

COUNT ME IN!

I **AM IN SOLIDARITY** with all those who are fighting throughout the world to eliminate extreme poverty.

I **WANT TO CONTRIBUTE** to promoting respect for the dignity of all people, and their effective access to human rights.

I **WANT TO JOIN EFFORTS** to enable those living in extreme poverty and exclusion to participate fully in their societies, including the commemoration of October 17, World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty.

I **ASK** all members of civil society, local and national authorities, and the United Nations to:

- **Consider** those in extreme poverty as the first to take action in the fight against poverty;
- **Ensure** that people living in poverty fully participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and programmes that concern them, and that are inspired by a commitment to a world without poverty - a world where the rights to family life, decent work, social, cultural and political participation are respected;
- **Support** events organized each October 17 to ensure that the participation of people with direct experience of poverty be at the heart of the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty;
- **Participate** in an ongoing, long-term dialogue with people who, in refusing to accept extreme poverty, are building peace.

Date : Signature

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- Please keep me up to date on this appeal
I would like to support this appeal by:
- Distributing it; please send me copies.
 - Participating in October 17.
 - Supporting it financially.
- Please send me more information on how I can do more.

If you wish, please add comments here about why you are signing:

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Note: Your name and comments may appear on the website. If you do not want them to appear please tick here

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OCTOBER 17, WORLD DAY TO OVERCOME EXTREME POVERTY

"Wherever men and women
are condemned to live in extreme poverty,
human rights are violated.
To come together to ensure that these rights
be respected is our solemn duty."

Joseph Wresinski

Commemorative stone in honour of the victims of extreme poverty,
inaugurated on October 17, 1987, Trocadero, Paris

"Rare is the day when you can speak of poverty without shame."
Ireland

*"When I saw all those people coming together, when I sat
down with people whom I had never dared to approach,
when I spoke up in front of everyone, it gave me a sense of
courage, of strength. That day, I realized that all these peo-
ple wanted us to count for something."*
Haiti

**This appeal can be signed until
October 17, 2007 on:**

www.oct17.org

It will be submitted to the United Nations Secretary
General and made public on October 17, 2007.



This appeal can be sent to:
Mouvement ATD Quart Monde,
107, Avenue du Général Leclerc,
95480 Pierrelaye, France

ENDING EXTREME POVERTY, A ROAD TO PEACE

Call to
action

*"When you have nothing, you are no longer
treated like a human being. You aren't
important to anyone."*

*"Hunger, ignorance and all the violence.
I can't stand it anymore!"*

"What good is it? Who cares what I think?"

**EVERYONE COUNTS
IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST POVERTY**

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October 17, 2005 - Frimley Green - UK

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In May 2006, human rights defenders from four continents, and from diverse social backgrounds, met to evaluate the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, recognized by the UN in 1992 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Reviewing a wide consultation with associations, trade unions, states and UN specialized agencies, they launched this Call to Action.

Thousands of people living in poverty and others from all horizons have already signed and asked others to sign. They have said:

"I have known extreme poverty and I have been doing as much as I can for years to make sure that it comes to an end." (**Daniel, craftsman, Canada**)

"It's up to us to hold each other's hands and get rid of extreme poverty which kills our honour." (**Eric, student, Rwanda**)

"The world has to change its outlook in order to understand extreme poverty and bring it to an end." (**Juan Jorge, economist, Peru**)

"It's terrible to be scared of being alone, it's impossible to keep quiet whilst staying at home in the warm." (**Geneviève, shopkeeper, France**)

Others who have signed:

Josep Borrell Fontelles, President of the European Parliament - **Silvio Campana Zegarra**, ombudsman; Cusco, Peru - **Jean-Pierre** and **Luc Dardenne**, filmmakers, twice Palme d'or winners at the Cannes Festival - **Jacques Dermagne**, President of the French Economic and Social Council - **Daniel Genevois**, Amnesty International France - **Bronislaw Geremek**, Member of the European Parliament - **Thierry Henry**, footballer - **Nina Lim Yuson**, President of the International Movement ATD Fourth World - **Federico Mayor Zaragoza**, President of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace and former Director General of UNESCO - **Clotilde Nyssens**, Belgian senator - **Titinga Frederic Pacéré**, lawyer, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda - **Guy Ryder**, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation - **Cassam Uteem**, former President of the Republic of Mauritius - **Zinedine Zidane**, footballer - ...