

Atlanta, Georgia, USA -- July 1, 2007

US Social Forum Resolution calling for the impeachment, conviction and removal from office of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 2007 U.S. Social Forum's Charter of Principles we are united in our opposition to "...any form of imperialism, and are committed to building a planetary society..." and are united in the common purpose of social, economic and political justice; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney have repeatedly and intentionally violated the Constitution of the United States causing the People to question the integrity of both the President and Vice President and to suspect that high crimes and misdemeanors have been committed. These violations include but are not limited to:

- **Violating** the People's Constitutional right to privacy in their persons and papers by engaging in a persistent, secret and unregulated pattern of domestic surveillance that bypasses the institution (FISA) established for that purpose.
- **Conspiring** to deprive United States citizens of Constitutional legal protections and access to Justice when charged with or suspected of crimes.
- **Exceeding** Constitutional Authority to wage war by invading a sovereign nation in direct defiance of the United Nations Security Council.
- **Acting** upon an interpretation of the Constitution (the "unitary executive") that ignores standard Separation of Powers and regards the Presidency as unlimited in ability to wage war, bypass civil liberties and remain above the law.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney repeatedly and intentionally misled the Congress, the International Community and the American People as to the risks posed by Iraq, as well as other groups or nations. These misrepresentations, and the actions they triggered, resulted in substantial loss of life to the People of the United States, loss of national treasure and the diminution of our nation's standing in the world. Such misrepresentations include:

- **Influencing**, manipulating and distorting intelligence prepared by national agencies such as the CIA, NSA and FBI, so as to present a biased view of events that would support specific strategies favored by the Administration.
- **Knowingly** and publicly presenting untrue statements regarding Saddam Hussein's acquiring uranium resources from Africa as part of a reconstituted Nuclear Program, as well as additional untrue statements that Iraq had fully active Chemical and Biological Programs as well.
- **Presenting** doctored photographs and satellite images to the domestic and international community to support such lies and manipulations.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney have engaged in a pattern of behavior considered to be War Crimes per the Geneva Accords, United Nations Charter and other international treaties to which the United States is a signatory. This behavior includes use of torture, rendering persons to a third party where they will undergo torture and confinement without access to courts of law.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney have abused their powers under the Constitution plus engaged in a pattern of lying and deceit to cover up such abuses. These abuses include:

- **Excessive** and obstructive use of Presidential Signing Statements as a strategy to bypass the execution of duly passed legislation as required under the Constitution's separation of powers doctrine.
- **Prohibiting**, delaying and limiting cabinet members and staff members of the Administration from providing information to Congress in support of Congress' standard oversight role.
- **Revealing** the identity of a covert CIA agent (Valerie Plame) engaged in Middle East intelligence work, presumably as a response to policy criticism by her spouse (Ambassador Wilson).
- **Undermining** the integrity, readiness and efficacy of governmental agencies such that the People are not reliably served and have reason to doubt the fair and equitable use of national resources. Examples include the Department of Justice, Veterans Administration, FE MA, National Guard, no-bid/no-oversight of government contracting and deployment of our nation's Armed Forces without providing for sufficient equipment, training and mission planning.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2007 United States Social Forum, the first United States Social Forum, supports the impeachment of George W. Bush, President of the United States and Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States for high crimes and misdemeanors and if found guilty be removed from office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to every California Democratic Member of Congress.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION THIS FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2007.