Global Goals of The Clinton Administration

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President Clinton's chief foreign policy adviser, Strobe Talbott, used to write in Time Magazine about nationhood and sovereignty becoming "obsolete" and being replaced by "a single global authority." Those inflammatory words have been replaced by kinder, gentler enticements.

The trendier words now are global governance, a global economy, and a "reinvigorated United Nations." The devotees of globalism don't talk so much about a "single" global authority; instead, they work through a variety of global entities with interlacing tentacles of control.

Treaties and international conferences are the principal ways that America is traveling the road to global governance. Three types of treaties endanger our individual rights and national sovereignty: those designed to manage human behavior, those planned to regulate our economic life, and those designed to take control of U.S. lands and property rights.

Two treaties that were written to regulate human behavior, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, were rejected by Presidents Reagan and Bush. Both are pet projects of Bill and Hillary Clinton and Madeleine Albright.

No human behavior is beyond the scope of these impudent treaties and the UN committees they would authorize to monitor our personal actions and even our schools. The treaty on children would set up a broad array of children's rights against their parents; and the treaty on women would even govern "customs and practices."

The Law of the Sea Treaty, which Clinton is attempting to revive after emphatic rejection by President Reagan, is a good example of the treaties that try to regulate our economic life. It is a scheme to force American businesses to sink billions of investment dollars down on the ocean floor, and then turn the

seabed's riches over to a global commission.

The World Trade Organization, which Congress put us into in 1994, is functioning in Geneva as a sort of United Nations of Trade, with a legislature (where we have one out of 116 votes), a multinational bureaucracy, and a court that ruled against the United States in its first case. The Chemical Weapons Convention, which Clinton persuaded the Republican Senate to ratify this year, is already spreading its global fingers from its headquarters in the Hague.

The third type of treaty, which will usurp control of American land and property rights, usually comes under the pretense of protecting the environment. The 1992 BioDiversity Treaty planned to set aside buffer zones and corridors connecting habitat areas where human use by Americans would be severely restricted.

President Bush refused to sign the BioDiversity Treaty, but Al Gore persuaded Clinton to sign it. The Clinton Administration is already implementing this unratified treaty through the President's Council on Sustainable Development, claiming that we must "fulfill existing international obligations."

Under the World Heritage Convention of 1972, our government has designated 20 World Heritage Sites and put them under the control of UNESCO, a UN agency to which the United States doesn't even belong because President Ronald Reagan pulled us out of it. These so-called UN sites include Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks and the Grand Canyon.

International conferences are the other method the Clinton Administration is using to advance us toward global governance. They pretend to be diverse gatherings of delegates from all over the world who hammer out their differences and agree on plans of action.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Conference managers write the reports and recommendations ahead of time and then call it a "consensus." Although the result is not submitted to our Senate for ratification or our Congress for legislation, the Clinton Administration implements it anyway through the executive branch.

After the 1995 UN World Conference on Women in Beijing, Clinton set up the President's Interagency Council on Women and empowered Donna Shalala to "Bring Beijing Home." To implement the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, the Clinton Administration has put 47 large areas of land (larger than the state of Colorado), called "Biosphere Reserves," under control of the United Nations and prohibited economic

development there.

Other global conferences have produced "consensus" on even more exotic ways to coopt American wealth for global purposes. The 1995 Copenhagen Conference discussed imposing a Global Tax to give the UN its own flow of money independent of Congressional appropriations, the 1996 Habitat Conference in Istanbul decided that America should provide housing for the world, and the 1996 Food Conference in Rome decided that the United States should feed the world.

Americans had better wake up and realize what the Clinton Administration is doing with little or no publicity. The next test cases will be the Climate Control Treaty coming out of Kyoto, Japan and the World Court Treaty coming out of the Hague.

Have you ever wondered what Bill Clinton will do after he finishes his term, and whether he might already be running for Secretary General of the United Nations?