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## **WORLD CITIZENS ASSEMBLY**

### **"TO BUILD A WORLD COMMUNITY"**

*The second World Citizens Assembly meeting in Paris, France with 600 delegates from 25 countries, officially adopted the following resolution on July 5, 1977. This resolution was written by Commission I after days of extensive discussion with representatives from Western, Socialist, and Third World countries.*



## **Commission I, TO END THE ARMS RACE**

*"THE FUTURE OF MANKIND DEPENDS ON THE CAPACITY OF THE PRESENT GENERATION TO REALIZE THIS INTERDEPENDENCE AND TAKE URGENT ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT."*

*Kurt Waldheim - Secretary General - United Nations*

### **WHEREAS**

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

### **WHEREAS**

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 world's wealth and resources, and assure an improved quality of life for the people of the earth; and

### **WHEREAS**

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

### **WHEREAS**

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

### **WHEREAS**

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;

### **THEREFORE**

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;

### **FURTHER**

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 peoples' organizations as well as governments in this historic opportunity to save humanity.

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