

Universal Declaration of the United Nations

We, the Peoples of the World

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Preamble

We, the peoples of the world, in recognition of our shared humanity and common destiny, affirm the necessity of a just, democratic, and effective system of global governance.

Recognizing that the United Nations was established to maintain international peace and security, uphold human rights, promote social and economic development, and foster international cooperation, we acknowledge that its current structures must evolve to reflect the voices and interests of all people.

Affirming that the legitimacy of the United Nations derives from the will of the people of the world, and that global governance must be founded on democratic participation, transparency, and accountability,

Determined to ensure that the United Nations is reformed to become a truly representative institution, we declare the following principles, rights, and reforms as the foundation of a new, people-centered United Nations.

§ 1 The United Nations as a Democratic Institution

1. **Sovereignty of the People:** The people of the world, rather than only nation-states, shall be the ultimate source of authority for the United Nations.
2. **Universal Right to Vote:** All global citizens, regardless of nationality, shall have the right to vote on key UN resolutions, leadership positions, and global policies.
3. **Continuous Voting Rights:** Citizens shall be able to change their votes on active policies at any time before their final implementation, ensuring adaptability to new information and perspectives.
4. **Direct Representation:** A Global Citizens' Assembly shall be established, allowing individuals to participate directly in debates, propose resolutions, and influence decision-making.
5. **Decentralization of Power:** The influence of individual states, particularly the most powerful ones, shall be reduced to prevent the dominance of a few over the many.

§ 2 Reform of the General Assembly

1. **Equitable Representation:** The General Assembly shall transition to a system that more accurately reflects global population distribution, ensuring fair representation for all regions.
2. **Binding Resolutions:** The General Assembly's resolutions shall have legal and enforceable power, ensuring they are not merely advisory.
3. **Citizen Participation Mechanisms:** A *Global Referendum System* shall be created, allowing citizens to vote directly on critical issues, complementing decisions made by governments.
4. **Public Transparency:** All votes by state representatives shall be recorded and made publicly accessible. No secret votes shall be permitted.

§ 3 Reform of the Security Council

1. **Abolition of the Veto Power:** No single nation shall have the power to unilaterally block international action.
2. **Democratic Decision-Making:** Security Council decisions shall be made by a qualified majority vote that includes input from both national governments and global citizens.
3. **Fair Representation:** Permanent membership shall be replaced with *rotating regional representation*, ensuring equal participation for all continents.
4. **Transparency and Accountability:** All Security Council deliberations shall be publicly broadcasted and open to citizen scrutiny.

§ 4 Strengthening Global Accountability

1. **Citizen Oversight Mechanism:** A *Global Citizen Oversight Body* shall be established to monitor the UN's actions and provide direct feedback.
2. **Public Approval Ratings:** The Secretary-General and UN leadership shall be subject to periodic public approval ratings, with mechanisms for removal in cases of corruption or failure to uphold the UN's mission.
3. **Whistleblower Protections:** Strong protections shall be established for individuals exposing wrongdoing within the UN system.
4. **Annual Global Accountability Report:** The UN shall be required to publish a *Yearly Accountability Report*, evaluating its achievements, shortcomings, and financial transparency.

§ 5 A Global Bill of Rights for All People

1. **Universal Human Rights Protection:** The UN shall have an enforceable mandate to protect human rights in all member states.
2. **Freedom from Oppression:** The UN shall take decisive action against governments engaged in genocide, ethnic cleansing, or large-scale human rights violations, based on democratic global consensus.
3. **Protection of Journalists and Activists:** The UN shall safeguard journalists, human rights defenders, and whistleblowers from persecution.
4. **Recognition of Digital and Technological Rights:** The UN shall uphold digital freedoms, ensuring that no government or corporation violates privacy, free expression, or access to information.

§ 6 Commitment to Peace and Nonviolence

1. **Nonviolent Conflict Resolution:** The UN shall prioritize diplomacy, mediation, and conflict resolution over military action.
2. **Democratic Authorization of Military Actions:** Any UN-sanctioned military intervention must be *approved by a global citizen vote*, except in cases of immediate self-defense or genocide prevention.
3. **Abolition of War as Policy:** The UN shall work toward the global abolition of war, promoting nonviolent methods of resolving disputes.
4. **Global Disarmament Initiative:** A systematic, multilateral disarmament process shall be developed, reducing global stockpiles of nuclear, biological, and conventional weapons.

§ 7 Implementation and Evolution of the United Nations

1. **A Global Referendum on this Declaration:** The principles outlined herein shall be submitted for approval by the global population.
2. **Amendments to the UN Charter:** The UN Charter shall be amended to reflect this Declaration, ensuring permanent structural changes.
3. **Continuous Evolution:** This Declaration shall be subject to revision every **ten years**, allowing for ongoing improvement through direct citizen participation.

Conclusion

The **Universal Declaration of the United Nations** represents a bold vision for a future in which all people, not just governments, play an active role in shaping global

governance. This Declaration is a call for *a new era of global democracy, peace, and justice*, where the UN truly serves the interests of all humanity.

We, the people of the world, **assert our right** to a United Nations that is transparent, accountable, and democratic. We pledge to work toward its realization, ensuring that global governance is no longer a privilege of the few but a responsibility of all.

Let this Declaration stand as a commitment to a more just, peaceful, and democratic world.