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Greens**

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## **SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR A UN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

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The Federation of Young European Greens joins the international Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly and supports the Campaign's "Appeal for the Establishment of a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations."

### ADDENDUM

The appeal reads as follows:

Humanity faces the task of ensuring the survival and well being of future generations as well as the preservation of the natural foundations of life on Earth. We are convinced that in order to cope with major challenges such as social disparity, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the threat of terrorism or the endangerment of global ecosystems, all human beings must engage in collaborative efforts.

To ensure international cooperation, secure the acceptance and to enhance the legitimacy of the United Nations and strengthen its capacity to act, people must be more effectively and directly included into the activities of the United Nations and its international organizations. They must be allowed to participate better in the UN's activities. We therefore recommend a gradual implementation of democratic participation and representation on the global level.

We conceive the establishment of a consultative Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations as an indispensable step. Without making a change of the UN Charter necessary in the first step, a crucial link between the UN, the organizations of the UN system, the governments, national parliaments and civil society can be achieved through such an assembly.

Such an assembly would not simply be a new institution; as the voice of citizens, the assembly would be the manifestation and vehicle of a changed consciousness and understanding of international politics. The assembly could become a political catalyst for further development of the international system and of international law. It could also substantially contribute to the United Nation's capacity to realize its high objectives and to shape globalization positively. A Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations could initially be composed of national parliamentarians. Step by step, it should be provided with genuine rights of information, participation and control vis-À-vis the UN and the organizations of the UN system. In a later stage, the assembly could be directly elected.

We appeal to the United Nations and the governments of its member states to establish a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations. We call for all organizations, decision-makers and citizens engaged with the international common interest to support this appeal.

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## RATIONALE

Efforts to strengthen and revitalize democracy at the national and European levels do not suffice in the long run as more and more important decisions are being taken at the level of global intergovernmental institutions.

A Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations (UNPA) would constitute a first pragmatic step towards an improved democratic participation of citizens at the UN and other international governmental institutions through elected representatives. Once it is established, a UNPA and its delegates could be an important force for further democratization at the international level, including direct elections of the UNPA at a later stage.

The bipartisan Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly is the leading network in the world that advocates this goal. The appeal has been endorsed by over 600 Members of Parliament, 200 non-governmental organizations and hundreds of personalities from over 100 countries.

The aim of a UNPA is also included, among others, in the final declaration of the Second Global Greends Congress that took place in May 2008.<sup>1</sup> By adopting this resolution, FYEG would signal that it is dealing with the question of global democracy and that the green European youth is part of the worldwide movement that advocates a more democratic global governance.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.globalgreens.org/brazil2008/declarations/21\\_commitments#12\\_21points](http://www.globalgreens.org/brazil2008/declarations/21_commitments#12_21points)