



# The WorldVoter

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## Vote World Government

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### Quotes of the month

**“I’m reading your fabulous book [*Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*]. Best compendium of ... quotes I’ve ever read. You’ve put a great deal of thought into these issues and I salute you for the important groundbreaking work you are doing. You can quote me on that. Thank you so much for sending it to me.”** Arthur Kanegas, American filmmaker

**“As scientists, we understand the dangers of nuclear weapons and their devastating effects, and we are learning how human activities and technologies are affecting climate systems in ways that may forever change life on Earth. As citizens of the world, we have a duty to alert the public to the unnecessary risks that we live with every day, and to the perils we foresee if governments and societies do not take action now to render nuclear weapons obsolete and to prevent further climate change.”** Stephen Hawking, celebrated author and cosmologist, in a news conference organized January 17, 2007 by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, used as the Preface to *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*.

### News in brief

#### Science and political responsibility

The Preface of *Rescue Plan* has “pride of place,” and features a statement by a scientist, Stephen Hawking (as above). Why a scientist? The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is a watchdog group of world class scientists who think that along with the job of inventing dangerous technologies goes a responsibility to warn humanity if these technologies pose

a danger to our species' existence. Hopefully, one day soon, they will accept to become advocates for democratic world government.

### **2,000 schools contacted in India and elsewhere**

On April 21, 2008, Vote World Government sent out its first-ever press release. The text is below:

#### **Students in India give “thumbs up” to democratic world government**

**Nashville, Tennessee, USA, April 21, 2008**—Last fall, City Montessori School (CMS) in Lucknow, India, held a student-based referendum on the establishment of a democratic world government (DWG). Some 7,000 ballots were collected (from students 16+ years old, and from family members of students), and 90% of these were “yes” votes. Now, in an effort to grow this initiative into a truly global referendum, the founder/manager of CMS, Mr. Jagdish Gandhi, is emailing 1,000 school principals in India and the principals of another 1,000 schools around the world, asking their schools to participate.

Founded by the well-known Gandhian social worker, Jagdish Gandhi, CMS is listed in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's largest school, with 32,000 students. It is also the only school ever to receive the prestigious UNESCO Prize for Peace Education (2002). CMS organizes peace education activities and hosts many international events, including annual International Conferences of Chief Justices of the World that have been attended by heads of national judiciaries or judges representing their Chief Justices from more than forty countries, as well as by peace advocates from another 35-40 countries.

“Nothing tends to focus the mind more or better than being asked to vote on an issue,” said Anirudh Singh, the head of the World Unity and Peace Education Department (WUPED) at CMS, “and nothing is more urgent than the achievement of democratic world government.”

In his email to other principals, Mr. Gandhi notes that: “... the mandate emerging from a ‘successful’ world referendum (‘successful’ meaning that 50% of all adults vote and at least 67% of those vote ‘yes’ to democratic world government) would be legally binding on all national governments under international law.” He also expresses the view that: “... young people today understand the tragic mistakes that were made after WWI and WWII in terms of creating the old League of Nations and the United Nations, neither of which brought us the hoped-for state of peace and security that was intended.”

The CMS student referendum was done in cooperation with Vote World Government, a new Canadian NGO. At their website ([www.VoteWorldGovernment.org](http://www.VoteWorldGovernment.org)) there is further information on the planned global referendum, and an “active” ballot. Internet votes are being collected in order to determine if there is a mandate from the human race sufficient to compel the creation of a directly-elected world parliament empowered to protect the environment from threats such as climate change, ban war, and resolve all international conflicts through world law. The ballot reads: “Do you support the creation of a directly-elected, representative and democratic world government?”

“We’re very proud of this accomplishment,” said Jim Stark, the president of Vote World Government, “and we hope this campaign will grow to the point where schools the world over are following the example of City Montessori School.” Stark has written a book that will be published this September, entitled *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth* (advance copies are available at [www.VoteWorldGovernment.org/books.shtml](http://www.VoteWorldGovernment.org/books.shtml)).

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With this action, we believe we have acquired a bit of that most elusive and valuable of political commodity, “Big Mo,” or “momentum.” With the Indian effort underway, we hope to see similar movements in New Zealand, in the USA, and in Canada. Eventually, of course, we want to start a “social epidemic” (as Malcolm Gladwell calls it in his book, *The Tipping Point*) that will enlist the passionate support of youth the world over. Can you imagine if it became “cool” to stand up for democratic world government?