

1 PROPOSAL FOR STATEMENT OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON STRENGTHENING  
2 CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION AT UN LEVEL – SUPPORT WORLD CITIZENS'  
3 INITIATIVE – IMPROVE COOPERATION WITH WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT

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5 The Union of European Federalists welcomes the World Citizens' initiative aimed at the  
6 establishment, at the UN level, of an instrument enabling citizens to put forward proposals on  
7 key issues of global governance and reaffirms its support for this action.

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9 The UEF strongly believes in the need for strengthening citizen's participation as well as civil  
10 society organisations' involvement at the UN level for the improvement of global governance,  
11 peace, planet-friendly and people-centred sustainable development as well as justice and  
12 resilience in a digital world.

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14 The unexpected COVID 19 pandemic reminds us all that only engaged, responsible and well  
15 informed global citizens can effectively address the major challenges of the new era and  
16 contribute to a more just and equitable world, sharing the rapid and transformative  
17 technological and digital advances towards a better life for all citizens.

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19 It goes without saying that the establishment at UN level of a permanent structure ensuring  
20 citizens' participation is crucial for the improvement of global governance, the promotion of  
21 inclusive and just ecological transition, eradicating poverty, achieving a sustainable world by  
22 2030 and beyond, with human well-being and a healthy planet at its core.

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24 In this context, the UEF

- 25 - reaffirms its commitment to strengthen cooperation with the World Federalist  
26 Movement and develop a new common agenda with concrete initiatives aimed at  
27 tackling new global challenges and promoting peace, sustainability citizens'  
28 participation and global democracy;
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30 - encourages the UEF members to participate in the Transnational Working Groups of  
31 the WFM , in order to develop common actions on global issues such as global  
32 security, migration, artificial intelligence, international terrorism and organized crime  
33 and so forth;
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35 - recommends the creation of a joint UEF-WFM task force in charge of the responsibility  
36 to identify areas of mutual cooperation and promote joint initiatives.