

POST-50 1996 GLOBAL COMPLIANCE RESOLUTION

We prepared the following draft resolution for the "We the Peoples Conference: the Role of Civil Society in the History and Future of the United Nations". This resolution called upon states, at the June 26, 1995 UN Affirmation Ceremony, to pledge to discharge fifty years of obligations.

This resolution was adopted by the plenary at the Conference, and the assembly agreed that the resolution should be passed on to Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali who subsequently addressed the plenary. We recently received a letter of support from Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali:

Thank you for sharing with me the "Global Compliance Resolution" whose spirit reaffirms the commitment of people the world over to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations (*signed, Boutros Boutros-Ghali July 5, 1995*)

Since then on September 13, a version of the Global Compliance resolution was officially distributed to all delegations of the member states at the United Nations at the United Nations Conference on Women: Equality, Development and Peace. The Global Compliance resolution was distributed again to all delegations of the member states of the United Nations on September 15, on the final day of the conference. A proposed resolution for October 24 was sent to all the UN 50th Anniversary representatives. A response was received from Dr. Sohreh Tabatabai, the Coordinator, Fiftieth Anniversary Secretariat:

I regret that it is not possible for us to arrange for presentation of the Global compliance Resolution to the General Assembly. As resolutions may be introduced only by Member States ...

You may be interested to learn that the special commemorative session of the General Assembly planned for 22-24 October is expected to endorse a Declaration rededicating Member States to achieving the goals of the United Nations Charter.

STATES HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN PREPARED TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, NOT PREPARED TO DISCHARGE 50 YEARS OF OBLIGATIONS. THE GLOBAL COMPLIANCE RESOLUTION CALLS UPON STATES TO DISCHARGE 50 YEARS OF OBLIGATIONS WHICH IF FULFILLED WOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR DEDICATION TO ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE GLOBAL COMPLIANCE PROJECT CHALLENGES A STATE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO COMPLEMENT THE DECLARATION OF REDEDICATION TO THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

51/1 Proclamation of the International Year of Global Compliance

The General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly has decided unanimously to proclaim solemnly, on the Fifty-first Anniversary of the United Nations, the International Year of Global Compliance on the 24 October 1996,

Whereas for fifty-one years, since the formation of the United Nations, member states of the United Nations have undertaken in UN system governing bodies obligations reflected in Charters, Covenants, Conventions, Declarations and Resolutions,

Whereas, if these fifty-one years of obligations had been honored and acted upon, respect for human rights could have been guaranteed, preservation and protection of the environment could have been ensured, threats to peace prevented and removed, disarmament achieved, and socially equitable and environmentally sound development could have been enabled,

Whereas fulfillment of the purpose of the United Nations would require the discharging of the fifty-one years of obligations related to guaranteeing respect for human rights, preserving and protecting the environment, promoting peace, and ensuring socially equitable and environmentally sound development;

Whereas, the freeing up of money through the peace dividend would assist in the discharging of these obligations,

Whereas the Fifty-first Anniversary of the United Nations provides a unique opportunity to reaffirm the support for and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and to undertake to discharge previous obligations undertaken through Charters, Covenants, Conventions, Declarations and Resolutions,

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly, and its member states
Solemnly proclaim October 1996 the International Day of Global Compliance

and solemnly pledge to do the following:

- to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and international law can be maintained;
- to fulfill fifty years of obligations undertaken through Conventions, Treaties, Declarations and Resolutions made in the UN system;
- to sign and ratify what they have not yet signed and ratified, and to enact the necessary legislation to ensure the discharging of these obligations;
- to fulfill additional obligations undertaken through globally adopted UN Conference action plans, and programs of action.

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I will request my government to introduce this resolution to the General Assembly

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This resolution was circulated at the Prepcom for the UN Conference on Women: Equality, Development and Peace, and adopted at the plenary at the We the Peoples Conference in San Francisco, distributed to delegates at the UN Conference on Women: Equality, Development and Peace in Beijing, sent to all state representatives for the UN 50th Anniversary, distributed widely to NGOs, and recently in March, in its POST-50 form, recirculated in New York to state delegations and to NGOs.