

# Earth Charter Initiative

## NEWSFLASH

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**\*\* Tatarstan, first Parliament adoption of the Earth Charter**

On April 27, the Parliament of the Republic of Tatarstan / Russia voted unanimously to adopt and apply the principles of the Earth Charter as part of their constitution. This is part of the project 'Tatarstan - a Territory for a Culture of Peace, Sustainable Development and Tolerance', which the president of the republic launched a year ago.

**\*\* Mikhail Gorbachev presents the Earth Charter - Urbino, Italy, on June 8, 2001**

This event will result in the formulation of the Urbino Declaration, a document expressing the support and endorsement of the Earth Charter principles that will be signed by a wide range of political, social, and cultural organizations throughout Italy.

**\*\* The Earth Charter receiving endorsements**

The Earth Charter Initiative is seeking worldwide support for the use, implementation, and endorsement of the Earth Charter by individuals and organizations. Endorsement of the Earth Charter signifies a commitment to the spirit and aims of the document and an indication to the intention to utilize the Earth Charter in ways that are appropriate given the situation. Some of the organizations that have endorsed the Earth Charter are:

Bellagio Forum on Sustainable Development  
LEAD International - Leadership for Environment and Development  
National Wildlife Federation  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Stockholm Environment Institute

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For more information on these and other Earth Charter activities taking place around the world, please visit the Earth Charter website at: <http://www.earthcharter.org>

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