

Introductory points about the *Earth Constitution* and the Earth Federation Movement



1. The *Earth Constitution* was written by hundreds of world citizens and international legal scholars between 1968 and 1991. It was written to end war, to protect human rights and freedoms, to protect the global environment, to eliminate global poverty, and to give all the people on Earth a decent future.
2. The authors of the *Constitution* and the current world leaders of the Earth Federation Movement (EFM) and the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) perceive that the world has long been moving toward planetary dictatorship or totalitarian governance under the secret rule of an unaccountable 1% who dominate multinational corporations, global banking cartels, global institutions like the World Bank and IMF, and imperial nation-states.
3. The authors of the *Constitution* perceived, therefore, that our choice as citizens of this planet, simply put, is between global dictatorship by the 1% or global democracy that is transparent, participatory, and just. Under the *Earth Constitution*, the current leaders of this movement will never come to power in the Earth Federation Government. And they have no desire for any such power. Rather, they want to lay the foundations for a decent world system so that future generations may have world peace, freedom, justice, and a protected environment in which to live. Also, under the *Earth Constitution*, the CEOs of corporations, banks, and imperial governments will have little or no power. They will be governed by transparent, planetary global democracy. Big money will no longer rule the world.
4. The *Constitution* requires free and fair elections worldwide. People from every nation and locality around the globe will be members of the World Parliament. The present leadership of the Earth Federation Movement will have no control over the kind of laws

made by the World Parliament. We only know that the World Parliament will have to conform to the human rights and democratic procedures that are clearly specified by the *Constitution*.

5. Many of the leaders of the Earth Federation Movement that is sponsored by the World Constitution and Parliament Association are Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. As Christians they follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors everywhere on this planet. One fundamental way that they manifest this love is by working for the end of oppression, exploitation, war, and injustice. Jesus commanded us to be instruments in bringing "the Kingdom of God" to Earth. These leaders of WCPA often see their work on behalf of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* as obedience to this command.
6. Along with Christians, leaders of WCPA and the EFM include Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, followers of the Oomoto religion, followers of the Bah'ai religion, followers of PROUT, and also many non-religious persons. We are truly universal in our leadership and welcome upright, moral, and decent persons from all races, beliefs, nations, and backgrounds. We do not want persons who hate and fear those different from themselves. All human beings are the same in dignity and equality. This is fundamental to both WCPA and the *Earth Constitution*.
7. The *Earth Constitution* itself protects freedom of belief and religion for all peoples. The *Constitution* is **not** based on any particular religion or set of beliefs. It affirms universal human rights and dignity for all peoples everywhere. It guarantees peace, freedom, justice, and a decent future for all the world's children, something that cannot even be imagined under the current world system.
8. It is important to distinguish between a **Constitution** and the **laws** made by a World Parliament. No decent constitution can legitimately make specific laws applying to all the areas of life that need legal regulation. This is the job of a Parliament, not a *Constitution*. The *Earth Constitution* sets up democratic decision-making procedures for the people of Earth to elect a Parliament, begin a democratic world process, and begin to regulate life on Earth according to the rights and duties specified by the *Constitution*. The purpose of the *Constitution* is to create procedures by which people can democratically solve their problems. Its purpose is not to make specific laws.
9. Under the *Constitution* (Article 19), the Provisional World Parliament has been making provisional world laws since its first session in 1982. These can be found on our websites such as at:

http://www.worldproblems.net/english/legislation/summaries_en/world_legislation_contents.html#pwp_14_2015 We urge people to examine these provisional world laws that serve as a model for the kind of peaceful and just world that can be derived from the *Constitution*. We welcome people to sign the Pledge of Allegiance to the *Earth Constitution* and become themselves delegates to the Provisional World Parliament. These laws serve only as suggestions for legislation and will **not be binding** on the real World Parliament that is activated once the *Earth Constitution* has reached its first stage of ratification under Article 17.

10. The US government, and many other governments around the world, have conducted false flag operations, engaged in genocide (of native Americans, etc.), used deception, torture and murder, and have everywhere oppressed freedom in the service of special interests. Likewise, totalitarian governments like those under Stalin or Hitler have used the power of government for unimaginable horrors. However, *the only non-violent system for making law and for social change ever invented is democracy*. We cannot do without government of some form, so we need to be sure that we have genuinely democratic government. Genuine democratic government does none of these things, since it protects freedom, human rights, and equal justice for all under the law.
11. As many scholars have documented, the abuses of government mentioned above are because these governments are controlled by the 1%, by multinational corporations, banking cartels, and a violent military-industrial complex. Neither Hitler nor the US are or were democracies, and all non-democracies use violence, lies, false flags, and murder to ensure their rule. The oppression within the US is getting ever worse, as I'm sure many readers will agree.
12. Under the system of militarized sovereign nation-states, real democracy is impossible, and will always be impossible, because this system itself makes enemies of other nations and creates a perpetual arms race to "defend" against other nations. It creates a perpetual international struggle for resources, markets, and hegemony. The system itself creates fear and hostility among nations and plays into the hands of the industrial military complex and the false-flag people.
13. If we reduce governments to a minimum, on the other hand, that will only increase the power of the super-rich, the multinational corporations, and all the other special interests that struggle for domination and against genuine freedom, equality, and democracy for all. Democratic government with enforceable laws is the only way to control these people and institutions. The only real choice, and the best course of action, is to struggle for genuine democracy. The *Earth Constitution* is designed to take big money and special

interests out of government, and it is designed to overcome the violent competition among militarized sovereign nations for power, resources, and hegemony.

14. We need to transform the world system as a whole if we want a decent future for coming generations. We need to end rule of the rich, the rule of militarized violence, and the destruction of democracy everywhere on our planet by special interests. That is what we work for: a truly transformed world system that pacifies the world, ends war and violence, and establishes institutions protecting freedom and equality for all.

15. Without this vision and ideal, all we have left to us is resistance and struggle against the terrible tyrannies mentioned above. But without envisioning something to replace these tyrannies, something that has demonstrable mechanisms about how it could really work, we are ultimately going to be defeated.

16. It is important to realize that the **nations are not abolished** by the *Earth Constitution*. Rather, the nations are united into a Federation in which every nation and every group will have a democratic voice in the laws and regulations that issue from the World Parliament. The fundamental principle of the *Constitution*, expressed in its Preamble, is “unity in diversity.” We embrace the unity in diversity of all the persons on Earth and want to create a democratic world system that makes possible a decent, peaceful, and free life for all human beings.