earth can activate in children the divine spark that they carry within, allowing them to grow up with a good heart knowing that our purpose as humans is to create a better world for people, plants, animals and future generations while honoring our ancestors.

The Fuji declaration is a beautiful and profound framework that has inspired this initiative to move towards a culture of unity.