

Copernican Decision in the G20 Summit Meeting

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It is time to reformulate, parallel to a new world financial order, the imperious need to review the San Francisco Charter of 1945, which went into effect precisely one year after the Bretton Woods meetings that initiated the creation of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the system that is now falling apart.

The review of the U.N. Charter (art. 109) is perfectly possible, through a call of the General Assembly of the U.N., by a two-thirds majority vote by its members and any 9 of the 15 members of the Security Council (this can be 9 of the 10 non-permanent members).

Consequently, it is possible to legally review the U.N. Charter in its entirety, and in a way so that the summons cannot be vetoed by any of the 5 permanent members of the Security Council, which could only veto in the case of a proposal to reform or alter the Charter itself (art. 108 and art. 109 second paragraph).

If, upon reviewing the Charter, it became more evident that the U.N. does not have the structure or faculties to efficiently resolve the pressing problems facing humanity, such as: 1) global warming, 2) the world financial crisis, 3) food shortage, 4) scarcity of water and energy resources, 5) international drug trafficking, 6) arms and human trafficking, 7) non-compliance with nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 8) poor health conditions and pandemics, 9) genocide, wars, and military interventions, 10) violations of human rights and mistreatment of immigrants, etc., then it would be clearly confirmed that it is appropriate to begin a real transformation of the U.N. within a legal and political framework, so that, as a legal and governmental instrument, it can have the ability to emit international legislation with enforceable laws and administrative bodies in a democratic, plural, and transparent system that is able to apply the law within a state of international law, and that guarantees peace and progress for all.

Humanity does not need to re-establish capitalism, fascism, or communism, since the failure of these three systems has been evident in the past century. We believe in the renaissance of humanist values and universal principles, based on reason, justice, liberty, diversity, and fairness. This renaissance is, undoubtedly, a joint venture of the entire global community, and it is the responsibility of the leaders in power to set an example for the future generations.

For this to happen, the world needs to revolutionize the concept of sovereignty with a new mentality. As Copernicus would say, “the 192 nation states must revolve around the needs of the planet and the interests of humanity as a whole.” This is in stark contrast to the individualist view that each nation-state currently holds—similar to what Ptolemy, who turned out to be completely wrong, would have said—as if “everyone else must revolve around my own national interests.”

Appreciated Representatives of State and Government of the G20 nations, participating in the Summit in Washington, D.C.:

First of all, you represent the “peoples” of your respective countries, and, for this reason, you have the enormous responsibility to act jointly, with truth and for the good of millions of human beings, who, like you, are in need of peaceful coexistence and shared development of the goods of the planet. In this year, 2008, the fall of the “economic, political, and social model” of a world at the edge of collapse in a number of aspects has become evident. He who cannot see this or chooses not to see it, only does so out of ignorance or malice.

The individual interests of a few political leaders, high-level CEOs, and the principal owners of large banks and global financial funds, whose numbers, at their highest, reach only 6 million people within the global elite, are just a very small fraction of the inhabitants of the world. And yet, this small fraction is responsible for the critical situation that the world is in today. If they

had been doing their job well, there would be no need to propose the transformation of the political, economic, and social institutions for the 21st century, but the truth is that things are going from bad to worse.

If you, the leaders of the 20 representative regions of the people of the world, truly want to do something that will benefit those you represent, as well as our “common home”, commit yourselves to lead the call to a General Conference of U.N. members, for the purpose of reviewing the San Francisco Charter of 1945, and to try and achieve a new legal, political, economic, and social order that is just and fair—that which humanity deserves—before it is too late.

Remember that we are living in a time of difficult decisions that test the intelligence, courage, and determination of our generation.

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