

Imagine the recovery of endangered species and ecosystem as a top priority on the world's agenda. Imagine a commitment to the intellectual, artistic, ethical and spiritual potential of humanity as part of that agenda. Envision the United States fully invested in the common global good. Visualize governments, corporations, and individuals who own, manage or use natural resources also committed to preventing environmental harm and to the rights of other humans. Consider the spread of democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable and peaceful. Imagine the impact on the planet if everyone, including yourself, has a secure, meaningful, ecologically responsible livelihood. Imagine our generation exercising restraint to secure Earth 's bounty and beauty for future generations.



By endorsing the *Earth Charter*, the IHM community and millions of others are working toward the global sustainable society you have just imagined. They are committed to restoring the well-being of our beautiful and endangered planet. They have declared their shared “responsibility for the present and future well-being of the human family and the larger living world.” (Preamble, *Earth Charter*)

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