



# The WorldVoter

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## Vote World Parliament

— democratic world parliament through a global referendum —

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Vote World Parliament co-presidents are Ted Stalets and Bob French

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### **THE SCORE**

As of July 16, 2010, 21,366 people have voted. So far, the votes are 95.5% in favor of creating a democratic world parliament.

### **Quotes of the month**

**They elected a priest. And I hope no one is offended if I say that love is what is most needed in this world. And that selfishness is what has gotten us into the terrible quagmire in which the world is sinking, almost irreversibly, unless something big happens. This may sound like a sermon. Well, OK.** Father Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, the former president (2008-2009) of the General Assembly of the United Nations

**By supporting this [global referendum] initiative we can assist the move towards a unified global civilization, completing the great evolutionary trend on Earth towards increasing unification (from individual cells to multi-cellular organisms to families to societies, etc.).** John Stewart, author of *Evolution's Arrow: The Direction of Evolution and the Future of Humanity*

## News in brief

### **Stark welcomes the new management of VWP**

As the past president of Vote World Parliament, may I simply say welcome to the two new co-presidents, Ted Stalets and Bob French. I am confident that these two wonderful gentlemen will lead VWP to the realization of the dream of a global referendum.

### **Kindle version of *Rescue Plan***

Jim Stark's publisher, The Key Publishing House Inc., has posted a Kindle (electronic) edition of *Rescue Plan*. It can be seen at:

[http://www.amazon.com/Rescue-Plan-Planet-Earth-ebook/dp/B003UHVR84/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&m=AZC9TZ4UC9CFC&s=generic&qid=1278100620&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Rescue-Plan-Planet-Earth-ebook/dp/B003UHVR84/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&m=AZC9TZ4UC9CFC&s=generic&qid=1278100620&sr=1-1)

So far it has two excellent reviews. You are free to add your own review of the book.

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### **A look ahead, by Ted Stalets (co-president of Vote World Parliament)**

Before I look ahead, I first look within. My basic "self" is, above all, a human being. I'm more human than American, more human than white, more human than male. Above all these partitions, I am born of planet Earth. Of course I am fortunate to live in the United States, with substantial rights and privileges and freedom of speech. Earth, however, will always have my highest allegiance.

As the Internet continues to shrink our cultural world, we have access to this amazing technological tool to use a most appropriate political tool (a global referendum) to voice our desire for world democracy (see [www.VoteWorldParliament.org](http://www.VoteWorldParliament.org)).

Looking ahead, we are most fortunate to have a realistic roadmap to follow. Jim Stark has outlined a viable step-by-step plan to a democratic world parliament. Have you visited the website for [www.RescuePlanForPlanetEarth.com](http://www.RescuePlanForPlanetEarth.com)? There are three free chapters for *Rescue Plan* at that website. Chapter 1, entitled "The Situation," sets the scene. Chapter 5, "Transparency at the DWG," explains how a world government must be completely and forever incapable of corruption, and Chapter 15, entitled "Conclusion," brings us the "bottom line."

As of today, 21,365 people have voted in the global referendum. Estimates vary, but there are about seven billion people on the planet. I am looking ahead with much optimism and persistence. We have a long way to go, but we will get there, I have no doubt.

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### **VP Francisco Plancarte meets with former president of the UN General Assembly, and gets a very positive reception**

I'm back in Guadalajara city after four days in Nicaragua and I'm very pleased to inform you that I had plenty of time to explain to Ambassador d'Escoto [former president of the UN General Assembly] and his former Chef de Cabinet, Dr. Miranda, about the referendum organized by Vote World Parliament, represented by myself as Vice President for International Affairs.

The point that I try to make very clear is that although Ambassador d'Escoto and his team are working hard on the idea to reinvent/ transform the UN at the level of presidents and heads of government all over the world, it was absolutely necessary to promote VWP's global referendum because the pressure from below, from the people, is the only way to assure that nation-states will take effective action to reinvent/transform the UN.

I was invited to be part of his team and in the next few weeks I will receive some materials and the agenda for future reunions.

In any event Planetafilia, WATUN and Vote World Parliament are looked upon by d'Escoto and Miranda as a joint effort by some representatives of civil society that may be partners of their team and some nation-state leaders, willing to make profound and deep changes in the UN according to Ambassador d'Escoto's proposals to transform/reinvent the institution.

Finally, d'Escoto and Miranda agree with me that the creation of a World Parliament will be included in their analysis, and eventually in the documents and final proposal.

Francisco Plancarte

Ed. Note: Kudos to Francisco for this significant step forward

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### **Should the UN govern, too?**

The following letter-to-the-editor was published recently in the *Telegraph-Journal* (New Brunswick, Canada) <http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/opinion/article/1120377>

Re: "G-summits aren't worth \$1 billion," June 7

The problem is not just cost but institutional structure. In Canada, we have a standing Parliament with MPs elected directly by the people to carry out a legislative function. Would we ever consider abolishing the House of Commons and letting each province send a representatives to Ottawa to dicker with their counterparts, and also give the larger

provinces a veto over decisions? Of course not, but then why do we accept as normal, at the international level, a system that we would never countenance at home?

The European Parliament demonstrates the possibility of establishing a democratic body at a supranational level that allows countries to better co-operate. At the United Nations, an assembly with consultative status could be set up under Article 22 of the Charter, and could gradually be strengthened as it proved itself.

Decisions that come about by inclusive processes will be more easily accepted than those imposed by a few large countries.

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### **Marsden film gets serious attention**

[from <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/marsden-amp-ferrer-unveil-the-film-world-vote-now,1319361.shtml>]

LOS ANGELES, CA -- 05/27/10 -- Film maker Joel Marsden and Sean Hepburn Ferrer, Executive Producer and chairman of the Audrey Hepburn Children Fund, unveil the film *WORLD VOTE NOW* and pose the question: What revolutionary global political movement can resonate with such seemingly opposite entities as the European Parliament, socialist leaders Evo Morales, Hugo Chavez and the U.S. State Department? The answer: Global Democracy. The film investigates its feasibility.

The idea of a “one person - one vote” for the entire population of the planet makes sense in a world where problems such as poverty and climate change are no longer confined by [national] borders.

Centerpiece to this global movement is the full length feature documentary film *WORLD VOTE NOW*. Shot in 26 countries including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Senegal, Iran, Oman, Egypt, Kashmir, China, Russia, Venezuela, Brazil and Guatemala, it explores the construction of such a system including a satellite linked voting apparatus.

“Global democracy is the only logical way to tackle these global problems,” states director Joel Marsden. “For the first time in human history a world vote is now technically possible.”

Earlier this year, it was screened for the European Parliament in Brussels where Pau Solanilla, representing the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council, stated: “We need to create the conditions for this global democratic process.”

It then screened at the World People's Conference in Bolivia where 35,000 attendees from governments, civil society and indigenous rights groups from 140 countries released a declaration that pledges to "Support and promote a world plebiscite referendum." President Chavez added, "Look at something as revolutionary as the global referendum that President Morales proposes. Venezuela will join the effort immediately."

And now a clip of *WORLD VOTE NOW* has been selected as finalist in the "Democracy Video Challenge," a competition by the U.S. State Department with partners such as YouTube, NBC, Universal and the Motion Picture Association of America. The public is asked to vote online through a YouTube account until June 15, 2010. The six winners will be invited to Washington, D.C. to meet the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"There is nothing like an idea whose time has come," adds producer Sean Hepburn Ferrer. "We want to take this message of global equality to Washington and to every world capital."

Ed. Note: Joel Marsden's film won for the geographic area of Europe. Kudos!

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### **Film about Garry Davis**

For 62 years, Garry Davis has been a citizen of no nation—only the world. He will be honored at the NY Independent Film Festival with a screening of our short film about him; *One! The Garry Davis Story*. See [www.onefilms.com](http://www.onefilms.com) for a preview about his amazing story. If you can, please join us in celebrating Garry's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. The screening will be on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 4:10 PM, Screen 3, VILLAGE EAST CINEMAS located at 181 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes four short movies and the after-party.

### ***One! The Garry Davis Story***

Synopsis:

Broadway actor Garry Davis, plagued by war [WWII] guilt, gives up Broadway and US citizenship to cast himself in a new role—World Citizen #1. In the ultimate act of real world theater, he dares to enact a government of, by and for Earth's people—and to travel the globe on its World Passport. His visionary passport helps free thousands of stateless people from squalid refugee camps, and inspires us all with a vision of a better way to run our one world. The true story of Danny Kaye's understudy, by Arthur Kanegis & Richard Crawford; 5:25 minutes, Global Perspective Short Documentary, USA

Three other short films will also be shown: *Einstein's Innovation: The Theory That Changed The World*, *Imagine the Freedom*, and *We The People 2010*