

# We are all WORLD CITIZENS



*Troughout the world, more and more men and women, and among them some eminent people, declare nowadays that they are World Citizens. They all earnestly desire to safeguard threatened life, and feel the necessity of organizing a peaceful world which will respect the individuals, the Peoples and the balance of Nature.*

## **THE DANGERS WHICH THREATEN HUMANKIND**

The **multiple world imbalances** have become more visible since the end of the notorious "balance of terror".

The **spreading of weapons of mass destruction** (atomic, biological and chemical) increases everyday the risk of a fatal error, of an accident or an act of madness.

The **poverty** suffered by the majority, and the disgrace of so many starving while minorities enjoy affluence; the **pollutions**, the **waste** of non-renewable resources; **demographic explosion** and the multiplication of acts of **violence**, of **wars**, and of collapse of communities...

...Here are the real problems of today, which lie beyond the competence of "sovereign" States, so that they have to be solved at the planetary level.

## **THE ILLUSION OF TREATIES BETWEEN NATIONS : U.N.**

Why has this institution, wich gave rise to such great hopes, proved itself to be incapable of resolving the vast majority of international problems ? Why, in particular, has it been powerless to prevent war ? The reason is that at the U.N. forum the representatives of governments each defend the interests of their own country, and no-one defends the interests of humanity.

Under these conditions its decisions remain unheeded : each nation allows itself to disregard them in the name of its absolute sovereignty.

**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 supranationalo 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**

## **THE NECESSITY TO DELEGATE PART OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

The role of defending the interests of their nation, which is that of governments, disqualifies them from solving the problems which involve the interests of the whole of humanity.

Before it is too late, partial delegation of national sovereignty in favour of world institution should be accepted by all countries. Already the circumstances resulting from the common exploitation of planetary space have led to some de facto delegation of power in particular for the benefit of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization.

## **WHICH WORLD INSTITUTIONS ?**

While we are waiting for a federal democratic world organization to be developed, we need institutions which

- substitute world law and arbitration for the balance of power in dealings between nations ;
- have real and well-defined powers in order to be able to execute their decisions ;
- are controlled by representatives of peoples who are democratically elected in transnational elections, independent of their national adherence.

## **DOES THIS MEAN OPENING THE WAY TO A TOTALITARIAN WORLD GOVERNMENT ?**

Is there not a risk of a central power being formed which would tend to crush peoples into a single mould and suffocate them under the weight of its bureaucracy and laws ? World Citizens do not desire such a form of government : the role of a federal world power will not be to impose a common policy on all nations, but solely to arbitrate in conflicts between national interests and those of humanity, in such a way that each people will be free to choose its type of society, on the basis of the respect of human dignity, freedom and democracy.

## **ARE THESE UTOPIAN VIEWS ?**

All of humanity's great conquests have passed through the stage of creative utopia : this was the case with the mastering of air and interplanetary space, telecommunications, the automatization of production and genetics. Leonardo da Vinci, Jules Verne and Aldous Huxley were utopians whose visions have, for the most

part, been realized.

The outline of World Institution is already sketched out. In this case the realization is not a matter of technological progress, but depends on the common will of a sufficient number of inhabitants of this planet. The last chance for Man is that these visions are realized before Mankind is destroyed.

***"What is utopian is not to be mundialist. "** (Recteur Robert Mallet)*

## **A COMMON OBJECTIVE DISTINCT FROM THE POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL CONVICTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS .**

Not all World Citizens share the same political or philosophical convictions, nor the same ideas about the best way to establish World Institutions. They have in common the respect for the ideas of others and a feeling of solidarity which links them to all human beings. World Citizen's registration is the fundamental act by which the individual recognizes that the time has come to organize the world on a planetary scale, and undertakes to work for the creation of these new relations between peoples.

## **ASSUME YOUR RESPONSABILITIES .**

**Mundialist arguments do not leave you indifferent. In fact, you would rather support mundialism. But you think : "Is it worth while ? What can I do at my level to change the course of events ?". You question your friends and find a lot of people who think the same way. All over the world there are mundialists at heart, who are paralysed in their action by their fatalism and the feeling of their powerlessness to force destiny. This is where they are wrong. Once they have registered as WORLD CITIZENS, they will come out of their loneliness and will become conscious of the force they represent ; of the weight their votes could have on the elected people and those who govern. They will have the means to communicate with they belong to. They will be informed of every step taken towards their goal, of every important rally, of every opportunity to participate in common mundialist action. This is why you should assume your responsibilities : AS FROM TO-DAY, towards your family, your fellow-human beings and towards posterity, by applying for your WORLD CITIZENS' CARD.**

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**MUNDIALISM** is all the ideas and actions expressing the solidarity of populations of the globe and aiming to establish institutions and supranational laws of a federative structure common to them, while respecting the diversity of cultures and peoples.

**MUNDIALISM** is also a scientific approach to social and inter-individual phenomena as seen from the world point of view.

**MUNDIALISM** is striving to propose a new political organization of humanity involving the transfer of certain parts of national sovereignty to a World Federal Authority capable of solving, by majority decisions, the problems which call into question the future of the human race, such as : hunger, war, pollution, over-population and energy.

*The requirements of **MUNDIALISM** will not be satisfied with the obligations of international treaties or agreements that lack the force of law.*

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## WORLD CITIZENS' PACT

As future World Citizens,

Faced with the preparations for destruction which are being organized before our eyes, and with the confessed helplessness of the nation-states, of the blocs, of the United Nations, in order to defend our lives,

We declare every man, every village, every city, and the human race itself in danger.

We declare that the whole of humankind has a right to defend itself against any sovereign state, any ideology, or any propaganda which claims to justify war.

We declare the world community in danger.

Before it is too late :

We want a common system of law and a FEDERAL WORLD POWER able to enforce it.

We ask that we, the people of the world, the only true sovereign in the crisis, be democratically consulted, and that we organize for ourselves elections to a PEOPLE'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, and at the same time, the FIRST WORLD TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS to guarantee our food, our security, and our service of public information.

To the first representatives elected to the Peoples' Assembly, we assign the imperative task of mediating between the two world blocs a thirty-year truce, which will permit all people to recover their strength and to develop mechanical production to the maximum for peaceful purposes.

Convinced that the time has come for every man to give his active service to humankind :

We call on the most outstanding representatives of science and learning, to accept their responsibility in order that all may cease to live in fear.

We call all people to new and heroic acts, acts of refusal, courage, and hope, on which our common future now depends.

We call on all people everywhere to mobilize for peace, so as not to be mobilized to morrow by their Governments for war.

We intend to count our forces, ignoring frontiers, by accepting a card common to all citizens of the world.

We shall remain watchful and active until the people of the world assemble to give the world a Constitution.

Convinced that governments will not hear our voice unless, we are tens of millions strong, and that there can be no world community unless a new confidence is born between every person and their neighbour :

in place of Pacts between Governments, we offer this Pact between People !

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".

The signatories :

**Lord BOYD ORR** (Great Britain), First Director of F.A.O. (1945-1948), Nobel Prize for Peace 1949. **Josué de CASTRO** (Brazil), Ex. President of Council of F.A.O. founder-President of the International Development Center. **Danilo DOLCI** (Italy), Sociologist - Lenine Prize. **Shinzo HAMAI** (Japan), Mayor of Hiroshima. **Prof. J.-L. HROMADKA** (Czecho-Slovakia), Professor of Theology, President of the "Christian Peace Conference". **Prof. Alfred KASTLER** (France), Nobel Prize for Physics (1966). Member of the Institute. **Mrs Rajan NEHRU** (India). **Prof. Linus PAULING** (U.S.A.) Nobel Prize for Chemistry 1954. Nobel Prize for Peace 1962. **Abbé PIERRE** (France), Founder of the "Communautés d'Emmaüs". **Jean ROSTAND** (France), biologist and writer. Member of the Institute. **Lord Bertrand RUSSEL** (Great Britain), Philosopher, Mathematician, Nobel Prize for Literature 1949. **Prof. Ivan SUPEK** (Yugoslavia), Professor of Philosophy and Science, Member of the Academy of Science and Arts, President of the Yugoslav Pugwash Movement. **Prof. Hans THIRRING** (Austria), professor of Physics at the University of Vienna, Member of the Austrian Academy of Science.

The World Citizen Card has a symbolical value personal and also demonstrating the beholder's aspiration towards a democratically organized world.

The card does not replace the official documents required by the states (national ID cards, passports, visas, green cards, working permits etc... )

The **REGISTRY of World Citizens** was founded on 1 January 1949. It controls all countries issuing identity cards of World Citizens. It publishes a newsletter in 4 languages: RECIM-info

? **World Citizens, 66 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75013 Paris.** ' 0145 86 03 58.

- REGISTRATION CENTRES and the Correspondents and Registry, established more than 50 countries, share the globalist theses and issue cards Citizen of the World. Some Registration Centers publish their own newsletter  
? [www.recim.org/cdm/adres.htm](http://www.recim.org/cdm/adres.htm).
- Since 1949, nearly 1,000 municipalities in 17 countries have symbolically declared "world Territories" or "World Citizen Territories", thus the awareness of their inhabitants, the spread of world democracy worldwide  
? [www.recim.org/dem/tcm-an.htm](http://www.recim.org/dem/tcm-an.htm)

## Emergence of global democracy

At a meeting held in Brussels in 1963 between the representatives of 43 organizations working for global democracy, it was decided to create progressive **People's Congress**. Due to its nature, the Registry of World Citizens has been designated as the organizer of the necessary elections.

**The People's Congress** is a step towards the creation of a World Assembly can establish and control the World Institutions indispensable to the survival of humanity and the preservation of the biosphere. The People's Congress consists of:

Ä **a body of 45 delegates** elected by an electorate distributed in more than 120 countries, by transnational elections

? [www.recim.org/kdp/peoples-congress.htm](http://www.recim.org/kdp/peoples-congress.htm)

Ä **a Consultative Assembly**, composed of member associations and individuals. The Consultative Assembly is a body of participatory democracy in relation to issues of global concern.

? ASCOP "Les Nids" 49190 ST-AUBIN DE Luigné (France). [www.recim.org/ascop/ascop-an.htm](http://www.recim.org/ascop/ascop-an.htm)

The **PEOPLE'S CONGRESS** created, among others:

Ä The **Institute for Mundialist Studies (IEM)** (1977), organization for research and culture oriented global perspective.

? IEM AIGS, rue Vert Vinâve 60, 4041 VOTTEM BE (Belgium) [www.recim.org/stud/iem-fr.htm](http://www.recim.org/stud/iem-fr.htm)

Ä The **Mundialist Agency of Information and Press (AMIP)** (1980). ? [www.recim.org/amip/amip-an.htm](http://www.recim.org/amip/amip-an.htm)

Ä **World Community against Hunger (SMF)** (1982), the forerunner of a World Solidarity Institution in the form of a mutual transnational present in 32 countries.

? SMF, 1 ruelle Haute, FR 21120 GEMEAUX (France). [www.globidar.org](http://www.globidar.org)

Ä **Registration Legal Service** (2006) intended to legalize the status, obligations and contracts transnational organizations wishing to be placed in the perspective of a civil law world.

? [www.recim.org/civil/index.htm](http://www.recim.org/civil/index.htm)

