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“We must understand that we are living in a world where events are happening more rapidly than our awareness of just how unsustainable this world order is, and of the imperative and inevitable need to replace it with another, if humanity is to survive.

References to the original: [Speech given when receiving the “José Bonifacio” Medal, in the degree of Grand Official, at the State University of Río de Janeiro, June 30, 1999](#)

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