

The proposal

To achieve this objective, we propose the constitution of a "World Parliament". Such a parliament should be elected by all the citizens in the world through regular elections. The candidates should be chosen among those people who have concretely distinguished themselves - that is through their work in the social, political, sanitary, religious, educational and cultural field - in the various countries in which they have lived and work, not considering their nationality of origin. Every country should elect a number of representatives proportional to its population. The candidacy should be free and proposed by citizens' associations. The members of the World Parliament should then elect a "Council of Ten" with only administrative and managerial duties.

The "World Parliament" should only have an advisory role on ethic, social and political problems concerning the interest of humanity as a whole and could be consulted by at least a third of the members of each country or by the same representatives of member states of the United Nations Assembly on those issues. The "Council of Ten" would have the task of collecting the applications issued and send queries to the single components of the "World Parliament" who, continuing to normally carry on their usual activities in their own countries, should answer the Council by email in a brief time delay.

Then the Council itself should take the responsibility to send the given answers (indicating the percentage) to whom had asked this advice, as well as to make the answer public through the mass media.

As the "World Parliament" is an advisory organ only, and without any effective political power, its activity would not run the risk of entering into conflict with other activities and decisions of the United Nations or Member States: it would constitute only an ethic reference being questioned only on matters of real interest for humanity.

The "World Parliament" should assemble - in different seats - in a plenary sitting once a year to favour the reciprocal understanding of its components and to draw up a planned report on the state of the world. "The Council of Ten" could then be summoned in an extra-ordinary sitting to discuss any particularly serious situations which need, according to the opinion of the same "Council of Ten", an urgent announcement discussed by the parliament.

Right from the first assembly the "World Parliament" should draw up a "Charter of Values" coherent with that which inspires "The United Nations Organization", so as to better define and communicate its aims and the limits of its actions.

The cost of organizing the "World Parliament" - which would be modest because limited to the salary of the "Council of Ten", administrative costs and the refund of expenses of the members for their participation in the project - would be met by the United Nations, which would be the first and irrevocable sponsor of the initiative. In the case of some countries not wishing to participate in the project, only the delegated members from countries taking part would participate, although the possibility would remain, for those who initially did not join, to do so in the future, or in the next elections which would be held regularly every 5-7 years.

All the voting would be carried out and paid for by the States who have joined and should be controlled by officers of the U.N., which could in any case decide to offer its own economic contribution and logistic support for the organization of the elections in those countries where their governments make the request.