



# WHY WORLD CITIZENS ?

## **WHY THE « PEOPLES' CONGRESS »? WHY DIRECT NOMINATION OF DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLES TO A « WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY » FOR PEACE AND WORLD ORDER ?**

*Thousands of men and women, among high ranking representatives of the arts, literature, religion and sciences have already declared themselves " World Citizens" in a common effort to organize peace and security through democratic world institutions .*

*Following the examples of the cities of Hiroshima, Cahors, Figeac, Nîmes, and hundreds of other counties in Japan as well as the French Departments of Gard and Lot that were "mundialized" around 1950, new communities are symbolically declaring themselves "world territory."*

*These are no longer dreams but facts that rise spontaneously or result from common efforts anywhere in the world.*

*The following questions and answers will help you to understand the meaning of the work which has been undertaken all over the world..*

### **1. WHAT SHOULD BE TO DAY EVERY MAN'S MAIN CONCERN ?**

Our main concern should be to create new ideas and institutions that could effectively stop all the threats accumulating in this early beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For the first time in history man has the power to destroy his own species. Neither the 'balance of terror' nor the policy of relaxation between the world nuclear powers

represent peace. Both are unstable and could crumble under the pressure of regional wars. The proliferation and spreading of nuclear weapons raise the risk of a fatal error or an unpredictable act of madness destroying us all. No other question can be examined validly before we answer this one

**IF A GLOBAL WAR BREAKS OUT, IT WILL NECESSARILY BE NUCLEAR. AND NOTHING THAT YOU DO WITH COURAGE AND HONESTY TO DAY, WILL STILL HAVE A MEANING.**

### **2. ARE THEY DANGERS THREATENING HUMAN KIND?**

. Malnutrition of two-thirds of the world's inhabitants that the wealthiest countries have been unable to address is unacceptable to day and represents at the end a potential threat of war. Pollution of water and the atmosphere, waste of natural and energetic fossil resources, , monetary

disorders, overpopulation and poverty of many among the abundance reserved for to the privileged represent germs of violence that are very urgent to stop .

**IN OUR TIME , THE DANGERS THREATENING HUMAN KIND ARE GROWING AND ARE TAKING A PLANETARY DIMENSION.**

### **3 Can governments solve this problems ?**

No. It became absolutely impossible. To address problems , all the world's nations to day, depend on each other. No individual person , no nation can hope not to be involved if a general conflict starts , and to be able to fight by himself the aggressions inflicted to the earth population .In spite of the endless alibi-conferences, countless trips of states men ,agreement attempts and the trials of continental alliances ,the risks remain.

National or multinational institutions in charge of peace and security will always fail. It is necessary that nations or groups of nations comply with a world democratic authority

IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE AND SOLVE SURVIVAL WORLD PROBLEMS, GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS. ARE COMPULSORILY NEEDED

### **4. IS THERE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORT THE IDEA OF WORLD CITIZENSHIP?**

Yes! This evidence exists.

First, the world has become a much smaller place. Traveling from Paris to New York or Moscow does not take any longer than it did to travel from Paris to Orleans, only half a century ago.

Then under the pressure of the new production technologies ,the inhabitants of the whole world realize better and better the solidarity that unite them inside our world space; the French farmers work with tractors made in Germany or America . People in India and China need the wheat from Ukraine and Manitoba.Germany and the UK depend on French or Dutch agriculture

Third, we all face one same threat—a global war that will destroy our assets and take away our freedom and at the end our lives.

The people of the world have the same fear and hope about the use of nuclear energy or the conquest of space depending on how they see it : as a frightful mean of destruction or as the promises of an improvement in the quality of life.

KNOWING IT OR STILL IGNORING IT, ALL OF US ARE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

### **5. WHAT ARE THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS PRECEEDING REMARKS ?**

It is extremely important that every person and nation learn to see the differences between personal interests, which may conflict with those of others in the political or ideological field and the common good for the human race whose protection is our duty. The latter by far must supersede the former. Indeed, the special needs of disputes between

nations or ideologies loose their signification if a minimum of food, information and security is not provided to everyone. Every conflict missing this warranty whatever the motifs and ending are is necessarily going to be absurd .Only those who already are able to make the distinction can rightfully claim to be World Citizens.

WE MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN OUR COMMON INTERESTS FOR SURVIVAL AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF NATION-STATES AND SOCIAL CLASSES.

### **6. WHAT IS THE MAIN GOAL OF WORLD CITIZENS?**

It is the organization of worldwide free and democratic elections for the designation of delegates to a “Constituent Assembly of the People” This elections shall be democratic on the basis of strict equality between the electors represented proportionally to the number of inhabitants

(For example: 1 Delegate for 1 million people )  
Once elected, the Constituent Assembly of Peoples shall be tasked to clearly define the concept of ‘World Citizenship’ and accordingly create world institutions through which all citizens can be guaranteed freedom and security. This means we

cannot tell as yet what these institutions will be like. That will be for the Assembly alone to decide.

IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WORLD LAWS, ELECTIONS FOR A "WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY." ARE NEEDED

### **7. COULD THE "WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY" CONVENE VERY SOON ?**

No. Because the Constituent Assembly of Peoples remains a very distant goal for the moment, as has been proved over our many years of struggle to create it. That is why World Citizens have settled for a first project called the Peoples' Congress, one that was a lot more within our reach.

The first Delegates to the Peoples' Congress, who were democratically elected by registered World Citizens, will invite other organizations and communities calling for a Constituent Assembly of

Peoples, as well as all those working to create supranational global institutions and, finally those working for world peace, unity and friendship between men and at the election of representatives to the Peoples Congress..

When this process is completed, the Congress will have become more representative of the people of the world. It will then be replaced by the Constituent Assembly of Peoples.

THE PEOPLES' CONGRESS IS THE FIRST REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION.

### **8. DOES IT MEAN THAT ALL WORLD CITIZENS SHOULD SHARE A COMMON VISION OF TO MORROW'S WORLD ?**

Absolutely not. It would become an undesirable uniformity . Each of us has his or her own reasons to wish the creation of world laws. What unites World Citizens is the achievements of their common goals

Nobody will never be asked to give up ,even temporarily, his or her own beliefs but respect those of others The differences between political and survival interests allow us to understand that humans can unite to demand election to a People's Constituent Assembly where everybody is free to

send representatives according to his own choice ... Thus in a company the workers might want to elect their trade union delegates, however they can belong to a political party ,a religion or have different beliefs Confirming the registration with the world Citizens Registry ,first step to a world registration is a base of agreement sufficient for a common action

AS A WORLD CITIZEN, YOU CAN AND YOU MUST KEEP YOUR OWN BELIEFS AND OPINIONS.

### **9. WHAT ARE THE MEANS OF ACTION AVAILABLE TO WORLD CITIZENS ?**

Everyone who understands his responsibilities to the world community must find out what the most effective means of action are, taking in account his possibilities ,where he lives and the circumstances It is important to remember our end-goal: the creation of world supra-national institutions.

However it is obvious that this goal cannot be reached without wide information allowing more people to access world awareness

It will become necessary that the more advanced meet and elaborate together techniques of action developed progressively.. 'Mundialisation' of communities is one of this techniques , as was the creation of the Peoples' Congress and the registration of World Citizens

It is necessary to discover new ideas if needed

WHEN YOU BECOME A WORLD CITIZEN, YOU DO NOT JOIN A "MOVEMENT" YOU ARE IN ITS DIVERSITY , THE FIRST EMBRYO OF THE PEOPLE'S WORLD COMMUNITY

## 10. ARE THIS IDEAS NOT UTOPIAN?

It depends on our individual actions, not to perceive it as utopian . We can also point out that in to day's world everything that can be tried to avoid war and famine should be attempted even if the chances of success are minimal and far away..

We must also add that this ideas are the expression of the people's deep concern in all the countries of the world and the appeals of insightful people whose voices are heard everywhere in the world in increasing numbers.

Like for example the declaration of the 13 most important men in the world promoting world citizenship that was published in the press

Most people feel it but don't know how to express it. Other people, including high-profile individuals,

have indeed said it aloud. ; if so many people share that desire to express themthelves it cannot be an utopia .

We have to require from the to day's governments to give up part of their sovereignty needed for the organization of world peace and security .

IT IS EACH OF US WHO MAKES PEACE IMPOSSIBLE, IF WE REMAIN PASSIF, FATALIST AND ACCOMPLICE .

## 11. COULD WE EXPECT THE SAME RESULTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ACTION?

No because the UN represent world governments which by definition are dealing with their own interests rather than with the world interests. It is

with the UN support that the world is divided in groups that think only to paralyze each other and built its own powerlessness .

NEITHER THE UNITED NATIONS NOR THE WORLD'S SOVEREIGN STATES CAN POSSIBLY REPLACE THE POWER OF CITIZENS AND PEOPLES IN ACTION.

## 12 .WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO BECOME A WORLD CITIZEN?

First recognize that, as a human being, you are responsible to the entire world community and then register at the closest Registry Center to prove that you are committed.

Try to participate as much as you can to trigger **world** awareness everywhere it is possible according to your own possibilities and help world election preparation

WE SEND YOU A CALL...DECIDE TO TALK, ACT , THINK AND FEEL LIKE A WORLD CITIZEN

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