

WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION (WCPA)

Promoter of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth

Sponsor of the Earth Federation Movement (EFM)

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Mission and History

Overview and Commitment:

The WCPA is a worldwide organization working with love and dedication for planetary peace, justice, freedom, and sustainability. We are widely affiliated with human rights organizations, environmental organizations, peace organizations, and others working for a decent future of planet Earth. The World Constitution and Parliament Association is the organization responsible for drafting the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* and for promoting its ratification by the people and nations of Earth.

The World Constitution and Parliament Association is dedicated to creating non-military democratic Earth Federation under the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. Since 1958, the organization has worked through its worldwide membership to write and certify the *Earth Constitution* in four international Constituent Assemblies. Under the authority of Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution* the WCPA has also sponsored 14 sessions of the Provisional World Parliament to date, building a new world order of freedom, justice, prosperity, and equality within the shell of the old, unjust world order. Below is a summary history of our work.

Under the current fragmented world disorder full of war, injustice, terrorism, hatred, environmental destruction, poverty, and misery, our lives and destinies, and those of our children, are fraught with uncertainty and peril. The World Constitution and Parliament Association works to take back responsibility for governing the Earth from militarized nation-states, vast unaccountable corporations, and gigantic crime or terrorist organizations, and, in their place, establish democratic self-government for all. We take direct action to promote and structure self-government at a global level by presenting a widely deliberated *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* as the legal guideline for democratic, non-military, parliamentary world federation in which the citizens can participate to make the decisions that will affect their lives.

We are not willing to wait while the present powers dominating the U.N. and the Earth destroy human life and our planetary ecosystem. We are not willing to wait while more than a fifth of the human population goes to bed hungry at night: malnourished, diseased, living in hell. We are not willing to wait while the planetary ecosystem collapses around us, bringing ever-more death and destruction to peoples everywhere on Earth. We are not willing to wait while the great imperial powers prepare World War Three with their tactical nuclear weapons, their systematic torture and assassination of all who oppose their systems of global domination and exploitation.

We are not willing to wait until 1.5 billion people have "democratically" joined our movement before acting, with integrity and responsibility, to transform the present unjust and unworkable world disorder. We are not willing to go begging to the U.N. powers with the humble request that they change the structure of the U.N. before it is too late. We are not willing to watch human life and the Earth destroyed while waiting for some illusory "democratic majority" to make a decision to act.

We stand upon the immense truth that each human being must live with integrity and take responsibility here and now for the self-government of ourselves and our planet. We understand that the present powers governing the world (huge unaccountable concentrations of wealth, vast secret military organizations, and grossly non-democratic decision procedures within the U.N.) are profoundly illegitimate. They have the power, but they have no legitimacy: no "right" to govern. As world citizens willing to take responsibility for the self-government of ourselves and our planet it is our duty to act, here and now, to establish a truly just, peaceful, and democratic world system.

We understand the historical nature of "origins." Democratic majorities can only make legitimate decisions when there are institutions in place to recognize those decisions. However, there are no such democratic institutions in place for the world. Majorities cannot make decisions until such institutions are in place: until they are established, for example, by ratification of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. In the absence of such institutionalized procedures, world citizens must act to govern the Earth: for the Earth is now not being governed in the name of either democracy or justice, but only in the name of power-seeking, war, greed, exploitation, raping of resources, and wanton destruction.

We citizens of the Earth must begin now to govern ourselves. We must understand that our present historic responsibility is to create a new beginning. To face courageously and with integrity that ours is a time demanding the establishment of a new beginning for the people of Earth. We act here and now to begin self-government for the Earth. To wait begging before the present world powers is cowardly and irresponsible. To refuse to act until some imaginary majority has first acted is to abdicate our dignity and responsibility as citizens of this planet.

Under Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution* the citizens of Earth have the duty and responsibility: to begin "provisional" world government. The Provisional World Parliament and other developments under the emerging Earth Federation (based on the *Earth Constitution*) are not mere "models" or "suggestions," hoping that the corrupt powers that be will somehow be inspired to change themselves. Rather, the Provisional World Parliament is the beginning of genuine government for the Earth. The only way to deal with the "problem of origins" is to establish a new beginning. From this beginning then comes the institutions and procedures for democratic decision-making by the people of Earth.

We are doing what is absolutely necessary at this critical juncture of history. We are not evading our responsibility by begging the illegitimate powers that exist to somehow change. As free world citizens of planet Earth, we are choosing to begin governing ourselves, governing on behalf of the disenfranchised people of Earth and on behalf of future generations who cry out to us: "Why have you been so timid in the face of the corrupt systems of power and domination now destroying our lives, our future, and the precious Earth? Why do you continue to beg at their locked doorways? Where is your dignity, vision, and assumption of gigantic responsibility for yourselves and the human condition?"

WCPA, the Earth Federation Movement, and the Provisional World Parliament represent real, effective action to transform our brutal and corrupt world disorder before it is too late. We represent the people of Earth who cry out for a true origin, a true new beginning that will institutionalize their sovereignty and dignity. Their hopes and dreams live through us. The children of Earth cry out to us to simply begin, here and now, legitimate government for the Earth. We are doing just that: acting with immense integrity and responsibility to establish a legitimate, democratic order upon the Earth. Once that origin is established through ratification of the *Earth Constitution*, then institutions will be in place for the majority to govern, making the Earth a happy and safe home for humanity. In the present moment, we simply must act courageously and autonomously to make that happen.

Within WCPA, we citizens of Earth are taking direct responsibility for governing ourselves. An *Earth Constitution* has been drafted and personally ratified by many thousands of world citizens who are now taking responsibility for developing a peaceful and just world system. If you are willing to take this giant step into a life of true human autonomy, integrity, and global responsibility, then join us. You will become part of a new dawning for humanity. You will be building the very foundations for a civilized and just world system. You will be participating in the gigantic world-historical task facing our present generation: the founding of a new world system of peace, justice, prosperity, and sustainability. Acting in the here and now: for tomorrow is too late.

Ten Principles of Global Ethics affirmed by WCPA:

Dialogue. A World Citizen develops the capacity for dialogue directed toward mutual understanding. A World Citizen has the ability to listen carefully to others, to thoughtfully understand their point of view, and to respectfully dialogue in a process of increasing mutual understanding and learning. A democratic World Parliament will enhance this capacity for all peoples.

Nonviolence. A World Citizen affirms the principle of solving conflicts nonviolently. As Mahatma Gandhi stated, there are dozens of ways to solve conflicts creatively and intelligently, respecting everyone involved. World Citizens promote creative, nonviolent problem-solving. We understand that even the World Police under the *Earth Constitution* can be trained in nonviolent methods of law enforcement.

Human Rights. World Citizens affirm universal human rights and dignity. All people have dignity because all people participate in the miracle that is human life. We human beings are self-aware beings capable of freedom, creativity, compassion, and justice. We have dignity that must not be violated. World Citizens stand by the rights enumerated by UN Universal Declaration and the *Earth Constitution*, Articles 12 and 13.

Democratic Laws. World Citizens affirm the rule of just, democratic laws based on protection of civil liberties and human rights. They support equality, freedom, and equal due process for everyone before the law. We understand that truly universal democratic equality requires a binding global social contract.

Compassion and Kindness. World Citizens understand that reason and dialogue must be complemented by compassion and kindness. World Citizens are sensitive to the suffering of other people and animals. They act toward others out of kindness and compassion. In Buddhism this is called *karuna*. In Christianity, it is often called *agape*.

Unity in Diversity. World Citizens understand that the world is a wonderful manifestation of unity in diversity that must be respected and encouraged. We are all one as human beings and as children of the divine, and we are all different from one another in races, cultures, beliefs, nations, and religions. World Citizens affirm this principle of unity in diversity for the entire Earth. Only when we have true constitutional unity, will the diversity of people everywhere be respected.

Justice-making. World Citizens insist on promoting equal treatment and due process of justice for all persons before the law. If laws are unjust, World Citizens work to change them to protect everyone equally. Where people are being marginalized, hurt, or discriminated against, World Citizens side with the victims. We work to ratify the *Earth Constitution* because we have sided with the victims who are immiserated and marginalized everywhere on Earth.

Sustainability. World Citizens are committed to transforming the process of living on the Earth to sustainable, ecologically friendly forms of economics, production, consumption, and patterns of living. World Citizens are committed to making the Earth a decent place for future generations through protecting and restoring our planetary environment. The *Earth Constitution* lays out a global and effective environmental sustainability system.

Global Education. World Citizens are committed to promoting global education with respect to all these ten principles. People everywhere should be developing global consciousness and a sense of global responsibility. Education must be directed toward global consciousness, mutual understanding, and effective world democracy.

The Earth Constitution. World Citizens understand that none of these 10 principles can be successful for the Earth without the rule of democratically legislated, enforceable law for everyone under the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*.

Our Conceptual Foundations:

The Earth Federation Movement is an interactive network of world citizens, non-governmental organizations, and peace thinkers dedicated to promoting planetary awareness of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. Together, we also

work tirelessly to secure ratification the *Constitution* by the people and nations of Earth. The seven principles expressed here comprise the creed by which we live and the goal to which we give our lives, energy, and resources. These principles are summed up in the following concepts: (1) a *free republic*, (2) *universality* applying to all human beings, (3) a regime *founded* on the highest principles, (4) creation of *living systems*, (5) an *in-depth principle of peace*, (6) *deep sustainability*, and (7) *integrity of the whole*. These principles form the conceptual foundation of the new paradigm of universal civilization embodied in the *Earth Constitution*. Together, they guide us toward a transformed future of human beings and our precious planet Earth.

1) The concept of a universal free republic. The very first principle of our movement involves the culmination of the history of political thought in the concept of a free republic embracing all the peoples and citizens of Earth. The idea of freedom, emerging from the deepest levels of the human spirit and the farthest reaches of recorded history, has culminated in the concept of a free, universal planetary republic under the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. Our present world of fragmentation and divisiveness defeats human freedom at every turn, replacing our deepest aspirations with violence, hatred, surveillance, systems of domination, and war.

A universal free republic places the emerging Earth Federation at a higher level than a planetary order that merely protects civil liberties for all persons. There exists a vast difference between political and economic thought predicated on the satisfaction of private desires through civil liberties and the political foundations of human freedom centered in a universal republic of free citizens. An authentic republic constitutes a regime of genuine public space for dialogue and debate among all persons and provides for the participation of citizens in all aspects of government.

It provides, therefore, a "public freedom," far transcending mere "private freedom," that brings the historical human quest for freedom to fulfillment within carefully designed planetary institutions. While civil liberties are necessary to a free republic, they are not sufficient: a level of "public freedom" and "public rationality" must emerge in which citizens themselves engage directly in governing. The thousands of world citizens involved in the development of the *Earth Constitution* over the space of 33 years from 1958 to 1991 designed a brilliant framework for planetary public freedom, providing for the citizens of Earth to participate in self-government in the multiplicity of ways detailed within the *Constitution*.

2) The principle of universality. The concept of a free republic for the Earth necessarily includes the concept of "all." From the ancient Stoic affirmation of all human beings as creatures of rationality with common moral principles deriving from that rationality to the ringing words of the U.S. Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal," philosophers and sages have used the word "all" throughout history. But only with the Earth Federation Movement, and some related contemporary global movements, have we begun to really mean "all" when this word is used.

The Stoics excluded "barbarians" from their "all," and the Declaration of Independence excluded women and slaves. However, unlike other contemporary movements that use the word "all," with the intent of true universality, the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* is not only premised on the concept of "all," it embodies that concept in a set of institutions that brings a mere ideal down into the concrete world of legal, political, and economic arrangements that make this universality a living reality. Like the concept of a "free republic," universality remains a mere ideal until it is embodied in concrete institutions and institutional protections that make it a living reality. The Earth Federation Movement has pledged itself to actualizing this living reality for "all."

3) The principle of a founded public regime. The concept of a truly new beginning, of an origin that at the same time raises human life to a higher level of existence, is a principle of utmost importance for the Earth Federation Movement. For the founding principles in such a regime are public and there for all to see, shining through the concrete institutions and arrangements of the emergent Earth Federation. Those organizations of world citizens who are attempting to *evolve* the U.N., to affect small, incremental changes in the unjust and violent disorder of things, fail to understand that the compromises inherent in the evolutionary model of human affairs will forever prostitute the ideals one wishes to achieve. Perpetual compromises with immense systems of economic exploitation and imperial sovereign nation-states have led to disaster after disaster for the people of Earth.

In the ratification of the *Earth Constitution* as an integral, completed, foundational document lies the assent of humanity to true freedom and dignity. An integral legal system, founded on explicit principles of freedom, justice, prosperity, and peace from the very beginning, avoids the prostitution of deeply held ideals involved in all merely evolutionary models by the forces of unfreedom, injustice, poverty, and war. The *Constitution* embodies its highest ideals within an integrated, holistic, legal system that can substantially actualize these ideals in the daily lives of the people of Earth.

The campaign for ratification of an already completed *Constitution* since 1991 indicates, therefore, a disciplined refusal to offer the *Constitution* as a mere draft that can be forever tinkered with by querulous academic pedants and duplicitous forces that would subvert human progress. The campaign for ratification understands that only a *founded* system, only ratification of a completed document of surpassing brilliance (whatever minor flaws might remain), can establish human freedom upon the Earth. The flourishing (and indeed survival) of human life on our planet can only be accomplished through a founding ratification convention bringing the peoples and nations of the world to a truly higher level of human and political existence.

4) The principle of *living systems* for human economic and political life. A logical implication of the principle of a *founded* free republic involves the principle that *living systems* establish freedom, peace, justice, and prosperity. A widely held assumption today looks at these ideals as reflections of the subjective attitude of people, nations, or economic managers. If the people in government or business are moral, peaceful, and just, it is believed, then this may lead to a world of peace with justice.

This attitude fails to examine the fragmented and distorted institutionalized systems that block morality, peace, and justice no matter who make-up their institutional participants. If economic institutions are flawed and inherently destructive of people and the environment, it matters little whether the captains of banking and industry are moral or immoral. If the system of sovereign nation-states is inherently a war system and a system of power politics, it matters little who is president or prime minister of various countries.

The Earth Federation Movement understands that freedom, peace, justice, and prosperity primarily arise from properly designed institutions. If we live under such institutions, democratically and transparently governed, then the flawed human beings who staff these institutions are much more likely to embrace freedom, peace, justice, and universal prosperity. People who staff today's dysfunctional and unjust economic and nation-state institutions are, for that very reason, more likely to embrace unfreedom, war, injustice, and vast poverty in a world of obscene power and riches for the few. The *Earth Constitution* establishes these ideals in an integrated and universal world legal system. It constitutes a freedom system, a peace system, a justice system, and a prosperity system for the people of Earth.

5) Multiple elements within the in-depth principle of *peace*. All seven principles expressed in this document imply one another, including the concept of peace. The condition of peace has remained an illusory ideal throughout recorded human history. The tragic history of war and violence has created a nightmare for a large portion of the Earth's citizens over the centuries, including today. Pursuit of the ideal of world peace in today's world has resulted in a number significant movements, among the most prominent of these are movements for peace education and groups devoted to the quest for inner peace.

Both inner peace and peace education are important elements in the quest for a peaceful world order (which would necessarily also be a free, just, and prosperous world order). But inner peace and peace education can never be sufficient, for the most fundamental dimension of peace is yet missing: the institutionalization of a peace system for the Earth. The Constitution for the Federation of Earth, along with its principles developed by the Provisional World Parliament under the authority of Article 19, establishes a dynamic peace system for the Earth.

Among the *Constitution's* institutionalized elements of an in-depth peace system include (1) universal, transparent democracy for all nations and peoples, (2) enforceable, democratically legislated laws ensuring that no one is above the law, (3) systematic and carefully designed demilitarization for all the nations and organizations of the Earth, (4) mechanisms preventing remilitarization or reestablishing of institutions or organizations predicated upon violence, (5)

prohibition of all military for the Earth Federation government itself, (6) judicial institutions for the peaceful settlement of disputes among all people and nations, (7) institutionalized protections of human rights and freedoms for all people on Earth, along with their right to participate in governing themselves on multiple levels from local to planetary (8) the substantial elimination of poverty, misery, and disease from the Earth and creation of an infrastructure for keeping the people of Earth healthy and economically secure, (9) the development of worldwide institutions for mediation and conflict resolution designed to promote peace and mutual understanding among people, obviating in most cases the need to call upon the judicial system, and (10) worldwide peace education for all children in Earth Federation supported schools, and, through public radio, TV, and internet, for all adults within the Earth Federation.

The principle of *living systems* is here briefly illustrated in the principle of an in-depth peace system for the Earth. All successful living systems for human welfare must include a free republic, must be universal, must be founded, and must embody multiple, integrated elements, under the rule of enforceable law, as illustrated in this example of an in-depth peace system. The *Constitution for the Federation of Earth* is the only living document today that includes all of these elements necessary for moving the human project to the next higher level of planetary existence.

6) The principle of universal sustainability. The concept of sustainability developed from the ecological sciences has become a fundamental principle for understanding the relationship between human economic, political, and social activity and the carrying capacity and ecological integrity of the ecosystem of our planet. We live today, as in the past, in an unsustainable manner that destroys the ecological integrity of our planet's life-support systems.

Today's unsustainable world disorder does not only include a life-style carrying an "ecological footprint" greater than the planet will bear. It also includes vast poverty in the world's population forcing desperate people to deforest the world, to produce very large families, and to over-cultivate land and over-exploit resources. It includes the vast military apparatus of the world that is deadly for the environment not only in the production of horrid bombs and chemicals but even more deadly when these technologies of death and destruction are used around the world. It includes an economic system predicated on private profit without regard to any human values, including sustainability, and that systematically externalizes the costs of production into the environment and onto society in a process that amounts to eating our planetary biosphere alive.

Sustainability, therefore, like peace, is a comprehensive principle requiring transformation of our entire planetary system as envisaged by the *Earth Constitution*. Sustainability applies not only to the ecological footprint of consumers. Rather, it is universal: it applies to all the central institutions that structure our lives at every level. The present global economic system is unsustainable. The present system of sovereign nation-states is unsustainable. The present cultural patterns of consumption and personal gratification are unsustainable. Global poverty signifies unsustainability for our entire planet as does global militarism.

The *Earth Constitution* provides the foundation for political, social, ecological, and economic sustainability for our endangered planet Earth. Sustainability can only be achieved through democratic world law within a transparent, institutionally sound, democratic world system. Sustainability is a comprehensive financial, social and ecological concept that cannot be achieved without ratification of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*.

7) The principle of integrity in the whole. The integrity of the whole arises from the systemic and integrated wholeness of the system articulated in the *Constitution* and the understanding that *wholeness itself* is the most fundamental principle discovered by virtually every science of the 20th and 21st centuries. Human life on Earth is a whole, our personal individuality in relation to our "species-nature" as language using creatures is a whole, the biosphere of our planet is a whole, our solar system is a whole: our galaxy and, ultimately, our universe are integral wholes. In religious language, God is the principle of integrity and wholeness in all things, "through whom all things were made."

The Earth Constitution embodies this principle in human economic, political, and social life at the planetary level. It is wholeness that carries natural, spiritual, and moral integrity, not division, violence, or fragmentation. The integrity of the *Earth Constitution* is in its wholeness, and in the wholeness of the Earth Federation that it establishes for the Earth. That

is why freedom, peace, justice, and prosperity are the substantial consequences of its ratification and implication. It is the whole that has integrity, and the Constitution institutionalizes that integrity for human society for the first time in history.

This wholeness and its integrity can only be protected and concretely established through ratification of the *Earth Constitution*. The whole of our world system, a system of freedom, peace, justice, and prosperity, will then ascend to an inviolable integrity. These are the principles to which we pledge ourselves, and which we pledge to one another: to all humanity, and to future generations living upon the Earth. It is the institutionalized integrity of the whole that will lead future human beings to live lives of dignity, reverence, and honor upon our precious planet Earth.

Epilogue. The principles at the heart of the Earth Federation Movement are the most fundamental principles of ethical and political thought. Our thought and action is directed toward the primacy of human freedom for every person and community on Earth. The conceptual foundations of the *Earth Constitution*, upon which our work is based, involve only the most fundamental and universal of principles, principles necessary for coherent, integrated, and consistent thought regarding the human condition at the dawn of the 21st century.

Our movement refuses to adulterate its conceptual foundations with the cynicism, skepticism, relativism, and superficiality that today dominate thought within both nation-states and the United Nations. We have not watered down our work with ideas of limited and secondary value, ideas that clandestinely import fragmentation, division, and violence into human affairs. Such limited and secondary ideas include the sovereignty of nation-states as well as false notions of unbridgeable divisions among religions, races, cultures, ethnicities or creeds. Such adulterating ideas also include the necessity of compromise with the corrupt regimes and prostituted principles that we find everywhere prevalent within our current world of fragmentation, chaos, and disorder.

Our personal integrity resides in the rigorous honesty with which we critique the present world of injustice, violence, and unsustainability. It resides in our unflinching commitment to remain loyal to the highest principles arising from the human mind and human history, and our determination to institute these principles within a transformed world order predicated on freedom, justice, prosperity, and peace for all human beings everywhere. Our integrity lies in our word, in the sanctity and faithfulness of our word in relation to the principles to which we have pledged ourselves. It also lies in the quality of thought and action arising from our principles, thought and action vigilant against a pragmatism that forever compromises with a corrupt status quo.

This rigorous honesty and sanctity of our words and pledges themselves arise from a yet deeper level of insight. We pledge not only to the highest principles of human thought that constitute the foundations of our movement, but we pledge to one another to engage the future and our commitments through mutual dialogue, respect, understanding, and shared vision. Our pledges, therefore, maintain an unflinching commitment while avoiding dogmatism and closed-mindedness. For we commit to the highest principles of dialogue, discussion, and communication with all willing persons. This communicative foundation constitutes the living, phenomenological dynamic from which our highest principles and concepts emerge. Our integrity flows from this communicative foundation and from our commitment to these highest principles of human and planetary life.

Brief History of Our Movement:

1963-1966. Two Preparatory Congresses held in Denver, Colorado, USA, and Milan, Italy with delegates from five continents. Call to the World Constitutional Convention is publicly issued, then circulated for more signers and response.

1968. First working sessions of World Constitutional Convention and Peoples' World Convention held at Interlaken, Switzerland, and Wolfach, W. Germany with 200 Peoples Delegates from 27 countries, of five continents. Work begun on drafting the World Constitution.

1973-1977. Drafting Commission meets regularly. Second draft completed, circulated, 1977. Second Session of World Constituent Assembly held in June, Innsbruck, Austria. Earth Constitution debated paragraph by paragraph, amended,

then adopted with 138 original signers from 25 countries of 6 continents. Call for ratification by the nations and peoples of Earth is issued. Constitution is sent to U.N. General Assembly and to all national governments.

1978-1980. *Earth Constitution* is circulated worldwide for debate and ratification. Third session of World Constituent Assembly held January, 1979, Colombo, Sri Lanka; adopts Rationale For a World Constituent Assembly, defining right of people to convene Assembly, draft constitution, and obtain ratification. Appeal issued for national parliaments to ratify.

1981. World Constitution & Parliament Assn. meets at New Delhi, India. Call issued for Provisional World Parliament to convene 1982 under terms of Article 19 of the *Earth Constitution*. Honorary Sponsor list of 150 prominent persons enrolled.

1982. First Session of Provisional World Parliament meets at Brighton, England. Delegates from 25 countries of 6 continents. Five world Legislative Acts are adopted: for World Disarmament Agency, World Economic Development, Ownership of Oceans & Sea beds, Graduate School of World Problems, and World Courts.

1983-1984. First Provisional District World Court organized in Los Angeles; takes up case of outlawing nuclear weapons. Plans for Provisional World Parliament in Sudan and Nigeria thwarted by military coups.

1985. Second Session of Provisional World Parliament held New Delhi, India. Opened by President of India, presided by speaker of Lok Sabha. Three more World Legislative Acts adopted: for Emergency Earth Rescue Administration, World Government Funding, and Commission on Terrorism.

1987. Third session of Provisional World Parliament held at Hilton Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Three more World Legislative Acts are adopted: for Global Finance System, Environment Protection, and Hydrogen Energy. Provisional World Cabinet begun.

1991. Fourth Constituent Assembly meets in Troia, Portugal. Final revisions of the Constitution are made and the Constitution is presented to the world as a finished document ready for ratification by the people of Earth.

The WCPA continues to grow as a worldwide organization with chapters in many countries and individual membership in many more countries. Members work for world peace, world harmony, enforceable world law, world environmental protection, and the ending of poverty worldwide. Most members are signatories to the *Earth Constitution* recognizing this *Constitution* as the official law for our planet Earth.

1996-2015. Further sessions of the Provisional World Parliament were held in Barcelona, Spain (1996), Malta (2000), Bangkok, Thailand (March 2003), Chennai, India (December 2003), Lucknow, India (2004), Tripoli, Libya (2006), Kara, Togo (2007), Nainital, India (2009), Kolkata, India (2011), and Lucknow, India (2013) and Kolkata, India (2015).

The collected World Legislative Acts passed in sessions of the Provisional World Parliament can be found on-line at www.worldproblems.net and <http://www.radford.edu/~gmartin/PWP.legis.acts.list.htm>

2016-2017. "Building the World Parliament" conferences held at the Maharashtra Institute of Technology in Pune, India, 2016 and at O.P. Jindal Global University in Sonapat, India, 2017. WCPA now coordinates with Voters Party International (VPI) with respect to the Global Agreement on Progress and Peace (GAPP). WCPA initiated the WCPA Global Communication Center in New Delhi, India in December 2017.

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