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The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism Jagatguru Mahasannidhanam His Divine Holiness Bhagavan Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam Head of KAILASA Nation

Your Divine Holiness,

It is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism ("SPH"), Jagatguru Mahasannidhanam ("JGM"), His Divine Holiness ("HDH") Bhagavan Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam, recognized as the 1008<sup>th</sup> living incarnation of Paramashiva as per Hinduism by His predecessors of enlightened masters and adepts, for His 41<sup>st</sup> Chaturmasya.

Since the young age of 16, The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam has been single handedly and tirelessly reviving KAILASA worldwide, inspiring the dispossessed Hindu Diaspora to reclaim their Hindu centric freedom and stand unified for the centuries old Hindu genocide—despite enduring and surviving more than two decades of relentless social, political, intellectual, religious, cultural, linguistic, economic, legal and digital persecution. I congratulate The SPH for the recent acknowledgement by the United Nations of the persecution of The SPH and the KAILASA global community, especially the affected women and children.

I had the spiritually and morally uplifting opportunity to experience first-hand the skill and success of The SPH in instilling principles of nonviolent peacebuilding and Vedic feminism in followers as well as in spreading awareness to others. I was invited on behalf of KAILASA Nation to serve as a panelist for the UN International Day of Peace broadcast on 21 September 2021. Prior to this invitation, I had not heard of KAILASA Nation; after the event, I was deeply impressed with the work of KAILASA and The SPH; I felt strongly aligned with the mission; and I am inspired to seek future opportunities for cooperative work. I was particularly impressed with the extraordinarily gracious and respectful interactions before and during the panel with KAILASA UN Mission delegates. Of all the panels I have spoken on in more than 35 years in education, I have never had such clear communication nor such gracious treatment. They embody the principles of respect and holiness, as did the other KAILASA speakers during the event, and in their remarks and responses they showed how deeply they had absorbed The SPH's principles of nonviolence and reverence for all beings. Two weeks after the event, I am still filled with joy at the memory.

I congratulate The SPH for creating a system of education which successfully instills the highest spiritual, social, and ethical principles in those who are educated in this system—as was beautifully displayed during the panel and in every interaction I have had with KAILASA delegates. In a time of society ravaged by a pandemic and other social ills, the beauty of their

spirit and The SPH's leadership have given me hope and brought a fresh sense of the beauty of existence into my life.

I look forward to cultivating this strong and lasting relationship for many years to come. I am grateful to the KAILASA UN Mission delegates for the invitation they have extended for to participate in the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

In the current world crisis and ongoing unprecedented pandemic, I am thankful to KAILASA Nation for opening its doors to protect those most in need and for its life positive, all inclusive, universal policies sourced from Hinduism, revived by The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam. I congratulate KAILASA and The SPH for having enriched more than one billion individuals over the past 27 years across the globe, including in Walla Walla, Washington state, U.S.A.. I feel ecstatic to have personally joined those one billion individuals in being enriched and, I believe, moving toward a higher level of enlightenment.

I thank you for finding room to embrace me and my devotion to human rights education and practice underneath the comforting umbrella of the KAILASA Nation. I commend The SPH and KAILASA Nation for its work on these causes, which dovetail with my own devotion to human rights practice, and which enhance both individual inner peace and social, environmental, and global peace.

Very Respectfully,

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