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Declaration of January 12: Let Us Create a Movement of World Citizens!

The following call was issued on Jan. 25, 2026 by panelists who addressed the Jan. 12, 2026 EIR *Emergency Roundtable, "It's Worse Than You Think: The Strategic Implications of the Attack on Venezuela and How to Bring the World Back from the Brink." It is now circulating widely internationally, with the intention of gaining further prominent adherents as well as mobilizing for joint action on a world scale.*

After convening on January 12, 2026 in an international virtual emergency roundtable dialogue, we, the undersigned, have issued this appeal to the world community. We join together to catalyze actions we believe must be taken to avert the plunge of human civilization into a potentially fatal catastrophe.

With the beginning of the year 2026, the world has moved into a new phase. International law is being abolished and replaced by the law of the jungle, by the so-called principle that "might makes right." This complete breakdown of even the pretense of any adherence to a world order based on real principles of law threatens to escalate various regional conflicts into a new dark age, or even a global nuclear war.

For example: After the repeated commission of acts of piracy against the nation of Venezuela, and the kidnapping of the head of a sovereign country, we now have the announcement of the planned invasions and theft of natural resources of more countries, such as Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Iran, and possibly others, and territories such as Greenland. A militarization not seen in approximately 90 years evokes the panorama of a coming new world war, while the Western-dominated financial system, now almost entirely severed from the real economy, is threatened with a systemic meltdown even worse than the crisis of 2008.

The fig-leaf of "humanitarian interventions" and defense of the "rules-based order" has been entirely dropped in favor of an openly demonstrated aggressive imperialism and neocolonialism. So-called "Western values" are betrayed in favor of the threadbare illusion that there is any legitimacy left after those values have been buried. The absence of any efficient statecraft, and the use of military and economic force as a replacement of diplomacy as a means of conflict resolution, has led to the failure of post-World War II institutions such as the United Nations Security Council and the UN General Assembly. The failure to enforce the decisions of the highest courts, such as the International Court of Justice (ICJ), has left genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity unpunished.

This deplorable condition of current affairs requires an urgent intervention, both by institutions, and the world's people of good will. We therefore propose the creation of a World Civil Society Initiative, to work together with religious organizations and other civil groups, and the UN as a central partner, in order to uphold the UN Charter and the 1954 Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. Its immediate foci, among others, must be:

- The urgent convening of an international conference to discuss the principles for a New International Security and Development Architecture, and
- The creation of teams to work on aspects of the reconstruction of the world system. For example:
  a) the elaboration of a "World Land-Bridge," of economic development corridors for every continent;
  b) the creation of ad hoc teams which must condemn the brazen foreign intervention into the internal affairs of Venezuela, and any similar interventions into the internal affairs of sovereign states in any part of the world, as well as the ongoing genocide in Gaza and similar

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violations of human dignity elsewhere;

c) the reorganization of the world financial system, including the creation of national banks for every country, and a new payment system devoted to the physical economy;
d) the revival of the best traditions of each world culture or civilization; and the encouragement of dialogue among them to promote
e) the exploration of new methods of thinking designed to establish a new paradigm in human history, such as the method of the Coincidence of Opposites.

An Immediate Action Group to implement this outlook is hereby constituted. It is open to representatives of any organization/institution, as well as to individuals, who wish to participate in the creation of a worldwide civil society initiative committed to the interest of the one humanity, and to guarantee the adhesion of a reformed UN to that ideal. It should be up to the respective representatives of all nations to determine what is the appropriate nonviolent direct action in the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela in their country.

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