

Supporting statement for an Advisory Opinion about ‘A Fair Earth Share is a Human Right’:

“Everyone’s right to life is to be protected, as enshrined in both global and regional human rights law (such as the European Convention on Human Rights). The right to life translates into a human right of access to the Earth’s natural resources and environmental qualities for all. Given the limits inherent in the Earth systems to sustainably and safely provide those resources to current as well as future generations, it is crucial to consider how a human right to a fair Earth share could be translated in quantitative terms and recorded in internationally agreed human rights language. We applaud this initiative to call upon the UN General Assembly to request the International Court of Justice an Advisory Opinion on the international law dimension of this matter.”

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