Preamble: The George III of today is the Industrial-Military-Political Complex of the Superpowers. If you agree with this Declaration please sign by e-mail (click here).

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Declaration of Interdependence--2007

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for the world's people to dissolve the political bands which have separated them from each other, and to assume among themselves the entitlement that the Almighty gave them as human beings, a decent respect for the human family impels them to come together and be united as one people in order to control the privileged corporations that have established positions of power within and beyond the control of individual nations -- a privileged global power that has usurped the control of national governments.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We hold that the wealth of this world is limited, at least in the means of extraction at a given time. Thus in a sense of prudence and priority we hold that the use of this limited wealth is first for the procurement of basic materials and services for all people, not for the profit and benefit of individuals or so-called corporate persons.

That to secure these rights for all peoples of the Earth, a global government (the United Nations) has been instituted, deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed. When national governments become paralyzed by other organizations either internal or external and when military and corporate powers take over those governments, it is the right of the people to alter their powers and transfer more control to a global government for the benefit, safety and happiness of all the people. Whenever any form or controlling power becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience have shown, that human beings are more disposed to suffer than to make corrections by challenging the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when the limitations of such traditional systems hinder the obtaining of the basic means of livelihood for major portions of the world's population, this amounts to a form of servitude that must not be tolerated by free people. It is thus the right and duty of all to throw off such irresponsible controlling organizations and to provide a new system for authentic future security and welfare. Such has been the patient sufferance of these more destitute and other peoples, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter the former systems of government.

The history of the present economic order is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the

establishment of privilege on the part of the affluent military, industrial and political complex and continually ignoring the destitution on the part of oppressed peoples who deserve the wealth for the basics of food, clean water, adequate housing, proper education and health. Often in the past half century the words of caution by President Dwight Eisenhower in his farewell speech in 1961 have been forgotten. He said, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exist and will persist."

To prove that this disastrous influence has persisted and entrenched itself with the superpowers and ordinary governments of this world, let facts be submitted to a troubled world:

- 1. Control of commons -- The military-industrial-political complex of corporations has usurped the commons that belong to all peoples and allowed some corporations to take possession of portions and use this for their own self-interest without regard for the public and common good.
- 2. Laws for the affluent -- They have lobbied, paid and influenced governments to pass laws to their own benefit and without regard to the basic needs of all the inhabitants of this earth; they have set up facilities in every state so that the legislators from these areas will support their nefarious practices.
- 3. Absent of just laws -- They have refused to allow non-military budget money to be sufficient to accommodate large numbers of people, thus allowing the very poor to receive crumbs when the budgets of even the most far-flung "star wars" and other purveyors of weaponry consume ever greater percentages of the discretionary budget. Thus they cheat lower-income people of the funding belonging to all the people and for their own basic welfare.
- 4. Freedom of information -- They have strived though not with complete success to control the means of information so that it would not be accessible to the people. They have allowed the concentration of media power to be under their own power and to the detriment of the people who depend on the media for basic information.
- 5. Right to livelihood -- They have overlooked the free right of every human being to earn a livelihood on this planet and instead have upheld that governments under their control would defend the so-called right to wealth and privilege leaving unrepresented the poor and unemployed who demand basic and inalienable rights to life.
- 6. Danger to Democracy -- They have ignored the words of President Eisenhower and "the weight of this combination (military-industrial complex may) endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and

military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods of goals so security and liberty may prosper together."

- 7. Migration -- They have sought to restrict the free movements of peoples who seek to travel, seek refugee status, or attempt to obtain guest worker status as needed for employment.
- 8. Juridical exemptions -- They have obstructed the administration of justice by exempting superpowers from joining and abiding by the courts of international justice.
- 9. Mobile funds -- They have moved funds from one country to another at great ease and without regard to the proper and just laws of fair economic systems.
- 10. Tax shelters -- They have permitted bureaucracies to exist in protected nation states and to act as shields for wealth and power that should be taxed and distributed to meet basic human needs.
- 11. Militarism as patriotic -- They have so intimidated the public that it believes that, unless a growing military force is supported, the opponent is "unpatriotic." Thus they interpret patriotism to exclude loyalty to local community and world community to which we have ties based on home place and human family relationship. For them, patriotism means active support of a national standing army even in peacetime -- a process requiring hundreds of billions of dollars and a total global outlay of one trillion dollars annually. This virtue of "patriotism" includes maintaining nuclear and other weapons that could annihilate all life on this planet, and that creates an inherent insecurity that becomes a provocation for developing and building even more sophisticated weaponry.
- 12. Independent military action -- They have rendered the military of superpowers independent of and superior to the global community and willing to go to war at will whether provoked or not. They have encouraged superpowers to transport large armies of domestic and foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of civilized nations.
- 13. Encourage military solutions to suspected crimes -- They have been adventuresome in starting and encouraging conflicts among nations in order to heighten the need for military counter measures. They have set up prisons and holding camps in areas removed from national jurisdictions and proceeded to make a mockery of international codes of procedure. They have established systems of imprisonment that take accused from one nation, transport them to another, and hold summary trials not in accordance with the laws of that respective nation or the common laws of the world's people.
- 14. Appropriation of rights -- They have manipulated governments in such a way that their own legal right to exist is ensured and that they have rights before the law, a truly perverse interpretation of

the basic rights of human beings. They divert our attention from the fact that corporations exist at the will of the people and when these do not carry out the purposes for which they were created, they are to be abolished or changed so that they are subject to control by the people. Today international requirements to control these corporate entities that do business outside of individual countries do not exist. They often stand above the law.

- 15. Ecological destruction -- They have in the name of greed and profit plundered our seas, ravaged our wildlands, overharvested our forests, and damaged and destroyed the lives of our people. They minimize the dangers that are evident to all with scientific reference to global warming that is changing climates, melting icecaps, raising ocean levels, and taking the planet itself on a dangerous course to the point where its own vitality is under threat.
- 16. Renewable energy -- They have maximized the dependence of our world on non-renewable resources (petroleum, coal, natural gas, nuclear fuel) to where this is a form of servitude and addiction; they have ignored the efforts at conservation of resources and concerted campaigns to move our world to a renewable energy economy of solar, wind and other renewable energy sources. They have engineered and received hidden subsidies for nuclear power development both in peacetime and for military purposes.
- 17. Advertising influence -- They have constrained people through captivity within the controlled mass media to desire material wealth and to struggle against the Earth itself in misuse of limited resources that belong to future generations.
- 18. Totalitarian governments -- They have permitted totalitarian regimes to trample on the rights of their own people and to subject them to merciless forms of inhumane treatment at the hands of despotic local and national governments, all under the guise of free trade and other commercial agreements and benefits.

At every stage of globalization the people have sought redress in the humble terms of their own cry against oppressive regimes and privileged military-industrial-political powers. The repeated cries from this troubled

Earth have been answered only by repeated injury. An economic system, the character of which is marked by insensitivity and privilege is unfit to be tolerated as influencing a free people. We seek to unite with other citizens on this planet to expose and condemn such practices and we will continue to warn citizens of the threat to their democratic principles. Therefore we affirm our union with all peoples of the Earth, that we are not to be subject to the jurisdiction of the industrial-military-political complex but hold allegiance that is superior to excessive militarism.

We the people of the world appeal to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do declare that we are interdependent and wish to come together in such a way that we express that interdependence. The United Nations must function

according to its charter and go beyond and promote peace and forsake all military operations beyond the basic police force mandates. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

## Declaration of Independence

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world:

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public

Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses: For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and

enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited, domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United

Colonies are and of Right ought to be free and independent states, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent states may of right do. AND for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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