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**Oral Remarks by Hans Günter Brauch
at the Launch of this Book**

**Facing Global Environmental Change:
Environmental, Human, Energy, Food, Health and
Water Security Concepts**

- This is the second of three volumes of a global mapping of the reconceptualization of security
- The third volume on Coping with Global Environmental Change is now also completed
- 270 peer reviewed chapters written by more than 100 people from about 100 countries
- Team: 11 co-editors from 10 countries
- All worked for free: editors and authors
- Only my salary was paid by a private German Foundation of a grandson of Robert Bosch; prof. Zundel a Chemist, entrepreneur, philanthropist and peace activist

- No bureaucracy, no big staff, no assistants
- Authors like Dr. Zarina Othman who came to our conference, and spent much time and energy to respond to the reviewers comments from many disciplines and regions
- The personal benefit for me if I may say was that I met Ursula the second coeditor and that she became gradually more, partners with very different approaches, assessments and opinions but this contributes to progress, constant intellectual challenge
- The **first step** is to get these books into print and
- The **second** is to get them to the readers globally **many who cannot afford such books**
- **Last week the first step was completed:**
 - o The third volume with some 1800 pages is done and the index is being done now
- **And the second step was launched: with a Book aid project funded by a grant by the German Federal Ministry of Science and Education**
 - o 150 volumes: valued some 40.000 Euros
 - o Will go this week to 110 libraries in 69 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America
 - o 4 will go to Malaysia and two of them to UKM
 - To thank UKM for your local hospitality to build scientific partnership and personal friendship
 - The third will go to the National Library of Malaysia
 - And the fourth to USM in Penang.

- A third step is to make these texts available in many other languages so that students can read them easily and also afford them to buy.
- So far we have three translation of selected parts
 - o In Turkish: our author from Ankara now Rector or VC in Istanbul
 - o In Spanish: 20 US Dollars (free of charge)
 - o In Greek: 2 special issues of journal Agora (the first is in press now)
- Thus also an edition in your language Beharsa (Malaysia) is possible
- The project is based on partnership and trust not on greed and profit making.
- Springer has granted in each case the copyright free of charge and in each case (besides us, Ursula and me and other coeditors) the other coeditors who oversee the translation and production or the next coeditors.
- We are not interested in money but in the distribution of knowledge and to make it accessible as widely as possible for the students to bring the messages to the teaching at universities and later at the schools as well.
- I am not nor have I ever been or will be an employee of Springer, the second largest scientific publisher in the world,
- I am willing to consider proposals for the Hexagon Series on Human, Environmental Security and peace from all parts of the world based on two conditions:
 - o They must be of high quality;

- Through an international peer review process:
- The results are available in three forms:
 - In heavy and quite expensive hard cover;
 - As electronic books for those libraries who subscribe to Springer Link;
 - As pdfs with a DOI No. as peer-reviewed German articles.
- Also I chose the wrong airline to get to Singapore that only allows for people the double baggage weight and as our books are so heavy I could only carry one copy as a gift to Malaysia and this copy I would like to hand over to the VC for a UKM library of his choice.