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â\200\234TO BUILD A WORLD COMM UNITYâ\200\235

The second World Citizens Assembly meeting in Paris,

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France with 600 delegates from 25 countries, officially v
adopted the following resolution on July 5, 1977. This v
resolution was written by Commission I after days of

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extensive discussion with representatives from Western, A
Socialist, and Third World countries.

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PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT. â\200\235

Kurt Waldheim - Secretary General - United Nations

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the priority task facing the world community is to stop the arms race; to achieve drastic
reductions in military expenditures, together with programs converting the arms
industry into peaceful production; and

it is essentially through ending the arms race that a new world economic order can be
funded which will provide a more equitable distribution of the worldâ\200\231s wealth and
resources, and assure an improved quality of life for the people of the earth; and

negotiations between the major powers, including the SALT agreements, have failed to
slow the arms race, and the world arms trade continues to escalate; and

concrete steps toward controlled disarmament can lead to a strengthened United
Nations with the authority to settle disputes between nations through the framework of
world law; and

the central purpose of the United Nations Charter is to end the scourge of war, the
corollary is to implement this principle by all peaceful means;

BE IT RESOLVED that the World Citizens Assembly, meeting with 600 delegates

from 25 countries in Paris, July, 1977, appeals to all peoples, all governments, and all NGOs to support the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament in 1978; to arouse public opinion through persuasion and direct action, in order to insure that this most crucial Assembly attains positive results;

'BE IT RESOLVED that the World Citizens Assembly, seeking a significant input at the Special Assembly on Disarmament, appeals to the Secretary General and the organizers of the Special Session to permit the full participation of peoplesâ\200\231 organizations as well as governments in this historic opportunity to save humanity.

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Douglas Mattern, Secretary General.

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