In Africa, we say that friendship is feet. Indeed, it is by walking, by going to see other persons that friends are made and kept. This is what brought me here today and this is why, despite my old age, handicaps, constraints and infirmities, I decided to come and join you.

Joseph Ki-Zerbo

We need the world’s perplexity, because it proves our capacity to be filled with wonder, to ask ourselves questions.

Faouzi Skali

Peace is not only a cerebral question, but also a question of the heart, a question of love.

Rifflé Hailé Sélassié

The idea is to attribute to the human question the same energy and multidisciplinary capacities that are directed towards saving the planet.

Patrick Viveret

The power of the human being is to be found in our meeting others and transforming ourselves through speech. I am enriched by the simple fact of my meeting someone else. Being human is belonging to a species that is capable of self-construction. The quality of a given society is measured by the ability of its members to meet others.

Albert Jacquard

In this 21st century, how can we be reasonable faced with the progress in biotechnology? In other words: how to be prudent, how to guard against excess and immoderation, how to take a lot of precautions, to surround ourselves with all the various opinions before taking a position, before deciding on an action?

Axel Kahn

Everything concerns us, everything affects us, if we are responsible citizens.

Stéphane Hessel

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Today’s public has become aware of important issues that it was still ignorant of thirty or forty years ago. At that time, we didn’t realize that we were damaging nature, that colonialism, torture and executions were unacceptable.

Pierre de Locht

Since the dawn of humanity, children and toddlers have been abused. The most intelligent and the most sensitive died. Those who survived were the most cantankerous and kept within them traces of this violence. There exists within all of us this same sadism that was received by generation after generation of our ancestors. It is what we reproduce.

Catherine Dolto

We need to return to the very foundations of democracy: the reappropriation of politics and democracy by the citizens.

Corinne Lepage

There is truly a culture of the agora, here. I was amazed more by the behaviour of the participants than by the content of their speeches. It is this anxiety and, at the same time, this sharing of an experience, a reflection, a sensitivity, that the persons gave and shared with us. For me, this represents a reason for hope.

Christiane Taubira

We live in a society where all too often confrontations result from a misunderstanding of others or an attribution to others of feelings which are not in fact theirs.

Théo Klein

The important question is how to reconcile humanity with itself and with the «universal». The important issue is that of bringing together the citizens of this planet, no matter the civilization to which they belong or the culture to which they refer.

Annick Tébia-Melsan

The only way to resolve the conflicts is to live simply, to consume less, to consume less energy, and to view the Earth as our mother.

Siddhartha

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