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## Declaration of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability Demands Transition to Renewable Energy

*Cleanpeace.org Calls for Individuals to Sign Declaration that demands permanent Pollution and Greenhouse Gas reductions, Solutions for Peak Oil Problems and Elimination of incentives for Oil Wars*

Cleanpeace.org calls for individuals to sign its newly unveiled Declaration of Energy Independence Energy Security and Sustainability, the group's latest step in its campaign to empower citizens throughout the world to shape energy policies that enhance energy security, permanently reduce pollution and global warming gas production, overcome the risks of prolonged wars over shrinking oil reserves and provide real competition to oil barons and OPEC. The Declaration can be signed electronically at [www.cleanpeace.org](http://www.cleanpeace.org)

"US energy policy leads the world in a dangerously wrong direction," said Bill Garrett, president and co-founder of the non-profit educational and advocacy group which supports replacement of depletable energy with domestic, renewable energy. He continued, "Current policy focuses on rapidly using up domestic oil reserves and other depletable energy. The US holds less than 3% of world oil reserves, imports 80% of the radioactive fuels used in power stations, 60% of its oil, and burns 26% of world oil supplies. Most industrialized Democracies face similar conditions to varying degrees.

"But the US and its allies continue doling-out taxpayer dollars and policies that favor depletion of vital oil reserves while increasing vulnerability to oil-rich dictators and profit seeking oil barons. We must act now to reverse this dangerous policy," Garrett said.

"The energy industry will not change this policy for us; they seek to extract higher profits from diminishing oil supplies. Leaving this industry and its lobbyists in charge of energy policy because they're good at the energy business, is like appointing sharks as lifeguards because they're good swimmers." said Roy McAlister, Chairman and co-founder of Cleanpeace.org and an engineer, scientist, author and world authority on energy and materials science.

McAlister continued, "The oil industry would like us to believe there's no alternative to fattening their profits at our expense; that's just nonsense. Direct solar energy and its off spring in wind, waves, falling water and biomass are the most abundant energy resources on earth and can be harnessed to make clean-burning, renewable fuels. These energy resources are non-polluting, unlimited in supply and don't leave us dependent on oil barons and the despotic leaders of oil-rich nations"

The Declaration sets out the Four Principles of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability and demands a practical and timely transition to renewable energy. By signing the Declaration, supporters urge their elected officials in Legislatures, Congresses and Parliaments to change course

and rapidly develop domestic, renewable energy. In Congressional Districts that garner over 300 Declaration signers, Cleanpeace.org will provide scientific and technical support to the signers and their elected officials.

The Declaration's First Principle provides for a transition to renewable energy as a strategic goal of all energy policies. Existing gasoline and diesel engines burn over 70% of oil supplies and therefore must become the prime target for oil conservation and replacement. It also advocates the designation of hydrogen-based fuels made from renewable resources as a preferred replacement for gasoline and diesel oil because it burns clean, can be made from most all renewable resources and can readily fuel gasoline, diesel and combustion turbine engines.

“Failure to focus on conserving and replacing oil in existing gasoline and diesel engines bypasses the world's most wasteful and vulnerable applications; Its like missing a banquet to buy a popsicle.” said McAlister

The Second Principle requires adoption of equal funding and policy advantages for renewable energy. Equal treatment would put alternatives such as direct solar, wind, waves, and biomass on a level playing field with depletable energy. The Second Principle also calls for strong anti-trust protection for scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs engaged in renewable energy activities.

“The US government has bet your tax dollars and its policies on radioactive nuclear energy, oil and other depletable energy while shortchanging renewables.” said McAlister. He continued, “These unfair actions discourage investment in renewable energy and put the US government in league with the anticompetitive practices of the OPEC oil cartel and world energy barons. Few people will invest in renewable energy when they have to take on the US government and the energy industry. This paucity of private investment in renewables leaves depletable energy interests free to dominate world markets.”

The Third Principle calls for highway improvements funded by fuel taxes to include infrastructure development for convenient distribution of renewable fuels and generous incentives for commercialization of technologies that support transition from depletable to renewable fuels.

The Fourth Principle advocates development of a United Nations treaty that provides for future oil allocations based on each nation's record of replacing depletable energy with renewable energy, efficiency improvements, greenhouse gas reductions, and past oil consumption.

“World oil exports will either be allocated by war or law as the peaking of world oil creates increasingly more harmful oil shortages.” said Garrett. “Inadequate oil supplies lead to recession, depression and extreme hardship. As history has proven, nations fight for oil if there are no alternatives. The Fourth Principle provides a peaceful alternative to endless wars plus incentives to replace oil faster than peak oil can diminish its supply.”

“The Cleanpeace.org Declaration is a tool for individuals to counter the influence of energy lobbyists and begin shaping energy policy in the public interest. It also lets the giant energy conglomerates know that energy policy can no longer be their private preserve” said McAlister.

Cleanpeace.org will present the Declaration and signer comments to members of Congress from any Congressional District with a significant number of signers. In districts with 300 or more signers, Cleanpeace.org will also provide scientific and technical support to the signers as well as their elected officials. For signers outside the US whose nation provides 5,000 or more Declaration signers,, Cleanpeace.org will deliver the Declaration and the signers' comments to the appropriate Ambassador at the United Nations in New York as well as to U.S. energy policy makers to inform them of the energy policy goals the signers expect from the world's largest energy consumer. Scientific and technical assistance will also be provided to these Declaration signers.

A copy of the Declaration follows and is also available electronically at [www.cleanpeace.org](http://www.cleanpeace.org). For a poster version of the Declaration, visit [www.cleanpeace.org](http://www.cleanpeace.org) and click on POSTER. Cleanpeace is located in Bridgeport, CT and Mesa, AZ

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# ***Declaration of World Energy Independence, Energy Security and Sustainability***

Energy policies in the US and throughout the world lead to hardships, conflicts and wars over diminishing oil reserves. They cause greater air and water pollution, increase global warming and fuel costs while dangerously enhancing the powers of oil-rich dictators, nations and cartels. *We, the undersigned people of the world community* declare these policies a threat to human health, global stability, “democracy”, “human rights” and Civilization. We therefore demand new energy policies based on the Four Principles of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability set out below:

## ***The Four Principles of Energy Independence, Security and Sustainability***

### **Principle One**

#### **Make Transitioning to Renewable Energy a Strategic Objective of all Energy Policies**

Focus energy policy goals on transitioning from depletable to renewable energy. Initially concentrate this policy on conserving and replacing fuel in existing gasoline and diesel engines because these engines burn over 70% of world oil. Designate hydrogen fuel made from renewable energy as the preferred replacement for gasoline and diesel oil because it emits only water and can be made from all renewable energy. Focus new or expanded electric power generation on distributed heat and power facilities designed to conserve fuel and use renewable energy.

### **Principle Two**

#### **Require Equal Funding, Competition and Fair Play in Energy Markets**

Require energy policies that grant subsidies, policy advantages, tax breaks, and other benefits for renewable energy that at least equal those available to depletable fossil and nuclear energy. Provide “anti-trust and technology protection” for scientists, engineers, inventors and entrepreneurs engaged in renewable energy development and commercialization.

### **Principle Three**

#### **Accelerate Construction of Sustainable Energy Infrastructures**

Require all highway improvements funded by gasoline or diesel fuel taxes to include infrastructure development that facilitates convenient distribution of renewable fuels. Provide generous incentives to induce investment in commercialization of technologies that accelerate transition from depletable to renewable fuels

### **Principle Four**

#### **Provide for Peace and Prosperity in Times of Oil Shortages**

To overcome violent conflicts over remaining oil resources, establish an international policy for replacing oil faster than “Peak Oil” can create major oil shortages. Develop a United Nations treaty to allocate future oil consumption while maintaining world prosperity. Allocate oil supplies based on each nation’s record of replacing depletable energy with renewable energy, efficiency improvements, greenhouse gas reductions, and past oil consumption.