



The Future of Civilizations and a Strategy of Civilizational Partnership

Recommendations of the roundtable within the 64th session of the
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The participants of the roundtable within the 64th session of the UN General Assembly “The Future of Civilizations and a Strategy of Civilizational Partnership” arranged by the Pitirim Sorokin — Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute (Russia) and National Science and Technology Holding “Parasat” (Kazakhstan) under support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the UN, Permanent Mission of the Republic Kazakhstan to the UN discussed the summary part of the Global forecast for 2050 “The Future of Civilizations and a Strategy of Civilizational Partnership” elaborated by scientists of Russia and Kazakhstan with the involvement of scientists from other UN member countries, heard the greeting of the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the UN Vitaly Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the UN Byrgan Aitimova, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Sha Zukang, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States Erlan Idrisov, reports of the President of

the Pitirim Sorokin — Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute Yuri Yakovets, Chairman of the Board of National Science and Technology Complex “Parasat” Nuraly Bekturganov, Director of the Institute for Economic Strategies Boris Kuzyk, Chairman of the Council for the Study of Production Forces Alexander Granberg, speech of Professor of the Russian Academy of Public Service under the RF President Anatoly Spitsyn, President of the International Futures Studies Academy Alexander Ageev, Professor of the Beirut University Suheil Farah, Associate Professor of the Dnipropetrovsk University of Economics and Law Dmitry Chistilin, reviewed the book of Nursultan Nazarbaev “The Strategy of a Drastic Renewal of the Global Community and Partnership of Civilizations”, monograph of Boris Kuzyk and Yuri Yakovets “The Prospects for the Establishment of the Integral Civilization” and other academic publications in regard to the subject-matter of the roundtable session and arrived at the following conclusions and recommendations.

1. The depth and scale of crises and transformations in the present-day world in the early 21st century requires, along with short- and medium-term steps proposed by G-20, G-8 and UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, the formulation of a long-term strategy based on partnership of civilizations and states for an efficient response to new challenges threatening the future of humanity.

Such strategy should be based on a long-term scientific forecast disclosing the scenarios of economic, socio-demographic, technological, economic, geopolitical and socio-cultural development of civilizations and states.

The roundtable session participants note that the specialized agencies have worked out long-term global demographic, ecological and food forecasts for 2050 and second the proposals to renew the activities on long-term forecasting and strategic planning within the UN and UNESCO conducted in 1950–1970s and the establishment of the Global Academic Council under the UNESCO for long-term forecasting to coordinate such efforts.

2. The roundtable session participants welcome the initiative of the Russian and Kazakhstan scientists who with the involvement of other scientists from the UN member countries and powered by the administration of Russia and Kazakhstan have worked out the Global Forecast “Future of Civilizations” for 2050, and also recommendations for a long-term strategy of partnership of civilizations, note a high scientific level of the forecast built on the original methodology for integral forecasting, versatility of the coverage of the outlooks for the energy-ecological, socio-demographic, innovative-technological, economic, geopolitical and socio-cultural development of the world, local civilizations and leading countries, practical significance of recommendations for a long-term strategy of partnership of civilizations and enhancement of the UN role.

The session participants recommend the roundtable session organizers placing in the Internet and submitting to the UN members the outputs of the forecast and proceedings of the roundtable session.

3. The roundtable session participants endorse the recommendations for formulating, based on the forecast, a draft long-term strategy for partnership of civilizations by the High Level Group to be discussed at the UN General Assembly ses-

sion in 2011 and World Summit on Sustainable Development “Rio 20” in 2012 and proposals to hold the Global Energy-Ecological Forum for the formulation of a long-term strategy of energy-ecological partnership of civilizations in 2011 with a further presentation at the World Summit “Rio 20” in 2012.

4. Noting the need for long-term efforts to implement the partnership strategies of civilizations targeted at the carrying out of the global and national programs, the roundtable session participants apply to the management of the UN General Assembly with a proposal to proclaim the years 2011–2020 the Decade of Partnership of Civilizations focusing the efforts of the global community on specific lines and results of partnership of civilizations in this or that area in each year.

5. The session participants support the proposals:

- To enhance the UNESCO role in uniting the efforts of scientists in regular formulation, update and extension of long-term global proposals and the UNDP role in coordination of activities to formulate and implement long-term strategies and global programs on the nodal issues of the implementation of the long-term strategy;

- To establish along with the Global Environment Facility, the Global Socio-Cultural Facility under the aegis of UNESCO and the Global Technology Facility under the aegis of UNDP to finance global programs and major projects, and also to support countries and civilizations lack-

ing of adequate own resources to modernize economy, assimilate high and energy efficiency, environmentally clean technologies, training of highly skilled human resources, and also financing the activities on drawing up global forecasts, strategies and programs;

- To work out, based on partnership of civilizations, the global project to construct the Poly Transport Link Eurasia-America with the tunnel via the Bering Strait and recommend to examine the option to implement such project to the countries concerned;

- To expand the study of the theory, history, dialogue and the future of civilizations at the leading Universities of countries under coordination of the Global Innovation Internet-University, based on the textbook drawn up by the Russian scientists, and also to develop civilizational tourism as a mass form of dialogue among civilizations that meets the action plan of the UN resolution dated 09.11.2001 “Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations”.

6. The roundtable session participants favor the proposals of Columbia University and Pitirim Sorokin — Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute to hold in September 2010 within the 65th UN General Assembly session the Global Civilization Forum “Future of Civilizations: Degradation or Revival Based on Partnership” so that to elaborate the scientific foundations for a global partnership strategy of civilizations in preparation for the World Summit “Rio 20”.