

**On March 3rd 1996, the elected delegates
to the PEOPLES' CONGRESS
launch an APPEAL :**

On March 3rd 1966, thirteen World Citizens of world renown launched an Appeal to promote world citizenship.

Since then, thousands of men and women conscious of their responsibility towards the world community and future generations, determined to be recognized as members of this community, have asked to be registered as World Citizens and have contributed, in nine transnational votes, to the election of eighteen delegates to the Peoples' Congress, the forerunner of a World Parliament.

Today,

while the interdependence of the peoples of the world is recognized,
while the transnational nature of the challenges and dangers that threaten humankind is well known,
while U N O authorities, lacking coercion powers, remain powerless to solve the numerous conflicts, many of which are ethnical,
while national sovereignty is not a taboo any more,

when we launch the tenth election to the Peoples' Congress.

We denounce the continuous race of Nation-States towards a leadership which hurts the populations,

We accuse the States of allowing a type of "mundialization" without regulation that is just a rat race, to advocate, under the pretext of being liberal, competitiveness without control, with the result that poverty leading to exclusion from society is developing among many in the so-called developed societies and for the majority in developing countries.

We ask that the moves of the various major World Conferences organized about population, environment, development, women ... to be taken into account, for they gave evidence of world public opinion, and we ask that the declarations of good will they showed not to remain unheeded.

We exhort Nations-States to transfer a part of their sovereignty to the benefit of supranational world institutions, democratically elected, which endowed with limited but real powers, could work to support the solidarity between the peoples of the world and establish laws common to all.

CITIZENS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

YOU, the true possessors of the people's sovereignty

it behoves you to make your ardent wish towards a united world known

by DECLARING YOURSELF A WORLD CITIZEN

3th march 1966

**DECLARATION OF
13 WORLD CITIZENS
of world wide reputation**

In the absence of supernational law, nations are obliged to resort to force to defend their interest. The consequence : war, voluntary or accidental ; and war, since the splitting of the atom and the development of bacteriological weapons becomes the absurd "final solution" the genocide of the human race.

Without world institutions able to assure the fundamental needs common to all, man is helpless. Two thirds of humanity suffer from hunger while immense riches are wasted.

*At the same time, scientific and technical progress make it possible to organize a **world community** of peace and abundance where fundamental liberties would be guaranteed to individuals, peoples and nations.*

Why this contradiction ? Because governments, blinded by their duty to put national interest above everything, far from accepting the necessary changes, sometimes even hinder the work of the international institutions created to defend universal peace and to serve mankind.

Only the people of the world, every one of us, can save the situation.

*The first simple but effective step we ask you to take is to **REGISTER AS A WORLD CITIZEN**, as we have done.*

If enough of you answer our plea, we will take the second step together. We will organize on a transnational basis the election of delegates whose duty will be to defend the individual, to voice the needs of the people of the world and, finally, to devise the laws for a peaceful and civilized world".

*If you wish to receive your World Citizen card, please send the form below,
duly completed and signed, together with the equivalent sum of 15 € (by notes)*

to :

Registry of World Citizens. President : Daniel Durand, Ls Nids, FR 49190 St-AUBIN DE LUIGNE (France)

(by international postal order : 20 € : CCP PARIS 2848 94 Y)

or to one of the 39 registration centres : <http://www.recim.org>

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I hereby apply to be registered as a World citizen. As such it is my intention to recognize my responsibilities as a member of the world community and to add this highest degree of citizenship to my present nationality"

SURNAME :MAIDEN NAME :

FIRST NAMES :OCCUPATION :

Date of birth :Place of birth :

Home address.....

Postal address (P.O.Box).....

Postcode, town/place, country

Date

Signature :

(If possible, send a **photograph** to be attached to your card).

Please underline which you wish to receive : Dutch, English, Esperanto, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish.

To world issues, world solutions !

Germens of violence generated by the fact that the majority of people live in extreme poverty while a few of them live in abundance ;
atmospheric and water pollution,
the monopolizing and wasting of fossil energy resources
and rare raw materials, the demographic explosion,
monetary disorder, the armament race
are all planetary problems which go beyond States competency .

It is time to become aware of our world citizenship

Declare ourselves

WORLD CITIZENS !

**Every one of us must from now on feel solidarity with
Humanity**

All the world governments will listen to our voice only if we
become every day more and more determined.

In 1966, **13 Citizens of the world** of worldwide reputation launched an appeal for world citizens registration and the election of delegates in charge of defending the human cause, to express people's claims and finally design the law for a peaceful and civilized world.

Through out the world, thousands of people answered this call and 10 transnational elections saw nearly 100.000 people invited to vote for the People's Congress.

In 1996, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of this appeal, the delegates elected at the people's Congress have urged citizens of all the countries to declare themselves "Citizens of the World".

The World Citizen Registry is a non governmental organization located in Paris, 66 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75013 à Paris

Like all the documents given out by an NGO, the World Citizen card is not accepted by the National States and can never replace official documents like the national ID card, the passport, the work permit and the green card or others.

The World Citizen card is symbolic of our natural belonging to the world community and of our hope one day to see humanity's common problems solved by justice and laws born of world democracy. Owning the card, showing it to friends and relations means that you declare that the world has not ended its construction, that it has not yet been unified and that human rights cannot yet be warranted;

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