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Dear Prof. Sachs:

My wholehearted congratulations to the tremendous success of your wonderful conference with many prominent scientists' presentations on current status of our earth, which I thoroughly enjoyed attending it.

**“State of the Planet 08: Real People, Real Places, Real Solutions”**

March 27 and 28, 2008, Columbia University  
<http://www.earth.columbia.edu/sop2008/?id=agenda>

As they pointed out, alleviating global warming and attaining global peace are most urgent and complex problems of our time. However, I regretted not having heard any mechanism to cope with ever more getting fierce crash/conflict of interest with rapid globalization and manifold impacts of global environmental change in the early 21st century, e.g., shortages of oil, food, water, natural resources, etc., to name but a few.

Although both cannot be solved over-night, we must have appropriate mechanism to understand their causes and prepare our youngsters to cope with them.

I would then cordially invite and suggest the followings;

**I. Invitation to join in our following projects:**

- (a) **"Globally Collaborative Environmental Peace Gaming (GCEPG)"**  
<http://tinyurl.com/k2c7a>
- (b) The following is the initiation project of the above;  
**“Quantitative Policy Analysis of Global Socio-Economic-Energy-Environment Development (GSEED) Project”**  
<http://tinyurl.com/337nm>

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## **II. Creation of the Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR):**

The CCR at your Earth Institute is to be the global center of similar ones in various countries for conducting the following two-tier system as utilizing our GCEPG/GSEED project approach:

- (a) One for training young would-be decision makers in crisis management, conflict resolution, and negotiation techniques basing on "facts and figures" and
- (b) The other for helping decision makers constructing a globally distributed decision-support system for positive sum/win-win alternatives to conflict and war.

Your Earth Institute would then be most appropriate to be the global leader for capacity building of youngsters for them to cope with the foreseeable world crisis in years to come, as fulfilling the educational mission of your institute at Columbia University.

Further references are the followings;

- (a) "Synopsis of Globally Collaborative Environmental Peace Gaming (GCEPG)," (September 22, 2007)  
<http://tinyurl.com/5wezrx>
- (b) List of Memorandum of Understanding
  - (i) Polytechnic University, New York, NY, USA with GLOSAS/USA (May 17, 2007)  
<<http://tinyurl.com/6oljpy>>  
This is for GCEPG/GSEED project.  
NOTE: Polytechnic University is to become Polytechnic Institute of the New York University from this fall.
  - (ii) "Agreement of Cooperation" among University of Tampere, Finland, TOBB Economic and Technology University in Ankara, Turkey and Global University System (November 9, 2007)  
<<http://tinyurl.com/46h3oa>>  
This is for Global University System (GUS) project, which headquarters is at the UNESCO/UNITWIN Networking Program at the University of Tampere, Finland.
- (c) List of partners of GCEPG/GSEED project – see ANNEX I of the Item I-(b) above.

I would be delighted to come to your office to describe the above and discuss the outline of projects to you and/or your staffs.

Very sincerely yours,



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