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PRESS RELEASE
Launch of the Green Rights Coalition

PARIS (FR) – Today marks a significant milestone as the Global Pact Coalition transforms into the Green Rights Coalition. Over the years, the Global Pact Coalition has been unwavering in its dedication to advancing a Global Pact for the Environment, an international legally binding treaty recognizing environmental rights and duties. More recently, the groundbreaking developments in the realm of international environmental law, particularly the United Nations General Assembly’s recognition of the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, have led the Coalition to expand its scope of action beyond the draft Pact.

The Green Rights Coalition is dedicated to advancing the recognition of a new generation of fundamental rights linked to environmental protection: our **green rights**. As champions of environmental rights, our mission is to empower citizens around the world with the legal means needed to protect their rights and the well-being of our planet. Through the recognition of environmental rights, our objective is to ensure the full realization of other human rights, including the right to life, health, food, clean air and water, but also to protect the environment and biodiversity.

Operating at the international, regional and national levels, we pledge to:

1. Advocate for the adoption of an international legally binding text enshrining environmental rights and principles, such as a Global Pact for the Environment.
2. Support campaigns for the recognition and protection of environmental rights in regional frameworks, including the European, Inter-American and African human rights systems.
3. Promote the inclusion of environmental rights in national constitutions by actively participating in movements such as the “Green Amendment” in the United States.

We aim to drive research on green rights by educating and raising awareness about the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, as well as all the rights and duties inherent to this right and fundamental principles of environmental law. We are convinced that through the effective implementation and enforcement of our environmental rights, we can strengthen our ability to protect the environment and preserve our planet.

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