**United Nations Reform: Fast Track to Good Global Governance\***

# Well governed societies enjoy internal peace. Historically, the size of governed entities has increased from tribes to nations to continental/regional unions. Today, communication and transportation technology make good governance on a global scale feasible. Furthermore, the possibility of mutually assured destruction by use of nuclear weapons and the increasing ecological footprint of humanity make global governance even necessary.

At the end of World War 2 in 1945 the United Nations system was created. Peace and Security was chosen as its mandate, which was an appropriate mandate for sustainability of human civilization at that time. Today, the world has changed and for a sustainable human civilization the mandate of the United Nations needs to be expanded by explicitly stating environmental protection. Therefore, the updated mandate of the United Nations must be: Peace, Security and the Protection of the Global Commons.

In order to be effective, the United Nations system must be transformed into a world government with all essential functions: legislation, jurisdiction and a executive powers. Any good government is transparent, just and trustworthy. A good global government is focused on global problems. It leaves the solution of local problems to the nations as required by the subsidiarity principle. Three major steps are required for the transformation of the United Nations into a good world government.

Step one: accept the United Nations General Assembly as the world’s legislative body. As each nation represents its people, everyone is indirectly represented in global legislation.

Step two: accept the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court as World Courts. This is almost reality. However, a few nations still resist global jurisdiction even though global justice is one of the highest human values. Any civilized nation must accept a global justice system. Only rogue nations and terrorists act outside of global Law.

Step three: create a functional world executive. This requires a major overhaul of the existing United Nations Security Council. Give permanent membership to Regional Unions such as the African Union, the European Union, The Union of South American Nations, and other unions of comparable size. Abolish the veto power. Furthermore, a good world executive needs a world police, which protects nations by enforcing international law and brings rogue nations and terrorists to justice. The UN Emergency Peace service proposed by Peter Langille is a start for a world constabulary.

The creation of a good global government is urgently needed for solving the existential global problems of our time. Nuclear weapons and costly national military forces must be abolished. Global warming and loss of biodiversity must be prevented. Justice must prevail in national and International conflicts through the force of law. Financial markets, fair world trade and use of the global commons must be regulated. Last but not least a good global government is needed for improving global social justice and equity. A Global Senate is also needed to check on the actions of the global government. Representatives of the states or provinces of each nation could be members of the World Senate.

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