

**Amendments deferred by the Charter Working Group
and International Reference Group
at the Global Greens Conference, Canberra 2001,
for further consideration in the development of the next Draft
of the Global Greens Charter**

Note from Louise Crossley, Coordinator of the Global Greens Charter 2001:

While many of these amendments are relevant and valuable, I believe that as far as possible, extra detail should be included in the Political Action chapters, rather than in the Preamble and Principles. These should be kept as succinct and simple as possible, and restricted to only the key, fundamental tenets of Green political philosophy to which all parties and political movements can subscribe, and which will endure for decades. Ideally, I believe that at the next Global Greens Conference we should try to achieve a consensus on the Preamble and Principles, and an agreement that these sections of the Charter should be 'cast in stone'.

The Political Action chapters should be the place for detail, and for 'campaigning' issues that will change over time, and will be regularly reviewed and amended.

PREAMBLE

Add to page 2, para 3

Acknowledging that injustice, racism, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence, armed conflict, **the arrogance of ruling elites globally**, and the search for maximum short term profit are causing widespread human suffering

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India.

Amend page 2, para 4 to read

Acknowledging that **minority** countries through their pursuit of economic and political goals....

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India.

Amend page 2, para 5 to read

Committed to closing the gap...based on equal rights for all individuals **and groups** in all spheres...

Suggested by Miriam Solomon, Australia

Amend page 2, para 9 to read

Recognising the rights of indigenous people...to their culture, region and cultural life **as long as cultural beliefs and practices do not conflict with human rights or ecological sustainability**

Suggested by Chris Chaplin, Australia

Add to page 2

Knowing that health, happiness and fulfilment are the birthright of all people and are possible only when we feel, acknowledge and act upon our spiritual connection with all life.

endorsed by the Australian Greens, Federation of Asia and the Pacific

Add to page 2

Acknowledging the adverse impact of over population on the planet (particularly in the light of movement of people as refugees from the consequences of global warming)

Suggested by Margaret Sainsbury, Australia

Add to page 3, para 3

Resolve to promote a comprehensive concept of **democracy and** sustainability which...

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India.

Add to page 3, 2nd dot point

Acknowledges the interrelatedness of all ecological, social, economic, **political and cultural** processes

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India.

Add to Last statement of Preamble, p 3

Commit ourselves as Green parties and political movements from around the world to **reflect and** implement these interrelated principles and to create a global partnership in support of their fulfilment.

alternatively Add new clause to chapter 10

(the Greens) Will set an example by implementing, within their own party and organisational structures, the interrelated Principles in this Charter.

Endorsed by Canada/Federation of the Americas

PRINCIPLES

Ecological Wisdom

Amend paras 1 and 2 to read

We respect the specific values of all components of the natural world

- **living and non living**
- **humans and other forms of life**

Not only are humans part of the natural world, but human society depends on the ecological resources of the planet...

Suggested by Don Cameron, Australia

Add new clause before *This requires*

All provincial, district and village councils must have laws to prevent wasteful use of natural resources

Endorsed by Nepal/Federation of Asia and the Pacific

Add to new dot point

That a caretaker national government of persons, who themselves will not contest, should hold elections, to make them fairer and less expensive

Endorsed by Nepal/Federation of Asia and the Pacific

Social Justice

Amend first dot point to read

a just organization of the world and a stable world economy which will close the widening gap between rich and poor, both within and between countries;

acknowledgement by rich countries of the true value of the resources that have been flowing for centuries from South to North; and restoration of that imbalance by lifting the debt the North is claiming from the South.

Suggested by Alison Lyssa, Australia

Add to last dot point

...wealth or health, **and special rights for disadvantaged groups.**

Suggested by Miriam Solomon, Australia

Add new dot point

The empowerment of communities in the control of their economic, social and cultural environments

Suggested by John Kaye & Lee Rhiannon, Australia

Add new dot point

The positive rights of workers to collectively bargain

Suggested by John Kaye & Lee Rhiannon, Australia

Participatory Democracy

Add to 8th dot point

That all electoral systems are based on **preferential** proportional representation....

Suggested by Annie Goeke, ASGP

Add to 8th dot point

That all electoral systems are based on **direct** proportional representation....

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India

Add new dot point

That all citizens are free to vote without fear of intimidation or retribution

Suggested by Chris Chaplin, Australia

Add new dot point

The restructuring of the United Nations into a truly democratic global organization that is capable of fairly representing all peoples of the earth in a new global political community where every member state has an equal vote

Suggested by Chris Chaplin, Australia

- **Recommend that this is transferred to Political Action 1/10 or new section on UN**

Nonviolence

Amend 2nd dot point to read

◆ a global peace-movement capable of the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, **and forcing nuclear powers to roll back their weapons**

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India

Amend last dot point to read

- ◆ pursuing a ban on arms exports to countries where human rights are being violated.
- ◆ pursuing a rigorous code of conduct on arms exports worldwide

Suggested by ???, Australia

Add new dot point

◆ dissolution of all military alliances and an active campaign for general disarmament

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India

Sustainability

Amend 3rd para to read

We recognise that sustainability must be achieved with the context of the elimination of poverty

Suggested by ??, Australia

Add to 1st dot point

◆ ensuring that the rich limit their consumption to allow the poor their fair share of the earth's resources, **through the collection of resource revenues amongst other approaches**

Suggested by Karl Williams, ASGP

Add to 1st dot point

◆ ensuring that the rich limit their consumption **and pay back the ecological debt** to allow the poor their fair share of the earth's resources

Suggested by Vijay Pratap, India

Add to 6th dot point

◆ implementing mechanisms to tax, as well as regulating, speculative financial flows, **and speculative holdings of land and natural resources**

Suggested by Karl Williams, ASGP

Respect for Diversity

Add before *This requires*

We honour especially the old cultures that are full with knowledge of love, and respect of nature

Endorsed by Mexico/Federation of the Americas

Add new dot point

Recognition of and respect for the special need of all disadvantaged groups

Suggested by Miriam Solomon, Australia

Add new Principle – Poverty

The eradication of, or the struggle against, poverty must be conceived as both a national and international phenomenon. National, because there is a lack of equitable distribution of national revenue because governments in power tend to keep the profits at the level of leadership. International, because of the current financial system of limited funding and resources,

Endorsed by African Federation

POLITICAL ACTION

CHAPTER 1

Amend 1.1 to read

...democratic, transparent and accountable government, **in all spheres** from local to global

Suggested by ???, Australia

Amend 1.7 to read

Uphold a just secular legal system that ensures the right of defence and practices proportionality between crime and **sentencing**.

Suggested by ???, Australia

Add 1.13 new clause

Will support countries that aspire to become fully democratic and will work to provide cushioning from pressures from other influential powers to undertake fast transitions without the necessary precautions that may have devastating consequences on the administrations and management of the country with negative impact on the social and environmental well being of the people,

Endorsed by EFGP

Add 1.13 new clause

Will support legislation for formal structures to democratise workplaces in order to maximise workers' control over the means of production and distribution.

Suggested by ???, Australia

CHAPTER 2

Add 2.1a new clause

Support the formation of aid watchdogs in the donor countries as well as the beneficiary countries to ensure that aid is channelled to assist the poor and disadvantaged and that it is not used for personal and political advantage

Endorsed by EFGP

Add 2.11 new clause

Recognise and support the positive role of public ownership and community control of infrastructure, service provision and resources, and the importance of government intervention in the economy, in creating social justice.

Suggested by John Kaye & Lee Rhiannon, Australia

Add 2.11 new clause

Recognise that those who have special access to natural resources owe a debt to those who do not, that should be paid by way of land value taxation and resource rental taxes.

Suggested by Neil Gilchrist, Australia

CHAPTER 3

Add to 3.0

High oil prices since 1999 foreshadow the global contraction of cheap oil which had fuelled so much activity over the last 100 years

Suggested by Brian Fleay, Australia

Amend 3.3 to read

Will work to establish an international emissions reporting framework for trans-national corporations, linked to **a global move for the introduction** of carbon taxes and global environmental loads.

Suggested by Reinhard Buetikofer, Germany

Amend 3.4 to read

Will work hard to ensure that developing countries...renewable energy. **We will encourage and assist developing countries to ratify Climate Change Conventions** to ensure that actions are comprehensive and worldwide....

Suggested by Chris Chaplin, Australia

Amend 3.9 to read

Advocate the use of fossil fuel taxes and using the funds raised to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and structural change.

Suggested by Brian Fleay, Australia

Add 3.11 new clause

Urge governments to give priority to means of transport which guarantee the lowest emissions and consumption of energy by passenger/km, particularly for inland and short distance links.

endorsed by France/EFGP

Add 3.11 new clause

Work against the trans-boundary transport of nuclear waste

Endorsed by EFGP

Add 3.11 new clause

Work to ensure more stringent security measures are taken in the transport of petroleum products by sea.

Endorsed by Malta/EFGP

CHAPTER 5

Add to 5.6

Will create a world environment where financial and economic institutions and organisations will nurture and protect environmentally sustainable projects that will sustain communities at all levels (local, regional, national and international)(included in Canberra 2001 Charter)

- By setting up an international Green bank
- By organising economically sustainable project networks
- By creating a body that will oversee the management of a growing green society
- By revising existing international organisations and institutions that no longer nurture and protect the interests and well being of the peoples of the Earth

Endorsed by Verts Pacificque/Asia Pacific

Substitute for 5.2

Support UN reform and the UN Resident Coordination System to ensure grater collaboration among UN agencies and specialised agencies working towards a common United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) with the support of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) at HQ level. Encourage other donor agencies to become part of the UNDAF process. Ensure that the UNDAF process considers impacts of the WTO and mitigates against these. The WTO should be subject to the decisions of the UNDG.

Endorsed by Malta/EFGP

Add after 5.6

Ask strongly for new international rules, including social matters, and coordinated control of merchant navy fleets, especially those which transport goods presenting a danger of pollution in case of wreck.

endorsed by French Delegation

Add to 5.10 new clause

Support abolition of tax havens like the Cayman Islands
endorsed by the Australian Greens, Federation of Asia and the Pacific

Add to 5.10 new clause

Support action to transform corporations into organisations accountable for their significant social and environmental responsibilities in addition to their financial ones, and for the abolition of legal definitions that equate corporations with a person.
endorsed by the Australian Greens, Federation of Asia and the Pacific

Add 5.10 new clause

Object to the patenting of life forms, seed, genes and natural medicines, and will work for the removal of the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights Agreement from the WTO
Endorsed by Aotearoa/NZ/Asia Pacific

CHAPTER 6

Add to 6.9

Uphold the right of all workers **and families** to safe, fairly remunerated employment, with the freedom to unionise **and acknowledge the caretaker economy**
endorsed by the Federation of the Americas

Add to 6.9

Uphold the right of all workers to safe, fairly remunerated employment, **and actively support and enhance the rights of workers to organise into unions, to collectively bargain, and to collectively withhold their labour**
Suggested by John Kaye & Lee Rhiannon, Australia

Amend 6.9 to read

Uphold the right of all workers to safe, **healthy, fulfilling and** fairly remunerated employment; the freedom to unionise **and the right to take industrial action without fear of retribution**
Suggested by ??, Australia

Add to 6.11

Recognise that the majority of refugees are women and children, many of whom lack the power and ability to escape their oppressive conditions to gain the status of asylum seekers. With this in mind we call for embassies and diplomatic posts to set up processes to give women avenues to seek asylum in safer countries.
Suggested by ???, Australia

Amend 6.15 to read

Demand decriminalisation of homosexuality, and will work to promote cultural respect and full legal equality for all sexual identities and consensual non-heterosexual relationships.

Suggested by ??, Australia

CHAPTER 7

Add to 7.10 new clause

Set a new direction for public agronomical research in order to orient this research towards satisfying the food needs of countries in the South by means of productive and sustainable agriculture.

endorsed by French Delegation

Add 7.13 new clause

Call for a phase out of all persistent and bio-accumulative man made chemicals and to work to eliminate all releases to the environment of hazardous chemicals by 2020 at the latest

Endorsed by Sweden/EFGP

Add 7.13 new clause

Will work towards a moratorium in the harvest of declining fish species and support island countries with large EEZs in the development of their fishing industry for the management and sustainable harvest of their own fish resources.

Endorsed by Malta/EFGP

Add 7.13 new clause

Call for the cessation of all forms of animal husbandry that involve restriction of natural movement and habits, or cruel or unnatural practices.

Suggested by Sue Pennicuik, Australia

Add 7.13 new clause

Will move towards a food production system that is less dependent on animal products.

Suggested by Sue Pennicuik, Australia

CHAPTER 8

Amend 8.6 to read

...will establish links between Greens in **local and regional spheres** around the planet...

Suggested by ???, Australia

Add to **8.8**

Will work to create socially responsible economic strategies, using taxes and public finance to maximise incentives for fair distribution of wealth, and eco-taxes, including **Land Value Taxation** to provide incentives to avoid waste and pollution.

Suggested by Karl Williams, ASGP

Add **8.13 new clause**

ensure that nuclear waste is guarded as close as possible to sites where it is produced
endorsed by the Australian Greens, Asia-Pacific Federation

Add **8.13 new clause**

Will work to encourage religious groups and nation states to promote the goal of moderation in population growth

Suggested by Margaret Sainsbury, Australia

CHAPTER 9

Add to **9.1**

Because of the rise of internal conflict, industrial countries should increase their assistance to developing countries through the UN in their development efforts, particularly aimed at the elimination of poverty and in establishing good governance practices.

Endorsed by Malta/EFGP

Alter **9.5 to read**

Will work to regulate and reduce, with the long-term aim of eliminating, the international arms trade.....and bring it within the ambit of a **UN auspiced Global Institute for Peace and Disarmament.**

Endorsed by Australia/Asia and the Pacific

Add **9.10 new clause**

Will work to redirect funding, technological expertise and resources of national military services, towards implementing this solution strategy as the priority within each country.

Suggested by Earth Repair Charter

Add **9.10 new clause**

Will work towards enabling all nations to develop the UN Global Peacekeeping Operations to ensure international security

Suggested by Earth Repair Charter

Add 9.10 new clause

Recognise that conquest of territory and dispute over access to land is often a cause of war and that a system of recognised land titles and land value taxation eliminates inequities that both positive and negative motivators for aggressors.

Suggested by Karl Williams, Australia

MISCELLANEOUS

Education – possible new Chapter?

The Greens will give priority to education to foster awareness in society, especially children, who are the real hope for a change leading us to a new way of life in which order and respect for nature will become natural behaviour.

Endorsed by Mexico/Federation of the Americas

The Greens will help to educate citizens of the world by imparting knowledge, raising awareness and consciousness of the interconnectedness of global problems from a socio-economic-political cultural perspective. In line with Chapter 36 of Agenda 21 it is our task to challenge people to adopt new ecocentric values through education for the environment by motivating citizens to take social action towards sustainability.

The Greens will educate people about power relationships and whose interests are being served by dominant minorities and to empower people to solve local community problems and can take action in a democratic way.

Suggested by Kathy O'Brien, Australia

Health and safety – possible new Chapter ?

The Greens will work to ban mining and processing of toxic and hazardous substances such as asbestos and lead

Endorsed by the Federation of the Americas

General observations

In support of what Wangari Maathai said, we urge that the Charter document be brief, broad and simple. A statement of general principles to which everyone can agree. In different countries with different cultures and customs, people can act according to these principles – universal ones. ...so many items for addition have been suggested, it risks making the document too cluttered, too specific, and too open to criticism.

Suggested by Alison Lyssa and Vittoria Pasquini, Australia

The Preamble should be published separately as “The Declaration of the Rights of the Planet and all its Inhabitants”

Suggested by Mike Stasse, Australia

Esperanto – Proposed Resolution

We, the Global Greens, are

- Aware of the decreasing diversity of the languages of the planet
- Aware of the need for a simple, fair and politically neutral means of communication
- Aware of the current discrimination against English speakers

And propose

- The inclusion of the simple and politically neutral language of Esperanto to facilitate communication at future international Green meetings

Suggested by Sandor Horvath, Jenny Bishop, Brian Currie, Australia