Sorbonne Call to Action
for the Adoption of a
Global Pact for the Environment

Call to States launched on May 11th, 2019 by legal experts from all over the world, including Nicholas A. Robinson (USA), Nilüfer Oral (Turkey), Ginevra Le Moli (Italy) et Pilar Moraga Sariego (Chile).

1. Humanity is facing an ecological crisis of tremendous magnitude. Climate change is a threat to mankind and to peace and security. Biodiversity is collapsing. The consequences, such as, in particular, food and water access, health and poverty, require governments to act urgently and firmly, on a national level, as well as through international cooperation.

2. The Global Pact for the Environment would gather the rights and duties of governments, companies and citizens in one international instrument. It would thus contribute to strengthening the protection of the planet and its resources through a universal legal framework.

3. The youth are now urging leaders to take action. Next week, States will meet in Nairobi to discuss the Pact project. The opportunity to enshrine universal and mandatory principles cannot be missed.

4. Therefore, we, members of the international community of legal experts, gathered today in La Sorbonne University in Paris, call for the urgent adoption of the Global Pact for the Environment.

“The time to act is now.”