

STATEMENT BY MIKE MOORE

In a message dated 17 July 2009 the former Director-General of the World Trade Organization and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mike Moore, commented on the campaign to establish a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly:

The trend of the globalization of public policy issues will continue and cannot be ignored. I believe in parliamentary democracy as the best possible means to represent the will of the peoples. The work of parliamentarians at the national level must clearly be complemented at the international level. The global architecture is in need of refurbishing. It is necessary to build democratic principles into global governance. Informal ways of involving elected representatives in international institutions are no longer sufficient. A bolder step is necessary. The creation of a UN Parliamentary Assembly composed of national legislators could be part of the solution. This is a critical, evolving process that will grow in importance to support national governments and their peoples in this phase of making our irreplaceable international institutions more relevant and answerable to the people. The explosion of information, technology and communications make these dreams more relevant and easier to achieve.