GET THE POINT

United Nations Charter Review (Article 109-3)

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I am Fritz Pointer. I am a retired Professor of African History and Literature. I was a founding member (1966) of the Northern California Black Panther Party – a precursor to the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense (BPPSD). Here in the U.S. we are dealing with the most incompetent, inept, inconsistent response to Covid-19 at every level of government: National, State and Local. In fact, our president is taunting and insulting Governors who follow CDC guidelines..

I come to the Democratic World Federalists movement with recognition of the necessity for global solutions to global problems through the creation of a World Federalist Government. African American leaders and spokes persons in the past, Thurgood Marshall, William Patterson, Mary McCloud Bethune, Walter White and even Malcolm X were so frustrated to gain full rights in the USA that they appealed to the United Nations for help.

Even now, there needs to be United Nations observers for this year's USA elections, as voter suppression is rife. In the five years since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down key parts of the Voting Rights Act, nearly a thousand polling places have been shuttered across the country, most of them in southern black communities. In fact, in one of the counties with some 600,000 black voters, the polling places were reduced from 360 to ONE!! In 2018 Georgia spent over $100 million on new electronic voting machines that malfunctioned disastrously. The final straw was the U.S. Postal Service Postmaster General, in an act bordering on

Treason, ordered the shut-down of high-volume mail-sorting machines, “to save money.”

But, the UN failed before and is failing now to give assistance to protect Human and Civil Rights in the USA. The USA veto power in the UN Security Council makes sure of that; another reason to open a review of the *UN Charte*r to find the defects that limit what the UN can do to help eliminate racism, the abuse of women and children, environmental destruction, endless war, and the production of Nuclear Weapons, which destroys lives and the possibility of global democracy.

DEMOCRATIC WORLD FEDERALISTS is an NGO with the UN. DWF is a primarily volunteer nonprofit, nonpartisan educational and think tank organization. Our history goes back to 1983 as part of the World Federalist Association. In 2004 we became independent as Democratic World Federalists.

We: Democratic World Federalists (DWF)-San Francisco; Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR)-Brussels; World Constitution & Parliament Association/Earth Constitution Institute (WCPA-ECI)-India; and World Federalists Movement (WFM) appeal to the United Nations – General Assembly to:

- Honor the United Nations Charter’s Promise made in 1945 to have a UN Charter Review within 10 years (it has been 75 years without a Review)
- Comply with the Resolution of the General Assembly and the UN Security Council of 1955, which resolve to proceed to the “review” in accordance with the provisions of Article 109-3 (65 years without a Review)

- Fulfill the “Promise of San Francisco” and demand that the next annual General Assembly abide by the original mandate of the Founders of the UN.
- Create a “New United Nations.” The present UN despite 75 years of trying has been unable to end war or eliminate weapons of mass destruction. There is a nuclear arms race underway. Nuclear disarmament is the United Nations General Assembly’s oldest aspiration. It’s first resolution, adopted on January 24, 1946, urged the “elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons and all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction.” 74 years later the UNGA is still being ignored and blocked by the Veto Power of the Security Council (P).
- Just Last week the Trump administration was trying to persuade countries to stop the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) from becoming Law: the first legally binding global treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their total elimination; State parties are banned from developing, testing, producing, acquiring, possessing, stockpiling, using, or threatening to use nuclear weapons: 47 countries have ratified the treaty: it needs 50 ratifications to enter into force. The U.S., Russia, China, Britain, and France, and America’s NATO allies are unified in opposition to such a LAW. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) not part of the UN, but has a cooperative agreement with it, has 184 signatures, but the P-5 again blocking ratification. **On Friday, October 23, Volkan Bozkir, the new president of the General Assembly, requested a meeting with Mayor Bill de Blasio, of NY but was turned down with no explanation.**

- World Federalists know what is wrong with the outdated and defective Charter: It is UNDEMOCRATIC, 188 nations without a meaningful vote. The "sovereignty" principle must be revised. Enforcement of International Law and Order is missing: allowing certain nations, multinational corporations, and international banking to operate above and outside the United Nations. The Best Example is the Global War industry which the UN cannot stop. Due the Veto Power of the very countries fomenting, selling the means of war and engaging in war – most often.
- The UN Security Council P-5, in our opinion, is blocking nuclear disarmament and world peace. This is a bitter truth backed up by its history of failures. We do not think the United Nations Security Council can be considered legitimate as it is not representative of the world community. The P-5 routinely violate international law and UN conventions: reject law and order for themselves and mock the International Criminal Court.
- We must educate and convince some of the nations of the UN to join THE SF PROMISE which requires a review of the obsolete UN Charter.