



Press release

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World citizens to participate in 2004 US Presidential Election

THE HAGUE, 10/7/2003 -- In November 2004, Americans are to vote for a new president. Whoever they may choose, the outcome bears consequences beyond US domestic affairs. As decisions made by the US President affect the lives of citizens on all continents, theworldvotes.org wishes the rest of the world to have a voice in elections that matter.

"The foreign policy of the new president is of direct concern to citizens around the world" says Wiebe de Jager, one of the initiators. "What is missing is a means for citizens around the world to express themselves and be counted." This is what theworldvotes.org seeks to be: a community for the world's citizenry to let present and future presidents know what they expect of the world's most powerful state.

With this primary objective, to give world citizens a voice by casting a vote during the forthcoming US presidential election, the website also facilitates an international dialogue about how global governance can become more democratic.

As of today, visitors to the website can register to vote. Before the actual presidential election take place, those who registered will receive a ballot by e-mail. The initiators hope the initiative will draw subscribers from all over the world. To achieve this, the initiators call upon organisations that endorse the idea to enlist with theworldvotes.org and to encourage their membership to sign up.

About theworldvotes.org

Theworldvotes.org is a non-profit, primarily symbolic action to mobilize world citizens to become enfranchised in the debate about a more democratic management of world affairs. At a different level, this debate was recently initiated by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Kofi Annan.

Theworldvotes is not intended to be an anti-America or anti-George W. Bush Platform.

Note: For more information and registration, please refer to www.theworldvotes.org.