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### FOREWORD

There is a rising tide of worldwide public opinion that the peoples of the world need a United Nations Organization, and that it should be restructured to better serve humankind in the years ahead.

I suggest that the focus should be to accomplish a restructuring in the year 1995, the 50th year of the United Nations.

Study and research programs; national and multinational; governmental and non-governmental; should be active in preparation for that restructuring.

A "We the people" participation, including many organizations, and all of the world's religions, should be involved.

To stimulate and encourage this process, I have put together my suggestions of such a restructuring. I recognize that these include many points; perhaps more than one hundred, where there will be differences of opinion, to be decided in the actual fulfillment of a restructuring.

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I do not propose a world government.

I do propose an improved center for the co-existing cooeration of all of the peoples of the world through their sovereign governments.

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I do urge that now is the time for "We the people" of the world to influence and persuade the leaders and governments to restructure a better United Nations Organization to serve humankind for the next fifty years on this earth.

> Harold E. Stassen 1991

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WE THE PEOPLES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DETERMINED

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

### "WE THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD DETERMINED

to save our own and succeeding generations from the scourge of world war, which in this age of nuclear bombs carries a catastrophic threat to all humanity;

to foster conditions under which the competition of systems, economic, social and political, may take place without violence or war; and to encourage cooperative reaching out for common action for mutual well-being of peoples;

to care for this earth and safeguard the environment of the universe against hazardous pollution of air and water and land;

to establish methods and structures to consider all threats to peace and controversies between peoples and nations and to assist in reaching creative, sound, fair, just solutions;

to decrease violent terrorism, which afflicts innocent children and women, as well as men; and in fact damages the future prospects of all peoples and increases the perils of war;

to end hunger, which is now a tragic experience of many peoples;

to overcome diseases and illness and infections which afflict humanity;

to extend humanitarian and expert aid in earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, nuclear accidents, and other major disasters;

to advance the peaceful use of outer space for the well-being of humankind through Stars Peace and to decrease the danger of a future Star War:

to open the way for information, larger freedom, opportunity, and hope for the greater fulfillment and enjoyment of life for all of the children of all of the races of humankind;

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small, with respect for their sovereignty and their culture;

### AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

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Accordingly, our respective governments, through representatives assembled, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to this Charter of the United Nations, to supersede upon its ratification in accordance with the terms hereof, the previous Charter of the United Nations; and do hereby establish a renewed international organization to be known as the United Nations.

### Chapter I

### PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

#### Article I

The Purposes of the United Nations are:

- 1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;
- 2. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determiniation of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
- 3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and
- 4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

### CHAPTER I

### PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

### ARTICLE I

The purpose of the United Nations is:

- 1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures; for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace; for the suppression of acts of aggression or terrorism or other breaches to the peace; for stopping the arms race; and for bringing about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;
- To establish conditions under which competition of systems, economic, social, cultural and political, may take place without resort to violence, or terrorism, or war, and under which there may be a cooperative reaching out for common action for mutual well-being of all peoples;
- 3. To care for this earth and establish safeguards for the environment of the universe against the hazardous pollution of air and water and land;
- 4. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
- 5. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all men, women, and children, without distinction as to race, language, or religions;
- To administer those areas of this earth and of the space around this earth which are not within the sovereign jurisdiction of any state;
- 7. To be a center for harmonizing the actions of the nations in the attainment of these common ends.

### Article 2

The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles.

- The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.
- 2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the present Charter.
- 3. All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered.
- 4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.
- 5. All Members shall give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the present Charter, and shall refrain from giving assistance to any state against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.
- 6. The Organization shall ensure that states which are not Members of the United Nations act in accordance with these Principles so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.
- 7. Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII.

### Article 2

The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following principles:

- 1. The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members, and of universally encompassing within it the contemporary governments of all peoples on this earth.
- 2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership shall fulfill in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with this Charter.
- 3. All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered, and justice may be attained.
- 4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.
- 5. No Member which possesses nuclear weapons shall ever use such weapons against a Member that is not engaged in massive military aggression, and all such Members shall open their territories to reasonable United Nations inspection to assure the fulfillment of this commitment.
- 6. No Member shall send nuclear weapons into space, and all Members shall permit United Nations inspectors to assure the absence of nuclear weapons before the launching of any object into space.
- 7. All Members shall give the United Nations assistance in accordance with this Charter, and shall refrain from giving assistance to any state against which the United Nations is taking preventive enforcement action.
- 8. The Organization shall ensure that states which are not Members of the United Nations act in accordance with these Principles so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.
- 9. Nothing contained in this Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under this Charter; but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter IX.

### Chapter II

### MEMBERSHIP

### Article 3

The original Members of the United Nations shall be the states which, having participated in the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco, or having previously signed the Declaration by United Nations of 1 January 1942, sign the present Charter and ratify it in accordance with Article 10.

### Article 4

- 1. Membership in the United Nations is open to all other peaceloving states which accept the obligations contained in the present Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations.
- 2. The admission of any such state to membership in the United Nations will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

#### Article 5

A Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. The exercise of these rights and privileges may be restored by the Security Council.

### CHAPTER II

### MEMBERSHIP

### Article 3

The original Members of the United Nations under this Charter shall be the states which sign this Charter and ratify it in accordance with Article 167 within one year of the date on which the minimum requirements for ratification are completed for the effective enactment of this Charter.

### Article 4

- 1. Membership in the United Nations is open universally to all states, the effective governments of which accept the obligations contained in this Charter.
- 2. The admission of any such state to Membership in the United Nations after the original Members will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly, with the concurrence of the Central Cabinet of Administrators.
- 3. Membership in the United Nations through such acceptance of the obligations contained in this Charter by the effective government of any state, shall not constitute approval of such government by the United Nations, or by the Member states, or of either the form or the personnel or the practices of such government.

#### Article 5

A Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. The exercise of these rights and privileges may be restored by the Security Council.

### Article 6

A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in this Charter may be suspended from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Central Council of Administrators or by the Security Council.

### Article 6

A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

### Chapter III

### ORGANS

#### Article 7

- 1. There are established as the principal organs of the United Nations: a General Assembly, a Security Council, an Economic and Social Council, a Trusteeship Council, an International Court of Justice, and a Secretariat.
- 2. Such subsidiary organs as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with the present Charter.

### Article 8

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

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### INSTITUTIONS

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- Such subsidiary organs as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with this Charter. Subsidiary organs established under the original Charter shall be continued under this Charter.

### Article 8

The United Nations shall place no discriminating restrictions on the eligibility of men and women of all races to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

### Chapter IV

#### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Composition

### Article 9

- 1. The General Assembly shall consist of all the Members of the United Nations.
- Each Member shall have not more than five repesentatives in the General Assembly.

#### Functions and Powers

#### Article 10

The General Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of the present Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in the present Charter, and, except as provided in Article 12, may make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both on any such questions or matters.

- 1. The General Assembly may consider the general principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments, and may make recomendations with regard to such principles to the Members or to the Security Council or to both.
- 2. The General Assembly may discuss any questions relating to the maintenance of international peace and security brought before it by any Member of the United Nations, or by the Security Council, or by a state which is not a member of the United Nations in accordance with Article 35, paragraph 2, and, except as provided in Article 12, may make recommendations with regard to any such questions to the state or states concerned or to the Security Council or to both.

### CHAPTER IV

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Article 9

## Composition

- 1. The General Assembly shall consist of all the Members of the United Nations.
- 2. Each Member shall have not more than three representatives in the General Assembly, and each member shall have equal rights to speak and express views in the sessions of the Assembly, and in all activities and forums of the Assembly.
- 3. Each member shall have the voting rights established by Article 18 and Annex B.

### Article 10

### Functions and Powers

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Any such questions on which action is necessary shall be referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly either before or after discussion.

- 3. The General Assembly may call the attention of the Security Council to situations which are likely to endanger international peace and security.
- 4. The powers of the General Assembly set forth in this Article shall not limit the general scope of Article 10.

### Article 12

- 1. While the Security Council is exercising in respect of any dispute or situation the functions assigned to it in the present Charter, the General Assembly shall not make any recommendation with regard to that dispute or situation unless the Security Council so requests.
- 2. The Secretary-General, with the consent of the Security Council, shall notify the General Assembly at each session of any matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Security Council and shall similarly notify the General Assembly, or the Members of the United Nations if the General Assembly is not in session, immediately the Security Council ceases to deal with such matters.

- 1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:
- a. promoting international cooperation in the political field and encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification;
- b. promoting international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

as provided in Article 24, may make recommendations with regard to any such questions to the state or states concerned or to the Security Council or to both. Any such questions on which action is necessary shall be referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly either before or after discussion.

- 3. The General Assembly may call the attention of the Security Council and of the Central Cabinet of Administrators to situations which are likely to endanger international peace and security.
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### Article 13

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:

2. The further responsibilities, functions and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in paragraph 1(b) above are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

### Article 14

Subject to the provisions of Article 12, the General Assembly may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the present Charter setting forth the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

#### Article 15

- 1. The General Assembly shall receive and consider the annual and special reports from the Security Council; these reports shall include an account of the measures that the Security Council has decided upon or taken to maintain international peace and security.
- 2. The General Assembly shall receive and consider reports from the other organs of the United Nations.

#### Article 16

The General Assembly shall perform such functions with respect to the international trusteeship system as are assigned to it under Chapters XII and XIII, including the approval of the trusteeship agreements for areas not designated as strategic.

- 1. The General Assembly shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization.
- The expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the Members as apportioned by the General Assembly.
- 3. The General Assembly shall consider and approve any financial and budgetary arrangements with specialized agencies referred to in Article 57 and shall examine the administrative budgets of such specialized agencies with a view to making recommendations to the agencies concerned.

- (a) promoting international cooperation in the political field and encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification;
- (b) promoting international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;
- (c) safeguarding the environment of the earth and of the universe and preventing the deepening pollution of the air, the water, and the land;
- (d) developing the resources of the seas and of space and of areas outside of the sovereign jurisdiction of the separate states.

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Subject to the provisions of Article 24, the General Assembly may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of this Charter setting forth the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

### Article 15

The General Assembly may provide for an annual "We the People" assembly of accredited non-governmental organizations which manifest a constructive interest in the purposes of the United Nations Charter.

#### Article 16

The General Assembly shall perform such functions with respect to the international trusteeship as are assigned to it under Chapter XX and Chapter XXI, including the approval of the trusteeship agreements for areas not designated as strategic.

### Article 17

The General Assembly shall receive and consider an annual report from the Central Cabinet of Administrators, and such special reports as may be made.

### Voting

- 1. Each member of the General Assembly shall have one vote.
- 2. Decisions of the General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, the election of members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of Article 86, the admission of new Members to the United Nations, the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system, and budgetary questions.
- 3. Decisions on other questions, including the determination of additional categories of questions to be decided by a two-thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of the members pesent and voting.

### Article 18

## Voting

1. Each Member of the General Assembly shall have not less than one vote and not more than one thousand votes.

The specific number of voting rights of each member shall be established by taking into equal account three factors:

- (a) total population
- (b) annual gross national production
- (c) annual per capita production

All members shall be ranked on these three factors, and the three rankings shall be combined to establish the effective rankings.

The initial voting rights shall be as specified in Annex B. Thereafter, the rankings shall be reviewed and raised or lowered each five years on the basis of the best available statistics for the comparative three-year period, by decisions of the Assembly.

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- 3. Decisions on other questions, including the determination of additional categories of questions to be decided by a two-thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of the votes of Members present and voting.

### Article 19

A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.

#### Procedure

### Article 20

The General Assembly shall meet in regular annual session and in such special sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Secretary-General at the request of the Security Council or of a majority of the Members of the United Nations.

### Article 21

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### Chapter V

#### THE SECURITY COUNCIL

### Composition

- 1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution.
- 2. The non-permanent members of the Security Council shall be elected for a term of two years. In the first election of the non-permanent members after the incnrease of the membership of the Security Council from eleven to fifteen, two of the four additional members shall be chosen for a term of one year. A retiring member shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.
- Each member of the Security Council shall have one representative.

### CHAPTER V

### THE SECURITY COUNCIL

### Article 23

## Composition

- 1. The Security Council shall consist of twenty-one Members of the United Nations. Brazil, the Peoples Republic of China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the United Republics of Eurasia,\* the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, or such of these states as are Members of the United Nations, shall be permanent Members of the Security Council. Of these permanent Members, the United States of America and the United Republics of Eurasia shall be special permanent Members. The General Assembly, acting with the voting rights provided in Article 181, shall elect additional Members of the Security Council to bring the total number to twenty-one, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution.
- 2. The non-permanent Members of the Security Council shall be elected for a term of two years. In the first election of the non-permanent Members, however, one-half shall be chosen for a term of one year. A retiring Member shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.
- Each Member of the Security Council shall have one representative.

<sup>\*</sup> Temporary name used by the author for the major center of the USSR pending sovereign decisions.

### Functions and Powers

### Article 24

- 1. In order to ensure prompt and effective action by the United Nations, its Members confer on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and agree that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility the Security Council acts on their behalf.
- 2. In discharging these duties the Security Council shall act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations. The specific powers granted to the Security Council for the discharge of these duties are laid down in Chapters VI, VII, VIII, and XII.
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The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter.

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### Voting

- 1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.
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- 4. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the permanent members and by the affirmative vote of fourteen or more members.

#### Procedure

#### Article 28

- 1. The Security Council shall be so organized as to be able to function continuously. Each member of the Security Council shall for this purpose be represented at all times at the seat of the Organization.
- 2. The Security Council shall hold periodic meetings at which each of its members may, if it so desires, be represented by a member of the government or by some other specially designated representative.
- 3. The Security Council may hold meetings at such places other than the seat of the Organization as in its judgment will best facilitate its work.

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The Security Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.

### Article 31

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### Article 32

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### CHAPTER VI

### THE CENTRAL CABINET OF ADMINISTRATORS

### Article 33

The Central Cabinet of Administrators shall consist of twenty-five Administrators each appointed by and representing one Member state or a group of Member states, as set forth in Annex A to this Charter.

### Article 34

The appointment of Administrators to represent groups of Member states shall be by the application of the respective voting rights of the Member states within the region.

### Article 35

The Administrators shall vote within the Central Cabinet of Administrators by the application of the voting rights of the Member state or group of Member states within the region represented by the Administrator.

### Article 36

The appointment of Administrators shall be for a term of five years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. An Administrator may be removed from office, and a successor may be appointed, at any time by the majority voting rights of the Member states of the region.

### Article 37

The Secretary-General shall serve as Chairman of the Central Cabinet of Administrators. In the absence of the Secretary-General, the Central Cabinet of Administrators shall select a Chairman from their own membership.

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