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Who Owns the Oceans?

International Symposium Proposed
To Address Sovereignty Issue
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No one owns the oceans, except possibly for territorial rights and shipping lanes, but in the near future, technology will be introduced that will change that. The invention coming out shortly has the capacity to extract substances from the water. It will be possible to place it on the ocean floor, sit back and rake in the money. Unfortunately, it will also set off a cycle of events that will tear apart the fragile ecosystem of the oceans. To prevent this from occurring, The World Peace Organization for the One World Government would like to propose and sponsor a symposium to debate the issue of the sovereignty of the oceans, and invite concerned people from all the nations to participate.

In the 1800s, the U. S. government saw the west's unlimited potential, and opened it up by granting railroad barons ownership of strips of land. The railroads sold off the land and built the railway system. It was a service the government provided. Communities grew up around the railroads to support them. By extending the boundaries of the United States, the government increased its power. Some people got very wealthy from it, but others were driven from the land or exploited. The same thing is about to happen in the oceans due to this invention.

If the U.S. government attempts to expand its boundaries once again through granting corporations rights to the ocean, what would be the ultimate conclusion? Many people will consider this to be terribly unfair and will protest, but it will be hard to stop the process once it starts. There will be a backlash, because no one owns the oceans. Will this create even more animosity towards the United States? Many consider the United States to be imperialistic. What if we attempt to colonize the oceans?

We don't have to repeat the same cycle to bring wealth and power to the United States. Why not gain the power and prestige we have lost by working with others instead of against them? That way we don't have to deal with the backlash that will come from this. Our country can gain power and prestige by being fair, rather than imperialistic.

Proposed International Government

Our organization is working to introduce an international government based on fair and equitable practices. The proposed international government is based on the U.S. Constitution, which sets up a framework that enables all the states to be considered autonomous, and disputes between states are settled in a court system. It allows large states and small states to be treated fairly and equally. The same principles can be applied on an international basis. The departments, such as the Department of the Oceans, will act as advisors to the government, and also be autonomous. We propose that all eleven departments, because they will be made up of experts from those fields, and from every nation, assume responsibility for resolving the issues that mankind is facing. Taken out of the realm of politics, and everyone working together, the issues will be resolved to benefit all people.

The symposium to address the issue of the sovereignty of the oceans will set the stage for the creation of the Department of the Oceans. Our organization does not have the right to set policy, but functioning for the highest good for all people, we have the right to recommend solutions that will benefit all people. At the symposium, the delegates will debate this issue, and then be invited to attend the conference in Europe to set up the proposed international government. This department, working in conjunction with the proposed international government, *will* have the

power to resolve this issue.

Technology that benefits only a few and exploits others must no longer be tolerated. We recommend that all technology, before it is created and is still in the planning stages, pass a review board to ensure that there is no objection to its creation. For technology that is culturally sensitive, we recommend that it must pass a multi-cultural review board. In this way, there is no sense of exploitation. When everyone is involved in the decision process, then everyone will be drawn into the creative process. The benefits of this are that there is no longer redundant research, and a much higher result can come about.

The economic policies of our proposed international government enable the creation of a global renaissance. The Department of the Oceans, with all the world's leading experts on the oceans and related fields, has the capacity to resolve the issues. They can address global warming, transportation issues, weather and natural disaster problems, such as tsunamis and hurricanes, and much more. Working together, the solutions to all these problems can be found. But, that is not all. The other ten departments will resolve *all* of the issues, and function on a far higher level than the present international structure, which is basically unfair.

The present international structure is based on the need to create an economic presence in the world, but it is oftentimes done at the expense of the people. It creates schisms between the governments and the people. The governments have relied on games of one-upmanship to gain power and prestige, but the games no longer work. The proposed international government allows everyone to have what they need through win-win situations, rather than the games.

Who would benefit from protecting the oceans? Wouldn't everyone? The Earth is a closed ecosystem, and what happens in one part of it affects every other part in some way. The oceans affect the weather patterns across the world. The ocean currents circle the planet. Dealing with this problem now allows us to be active, rather than reactive. Isn't this coming from a more empowered position? So many people feel unempowered these days that they don't have the capacity to make a change in the world. They don't see how it can come. People have an incredible amount of power when we are working to benefit all people.

We have prepared a proposal on the oceans, and it will be introduced at the symposium. The delegates to the symposium will introduce it, or one of their own choosing, when the international government is accepted. These individuals will become advocates for the creation of the Department of the Oceans, and stand on the principles necessary to ensure that the oceans maintain their sovereignty.

The Eleven Departments of the
Proposed International Government:

The Department of the Oceans
The Department of the Interior
The Department of Natural Resources
The Department of Agriculture
The Department of Defense/Facilitators
The Department of the Environment
The Department of Commerce
The Department of The Treasury
The Department of Internal Revenue
The Department of Corrections
The Department of Transportation

These departments will function as advisors to the proposed international government, and to the member nations. This will be one of the most important benefits a member nation will receive.

Each department will be made up of experts from all the countries, will be autonomous and create their own hierarchy. Financial departments will be governed by boards rather than a single individual to ensure fairness.

These departments will supercede the present international structure. As the old institutions prove they are not fair to all, they will be superceded by these departments of the proposed international government.

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