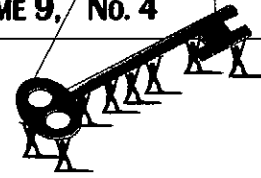


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## U.N. Habitat II conference attended by Hartzok, Kaczorowski and Vidaver

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The United Nations sponsored Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the last great global conference of this decade and hence the millenium, convened in Istanbul June 1-14.

Approximately 15,000 individuals were present. While they represented particular nation states, international social service and civic organizations, businesses, and local public authorities, the common denominator of most was a planetary state of

consciousness which at some nearly ineffable level reflects the perception that all human beings are conected as one family, and that our fate is interconnected. Attending as U.N. NGO (non-governmental organization) representative for the International Union for Land Value Taxation (IULVT), I can attest to the impressive accomplishments yet confounding paradoxes of this event.

The official purpose of Habitat II was to complete work previously begun on an Action Agenda which detailed ap-

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## Progress made at Libertarian Conference

*by Michael O'Mara, Baltimore, MD*

Common Ground-USA (CG-USA) and the Henry George Foundation of America (HGFA) co-sponsored a booth at the Libertarian Party convention in Washington, DC, from July 4-7. The outreach effort exceeded our expectations for promoting a dialogue within the Libertarian Party, over whether landownership should be treated differently than ownership of human-made products.

One of the reasons for targeting the Libertarian Party is because a significant fraction of libertarians is already familiar with Locke's argument that land is a different form of property than human-made products. Also, libertarians already support half of Henry George's message: free trade, free markets, no special privileges in trade, and no taxes on production.

Another reason for targeting libertarians is that they are a growing political movement. About 175 Libertarian Party members are currently in political office. Recent Gallup

polls show that about 20% of Americans are libertarian, which Gallup defines as wanting less government interference in the economy and in people's private lives. The

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### Mission to Moscow

*by Edward J. Dodson, Cherry Hill, N.J.*

Late in April, I received a letter from V.P. Zvolinsky, an influential Deputy of the Russian parliament inviting me to come to Moscow in May. I was to be included in a group of Western advisers making presentations to the Russians at a conference on whether the land of Russia ought to be sold off Western style or — as our group would recommend — awarded under leases to the highest bidders, with the lease fees adjusted annually based on changing market values. We were about

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