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Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

You may know that the American Humanist Association has a non-governmental organization (NGO) status with the United Nations. Our representatives were invited to the United States Mission recently to suggest subject matter for president Clinton's speech to the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday June 26th. What an opportunity! What would *you* like to have our President say? Give him a call at 202-456-1111.



The week of June 23rd to 27th, Monday to Friday, we Humanists have a great opportunity to observe/participate in the *Earth Summit II* which is bringing together the Heads of Nations from around the World to discuss the complicated problems of *Sustainable Development*. This conference is billed as the *Rio-plus-Five U.N. Special Session* for the purpose of evaluating the progress and commitment (or lack of same) five years after the original *Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992*. A few admission tickets to the General Assembly will be available to members of the A.H.A. each day.

Meanwhile, outside the U.N., the A.H.A. will share a booth with the International Humanist and Ethical Union (and several other related organizations) at the NGO's *Global Gathering Exhibition* in the U.N. Park adjacent to the main building. We will have Humanist information and literature as well as videos available from 9am to 9pm all week. You are welcome to visit or to be a host at *any* time on *any* day. Please let us know if you are interested. Call (914) 588-5284.

Another need is for interpreters and translators. If you speak Spanish, French, Portuguese, (or actually any other language), and would like to participate, please contact Esmeralda Brown by fax at (212) 682-5354. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Monday June 23rd at 6pm Humanists will gather at the Sichuan Palace Restaurant 310 East 44th Street, between First and Second Avenues to hear Prof. Peter Jenkins, Dean of Engineering at University of Colorado speak on Sustainable Development. He is a world wide authority on alternative power sources such as solar and wind power and is a developer of Ethanol, an alternative fuel.

WHAT:	Humanist Dialogue Dinner. Please return reservation envelope.
WHERE:	Sichuan Palace Restaurant, 310 East 44th Street between First & Second Avenues.
WHEN:	Monday, June 23rd at 6pm. Dinner \$17.50 (or 7:30pm only \$5.00)
WHO:	Dr. Peter Jenkins, Dean of Engineering, University of Colorado.

Suggestions about future activities, speakers, or meeting times and places, are needed. Please help?

Best Wishes, Beth K. Lamont, Program Coordinator.