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The report includes guidelines for providing suggestions and guidance to those who wish to organize and conduct similar initiatives ("Circle Dialogues") in areas affected by environmental damage suffered by citizens (the so-called eco-victims).

These are "Restorative Democracy Circles," structured meetings based on dialogue and participatory discussion, in which all those involved in a conflict or situation of suffering have the opportunity to express themselves and co-construct solutions in a safe, respectful, and democratic environment.

It is recommended to proceed with the following steps when organizing the "Circle Dialogues" process:

1) Preparation and inclusion.
2) Listening and gathering experiences.
3) Deliberation and co-construction of solutions.
4) Implementation and monitoring.