

Date
Your Name
Your Address

[Insert MP's Name]

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Dear [Insert MP's Name],

As one of your constituents, I'm writing to say that I've become disillusioned with the ability of national party politics and global institutions to solve the many global problems that today confront us, such as global warming, excessive corporate power, pollution, poverty and so on. That's why I've become a supporter of the Simpol Policy (Simpol) campaign; a global initiative allowing we, citizens, to use our votes to encourage politicians and governments to cooperate globally. **My support for Simpol affects who I will vote for at the next election. I will be giving strong preference to ANY candidate - within reason – who has signed the Pledge to implement Simpol alongside other governments.**

Simpol aims to achieve global cooperation such that multiple solutions to global problems can be implemented by nations *simultaneously*, ONLY when all or sufficient governments had first pledged to do so. In that way, global problems could be solved *without* any nation suffering a competitive disadvantage. The competitive disadvantage problem is, indeed, the key reason why governments are failing to tackle global problems. As the *Financial Times* (Nov. 16, 2006) pointed out in respect of climate change, "governments remain reluctant to address [this] threat because any country acting alone to curb its greenhouse gas emissions, without similar commitments by other governments, risks damaging the competitiveness of its industries." A further reason is that conventional UN-led efforts to deal with global problems only address *one* issue at a time. This virtually guarantees failure because nations that stand to lose on that issue will not cooperate. That is why Simpol is designed to deal with *multiple* issues, such that nations that may lose on one issue can gain on another.

The Simpol campaign occurs in two stages:

- In the first stage, your support, and support from politicians around the world, is given *only in principle*. I'm therefore asking you to sign the attached Pledge now. By signing it, you simply lend your support to Simpol in principle and you are free to cancel your Pledge at any time.
- In a second stage, which would only commence if and when sufficient international support from politicians were available, a range of policies would be developed and internationally negotiated. Prior to implementation, any agreed package of policies would be subject both to you re-confirming your support, and to citizens confirming their acceptance in a referendum.

At the last election in the UK where the campaign is most advanced, the Pledge was signed by 200 candidates from all main UK parties, of which 24 are now MPs. Some MEPs and parliamentarians in other countries have also signed. Simpol has the support of the former President of East Timor, Dr. José Ramos-Horta, and other personalities. You can see which politicians have pledged so far at <http://nz.simpol.org/index.php?id=175> Other more detailed information is available from Simpol's global site <http://www.simpol.org> or from its New Zealand site: <http://nz.simpol.org>

For you, signing the Pledge involves no risk and an electoral advantage. No risk because you are giving your support only in principle and may cancel it at any time. Signing it does not conflict either with your party's present policies or with on-going UN-led efforts at international treaty-making. Meanwhile signing it would confirm your eligibility to receive my vote and the votes of other Simpol supporters in your constituency. So, I would urge you to sign the attached Pledge and return it to Simpol at the earliest opportunity. **Simpol will publicise those politicians who sign the Simpol Pledge and will be informing their citizen-supporters accordingly so they'll know who to vote for at the next election.** I do hope you will want to give your support to this important initiative and look forward to hearing.

with kind regards,

[Sign]



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Pledge Form (for national election candidates) – Page 1 of 2:

As a candidate for, or Member of, the _____ Parliament/Assembly, I pledge my support for the Simultaneous Policy (Simpol) campaign. At this stage, my support for Simpol is given *only in principle* and signifies my support for Simpol as a *process* for bringing the governments of all or sufficient nations together around a common global framework for cooperation to address the major global problems we face. I will encourage my party and its members to join this global initiative.

The Simpol framework comprises the following features:

1. **Global co-operation:** Appropriate policies to solve global problems are to be implemented by nations *simultaneously*, only when all or sufficient governments have agreed to do so. Simultaneous implementation avoids any nation suffering a competitive disadvantage. If all nations move together, all nations and their peoples win;
2. **Subsidiarity:** Only those policies likely to result in a significant first-mover competitive disadvantage (i.e. those requiring a simultaneous approach) are included. Policies implementable unilaterally by nations remain excluded, so assuring appropriate subsidiarity and preserving national sovereignty;
3. **Give and Take:** International negotiations would combine *multiple* global issues together, such that nations that may lose on one issue can gain on another;
4. **Equality:** Democratic and non-democratic nations participate in the process on an equal basis (which is evident since the co-operation of all, or virtually all nations, is required);
5. **Democracy:** If there is sufficient worldwide support for the process in principle, citizens in democratic countries will be invited to participate, if they wish, in the formulation of any policies to be taken up by their government in negotiations, and their agreement to any policies that may be agreed in negotiations will be sought prior to their implementation.
6. **Complementarity:** The Simpol process does not conflict with established international treaties or with processes such as those pursued by the United Nations. Rather, it works in parallel, so offering an alternative route to co-operation should these processes fail.

Should the Simpol succeed in gathering sufficient in principle support from enough nations, I understand that any policies negotiated under this process will be subject to my further written agreement before I would be willing to vote in Parliament for their implementation.

I further understand that I may cancel my Pledge at any time in writing by notifying the International Simultaneous Policy Organisation (ISPO) and that ISPO may make my Pledge - or any cancellation of it - known publicly and particularly to Simpol supporters in my country or region. I am making this Pledge in my own name (not in that of my party*).

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Pledge Form (for national election candidates) – Page 2 of 2:

Optional public statement in support of Simpol:

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Name (*in block capitals*):

Constituency Party

Address:

Telephone number: Email:

Date: Signature:

Please return this form to: **ISPO • PO Box 26547 • London SE3 7YT • UK**
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Note: Your contact details will be held by the Simpol organisation only and will not be published or passed to third parties without prior permission, unless already publicly available.

**The party as a whole can pledge to support Simpol using a different procedure.*

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