## **MOVEMENT ACHIEVES U.N. RECOGNITION**

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The International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade is now a Non-Governmental Organization recognized by the United Nations, through the efforts of Alanna Hartzok (Pennsylvania) and Harry Ball-Wilson (Hawaii and England). IU President Richard Noyes has appointed Hartzok alternate delegate and Pat Aller (New York) delegate.

The UN charter provides for people's representation, through nonprofit organizations, so that they might attend weekly briefings, disseminate UN information, and obtain greater support for UN goals. Non-Governmental Organizations, known as NGOs, total about 1500, and function through the UN's Department of Public Information (DPI). In addition, approximately 700 NGOs (about half of which are DPI affiliates) are associated with



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the UN through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). These NGOs must be international organizations with socioeconomic interests. They are entitled to discuss or present papers before certain UN groups. The IU will also apply for ECOSOC status.

All organizations are urged to plan ways to celebrate the UN's 50th anniversary in 1995; the two banner dates are March 26th, the charter signing in San Francisco, and October 24th, the first meeting in New York City. 1993 is the Year of Indigenous Peoples, and NGOs are working on improving their representation in official UN activities.

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