

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.