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World Greens call for global parliamentary assembly

Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May has joined with Green Party delegates from around the world to pass a resolution calling for 'the establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly' to reduce the 'international democratic deficit.' The resolution was passed by representatives of green parties and movements from over 80 countries who gathered in Sao Paulo at the beginning of May for the second Global Greens Congress.

'Governments mainly care about advancing their national interests,' May commented. 'By contrast, a UN Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA) could help to promote the global common interest. The resolution adopted by the congress underlines that the green movement is convinced that a dialogue is needed on the notion of a bi-cameral system at the UN.'

The support of the Global Greens adds momentum to an international campaign for the establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly which was launched in April 2007.

The Global Greens are the third major international party network to endorse the proposal for a UN Parliamentary Assembly, following the Liberal International and the Socialist International.

The campaign is also backed by more than 450 members of parliament and over one hundred non-governmental organizations from around the world. Recent Canadian endorsers include Roméo Dallaire, Flora MacDonald, John Turner, David Suzuki, John Polanyi, Ed Broadbent and Lloyd Axworthy. ☞

The Committee for a Democratic UN, an NGO based in Berlin, Germany, acts as the UNPA campaign's international secretariat. The World Federalist Movement-Canada (WFM-C) is the Canadian affiliate.

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