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WORLD CITIZENS ASSEMBLY

" TO BUILD A WORLD COMMUNITY "

Convening June 25-29, 1977 Innsbruck, Austria and July 1-5, 1977 Paris, France  
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Mr. Oliver Tambo  
African National Congress of South Africa  
P.O. Box 2239  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Mr. Tambo:

I am resubmitting this request for your endorsement of the enclosed resolution on the arms race, and the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament which is scheduled for May, 1978. As you may recall, from the original letter (also enclosed), this resolution was written and adopted by the World Citizens Assembly meeting in Paris, France on July 5, 1977. Listed below are but some of the individuals who have endorsed this resolution. We continue to receive more each day.

The reason for this second letter is to bring you up-to-date, and to inform you that all endorsements must be received no later than November 30. With the endorsements, the resolution will be submitted to leaders of governments, and directly to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in late December or January.

Without endorsements, the resolution has been received by the organizers of the U.N. Special Session, and we have learned that "partly as a result" a precedent has been established whereby representatives of non-government organizations will be allowed to sit in on the Special Session, and have their material printed in official U.N. publications. However, more direct participation is necessary in this historic attempt to save humanity. We feel the resolution, when presented, can perform an important role in furthering this goal, and to help arouse public opinion in support of this crucial meeting. All endorsees will receive a copy of the final document when it is readied for presentation.

Sincerely,

*Douglas Mattern*  
Douglas Mattern  
Secretary General

Add my name to the list of endorsees.

Signature

Partial list of endorsees to date:

Dr. George Wald, Nobel Laureate 1967	Alan Paton, S. Africa.
Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Nobel Laureate 1937	Ernest DeMaio, U.N.
Dr. Salvador Luria, Nobel Laureate 1968	Representative of World
Dr. James Watson, Nobel Laureate, 1962	Federation of Trade Unions.
Dr. Severo Ochoa, Nobel Laureate, 1959	Frank Perna, Civil Service
Dr. Andre Lwoff, Nobel Laureate, 1965	International.
Dr. Hugo Theorell, Nobel Laureate, 1955	Samuel Day, Editor of the
Dr. Odd Hasel, Nobel Laureate, 1969	Bulletin of Atomic scientists
Dr. Nikolaas Tinbergen, Nobel Laureate, 1973	Dr. Cahit Talas, Chairman
Gunnar Myrdal, Nobel Laureate, 1974	Turkish UNO.
International Peace Bureau, Nobel Prize, 1910	Frank Allaun, MP England
United Nations Ambassador Rossides of Cyprus	Labor Action for Peace.

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### Partial listing

Enclosed is a major resolution (To End the Arms Race) adopted by the World Citizens Assembly (WCA) meeting in Paris, France from July 1-5, 1977. The WCA was attended by 600 people from 25 countries. This resolution was written by Commission I after two days of extensive discussion with representative of peace organizations from Western, Socialist, and Third World countries.

The focus of the resolution is the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament scheduled for the spring of 1978 in New York. With the arms race continuing its macabre course, it is imperative that this crucial U.N. Special Session achieve positive results. The WCA is appealing to all peoples, all governments, all non-government organizations to demonstrate their support; to arouse public opinion sufficient to inspire their governments to positive action.

To help further this goal, the WCA is seeking endorsement of this resolution by prominent individuals and organizations. Early in 1978, the resolution (with the endorsements) will be presented to leaders of governments, and directly to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. We would be honored to add your name to the list of prominent global citizens endorsing this resolution. A dozen Nobel Laureates have already added their name, along with many outstanding citizens and organizations. The deadline for receiving endorsements is November 30, 1977.

The coming months of activities, leading to and including the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, could provide a turning point away from the hopeless trend of the arms race toward fundamental steps to build a world community which offers humanity a future. We must not fail this historic opportunity.

All endorsees will receive a copy of the final document when it is readied for presentation.

Sincerely,

*Douglas Mattern*  
Douglas Mattern  
Secretary General WCA  
Chairman, Commission I

Signature

\_\_\_\_ Add my name to the list of endorsee for the resolution.

\_\_\_\_ Add my name and organization.

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*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.

For additional copies, information, or endorsement, contact World Citizens Assembly, P.O. Box 2063, San Francisco, California USA 94126.  
Douglas Mattern, Secretary General.

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