

Обращение ста юристов по поводу Всемирного пакта об охране окружающей среды

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10 мая 2018 года Генеральная Ассамблея ООН значительным большинством голосов приняла резолюцию, открывающую путь к переговорам о принятии Всемирного пакта об охране окружающей среды. Этот международный договор объединит в едином тексте основные правовые принципы, которые определяют деятельность государств в защиту экологии. На протяжении более тридцати лет международное юридическое сообщество призывает государства принять подобный документ. Эксперты по правовым вопросам принимали участие во множестве инициатив. В их число входил доклад Брундтланд 1987 года, проект Международного пакта по окружающей среде и развитию 1995 года от МСОП, а также проект, разработанный в 2017 году. В группу экспертов, работавших над последним, входило около сотни юристов из 40 стран Южного и Северного полушария, представляющих все правовые традиции.

Принятие Целей в области устойчивого развития и Парижского соглашения по климату в 2015 году дало новый толчок усилиям по защите и сохранению окружающей среды на глобальном уровне. Эти документы ознаменовали собой значительный прогресс. Однако экологический ущерб не только продолжает наноситься, но и находится на беспрецедентно высоком уровне. 2017 и 2018 годы были отмечены рекордными температурами. Биологическое разнообразие продолжает стремительно сокращаться. Необходимо предпринимать новые шаги. Помимо вопросов климата, назрела необходимость в разработке более всеобъемлющего документа, который определил бы руководящие принципы глобального экологического управления.

С созданием Всемирного пакта об охране окружающей среды международное сообщество впервые получит договор общего характера, охватывающий все аспекты охраны окружающей среды. Краеугольный камень международного экологического права, пакт будет представлять собой umbrella text (всеобъемлющий документ), позволяющий установить связь между различными существующими отраслевыми соглашениями (по климату, биоразнообразию, отходам, загрязнению и т. д.). Не предполагается, что пакт заменит эти документы. Напротив, он направлен на то, чтобы дополнить их и упростить их реализацию. В нем могут быть восполнены пробелы, допущенные в этих документах, или, при отсутствии противоречий, он может применяться в дополнение к этим документам, чтобы повысить их эффективность и силу действия.

Новый договор будет отражать принципы охраны окружающей среды, закрепленные в конституциях большинства стран мира и в некоторых важных, но не имеющих юридической силы международных документах, таких как Всемирная хартия природы 1982 года или Декларация Рио-де-Жанейро по окружающей среде и развитию 1992 года. Пакт принесет пользу всем участникам экологического управления, систематически объединив в качестве базового минимума международные, конституционные и законодательные положения, существующие в различных государствах. Законодательные органы любого государства обнаружат в документе ориентиры для принятия законов, направленных на улучшение охраны окружающей среды. Верховные суды смогут использовать документ в рамках диалога между судьями с целью закрепления основ международного экологического права. Частные лица и НПО отметят укрепление своих прав в области охраны окружающей среды. Предприятия также смогут извлечь пользу из гармонизации правил на международном уровне, что будет способствовать укреплению правовой безопасности и развитию справедливых условий конкуренции.

Сегодня, в контексте семидесятилетия принятия Всеобщей декларации прав человека 1948 года и пятидесятилетия двух международных пактов 1966 года (один — о гражданских и политических правах, а второй — об экономических, социальных и культурных правах), настало время начать новый этап в истории международного права. Вот почему мы призываем поддержать принятие третьего пакта, посвященного новому поколению основополагающих принципов: правам и обязанностям, связанным с охраной окружающей среды.

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