



Vote World Government

— democratic world government through a global referendum —

Rescue Plan for Planet Earth

Attention high school, college and university students:

The several generations of people before your generation have substantially wrecked the planet, partly out of ignorance and partly out of negligence. My name is Jim Stark and I am 64, so I was part of the problem. Apologizing to your generation isn't nearly enough, so I have written a book about it called *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth* (my publisher will release it in mid-2008). This plan has been called practical and promising, and I hope that it works (for all our sakes). Here is the situation in brief, as I see it, and the fix.

If garbage was collecting on the streets where you live and there was no running water or electricity because the municipal government had somehow been dissolved or disbanded, you would have to reinvent the city or town council to get these problems taken care of.

If all schools and hospitals open in your province were now closed because the provincial government had been scrapped, you would have to re-establish a provincial government to get those intolerable situations repaired and under control.

If foreigners were streaming across your country's borders, taking whatever they wanted of your country's resources and just shooting anyone who objected or resisted, and this was happening because somehow there had been a collapse of your national government, you would have to re-establish that government to regain control of your country.

It is ridiculous to seriously suggest that we would be better off *without* those three levels of government, and yet we have *global* problems that are literally threatening the survival of humanity (climate change and enough nuclear weapons to wipe out civilization *at least* ten times over), and there is no serious campaign to establish a government at the global level. Well, now there *is* a campaign that has a good chance at succeeding, and it is up to you and your friends and families to make it a reality before we pass the tipping point on global warming or fall into a suicidal World War III.

We know how to set up a democratic and completely corruption-free world government (it isn't even terribly difficult), and we think this can be done *in a decade*. Democracy is government *with the consent of the governed*, so if we want a DWG (democratic world government), we have to conduct a global referendum to see if the human race is ready to

finally grow up, and act like a united species, for the first time ever. Scientists have told us that there is little time left (a few decades) to prevent the most catastrophic aspects of climate change, so we have only one chance to get this right. Where do we start?

1. Conduct a referendum at your school (only those 16 or older can vote), and get your family, neighbors and friends to vote too. You can go to www.voteworldgovernment.org to vote online, or you can download ballots (there's a "printable ballot" link), take them home and canvass your family, neighborhood and any other groups that you can contact. Submit all of the completed votes into the online referendum on the VWG site. (Click on [Student Referendum Program](#) for a full guidelines document.)
2. Insist that your library buy at least one copy of the book, *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, so that you and other students (and your teachers) can read it without spending money.
3. Go to www.voteworldgovernment.org, click on the Volunteer link and start a "chain vote." There's a document there that tells you how to do a personal "fast track" program.
4. Get your teachers to address the idea of democratic world government (*for or against*), and demand an assembly to hear other speakers or a student debate on this issue.
5. Start a VoteWorldGovernment club at your school and get at least two other schools to follow your example on all the points mentioned above (and this point too).

And one final piece of advice. The *last* thing we need at the global level is a government that is vulnerable to corruption, and that is why we want (and why we must insist on) a full-spectrum regime of transparency. In other words, our democratic world government will not be like any national or other government in that *every word spoken by an elected DWG member or by a senior DWG bureaucrat must be taped, transcribed and posted on the Internet for anyone to see or study, and every penny in or out of the organization must also be out there, on the Internet, for any amateur sleuth or forensic accountant to check. This DWG has to work perfectly honestly all the time, and it has to last forever*, so these unprecedented safeguards are absolutely necessary. We have the required technology, so if we also have the willpower, that is how things will be done.

I will give the last word to my friend, 86-year-old Ross Smyth.

"I have worked all my life to get a democratic world government, but obviously we don't have one yet. Too many of us did too little to save the world. Now I am dying. My dying wish is that you get off your butt and give this global referendum plan a chance to work."

Below is the global referendum ballot "question" or "proposition"

Do you support the creation of a directly-elected, representative and democratic world government?			
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check one box only	NO <input type="checkbox"/>