

**PROPOSED W.F.M. RESOLUTION ON BINDING DECISIONS
THROUGH WEIGHTED VOTING:**

RECOGNIZING that inadequacies in the United Nations, as it is presently constituted, contribute to the perpetuation of a world order in which many decisions affecting much or all of humanity are made by powerful nations acting unilaterally or by self-selected coalitions of major political and economic powers;

PERSUADED that such decisions frequently have little claim to morality or legitimacy;

NOTING that within the United Nations binding decisions can be made only by an unrepresentative, anachronistic Security Council dominated by five permanent members who happened to be the major victors in a war concluded in 1945 and that each of those members is unfairly endowed with the power of the veto, and

NOTING FURTHER that in most United Nations agencies other than the Security Council decisions made under the prevailing one nation-one vote rule are non-binding, often fail to reflect political and economic realities, and often are accorded little respect;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the World Federalist Movement supports substantial enhancement of the ability of the United Nations to adopt legally binding resolutions on matters of major global concern; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as a matter of principle, the World Federalist Movement endorses decision-making systems within the United Nations that are binding, based on realistic and equitable weighted voting formulae, and appropriate for the relevant decision-making agencies and for the types of problems that those agencies address.

N.B., It has been suggested that what is recommended above is already WFM policy. If so, I would request to see the written evidence to that effect. In any event, I and others believe the proposed resolution has merit not only on the basis of its substance -- in that it enunciates a principle that is as relevant to WFM concerns as the principle of subsidiarity -- but also by virtue of the way in which it is stated.

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