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66/231. International Century of Small and Effective Government 2013 - 2113

The General Assembly,

Noting that the recent growth of government in many parts of the world has infringed the liberties of the world's people,

Noting also that the financial crisis was directly caused by excessive government intervention creating moral hazard in the financial sector and socializing losses,

Noting also that the loss of living standards in developed countries and entrenched poverty in developing countries was directly caused by corruption and poor government,

Recalling that the United Nations Charter of Rights has been consistently infringed by governments harming their people,

Affirming that small government of the people, by the people and for the people remains the principal objective of the United Nations,

Recognizing the important contribution that small and effective government provides for individual liberty and freedom,

1. *Decides* to declare the years 2013 to 2113 the International Century of Small and Effective Government;
2. *Invites* the peoples of the world to throw off the shackles of large government;
3. *Resolves* to wind up the United Nations for the good of the world's people;

4. *Encourages* Member States to dramatically reduce the size of their governments and to focus on individual freedom, liberty, and a strong market economy.

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