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### Global Democracy Campaign for an Alternative World (GDCAW)

The Global Democracy Campaign for an Alternative World (GDCAW) is a campaign organized by two Non-Government Organizations (NGOs); Shimin Gaikou Centre in Japan (<http://www005.upp.so-net.ne.jp/peacetax/>), and Citizens' Information & Media Center in South Korea (<http://www.simin.org>). The first people to support this campaign were Mushakoji Kinhide (Ex-Vice-Rector of United Nations University) and Son Bongho (President of Citizen's Information & Media Center).

The first U.S. presidential election year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will happen in 2004 marks. Decisions made by the elected President will have a great impact on the lives of *non*-U.S. citizens around the world. We believe that non-U.S. citizens have a right to express their choice for President in the U.S election. Therefore we are holding an international referendum on the US presidential election by non-US citizens and we call for a wider ranging and more inclusive democracy, different from the one led by the United States.

Therefore we call on non-U.S. citizens of sixteen and over to join in GDCAW. Please visit our website and vote with following instructions.

<http://www.choice21.org/>

The result of this voting will be announced on October 12th, 2004. We hope that U.S citizens think about why non-U.S. citizens are expressing opinions like these, and that the U.S citizens will exercise their own right to vote for the U.S presidential election on November 2nd, 2004.

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