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An International Broadcast Standards Summit, the first such meeting ever held, will open the Founding Convention of the Cultural Environment Movement (CEM) March 15-17, 1996, in St. Louis, MI.

The Summit will assemble heads of broadcast standards councils and communications commissions in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, and other countries. Attending the Summit will be Keith Spicer, Chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, Colin Shaw, Director of the Broadcasting Standards Council, United Kingdom [others to be confirmed].

The Summit participants will discuss national policy priorities and perspectives, and contribute to the drafting of a universal People's Communication Charter to be considered by the Convention. After the initial session on March 15, the participants will join a Working Group on global communication, one of 14 Working Groups of the Convention, and report their recommendations to the final plenary session on March 17.

The CEM Founding Convention will assemble on the campus of its host and co-sponsor, Webster University. It will be the inaugural congress of the Cultural Environment Movement, a coalition of independent citizens' organizations and supporters in every state of the U.S. and 57 other countries on six continents. Delegates to the Convention represent a wide range of social and cultural concerns, united in working for freedom, fairness, diversity, responsibility, respect for cultural integrity, the protection of children, and democratic decision-making in the cultural mainstream of all countries.

In addition to Summit participants, the distinguished group of keynote speakers includes The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary, National Council of Churches; Dorothy Gilliam, *Washington Post* columnist and Immediate Past President of the National Association of Black Journalists; Robert McChesney, historian and author of *Telecommunications, Mass Media and Democracy*; Sumi Sevilla Haru, Immediate Past President of the Screen Actors Guild; Riane Eisler, cultural historian, author of *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History our Future*; Lynn Curtis, President of the Eisenhower Foundation, Keyan Tomaselli, Director, Centre for Cultural and Media Studies, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa; and Teresa Heinz, Chair, Heinz Family Philanthropies (invited).