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Dear member,

First of all, I hope that you and yours are well in this unexpected situation. This obligatory confinement to which we are forced (Covid-19) leads to reflection and thanks to technology we can exchange ideas.

The pandemic has caused a great deal of contemplation about the different world will be, the correction of old mistakes, peace on earth, the importance of an effective health system, fraternal globalization, changes in the system of production and consumption. However, few remember what centuries of experience shows that man makes always the same mistakes.

The malfunction of the food system generates an endemic malfunction of global society and prevents it from growing in an ethical and sustainable way. As you know, **the food system is complex** and involves many people who need to work in difficult harmony between food needs (the human species is heterotrophic and omnivorous) and a society based on exchange and competitiveness, which requires rules of coexistence. All this **generates diverse cultural, political and economic guidelines** that in reality constitute a demonstration of the complexity of the food system.

The **Global Food System model developed by the Triptolemos Foundation with the complicity of all its members has been recognized by UNESCO** in its recent publication "Humanistic futures for learning" (2020), as one of the necessary paths for a millennium that is beginning and that allows a hopeful future for humanity (SDG), bringing us closer to the fulfilment of FAO's Food Security objectives and providing the basic support for structured nutrition in all its complexity, in an ethical and sustainable environment supported by science **where the motor of the system is responsible business activity.**

**We are aware that we have a social responsibility. In difficult situations such as the one we are experiencing, the importance for society of having a solid food system that ensures the availability of food is even more evident. Triptolemos Foundation contributes with its projects and activities.**

Today's reflection, looking to the future, leads us to continue working since our objectives will be even more fundamental. For this reason, **we reaffirm our commitment to stay and grow, with the indispensable help, initiatives and support of your institution.**

Thank you for sharing this reflection.

Best wishes

For the Executive Committee,

The President

José Pío Beltrán