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14 TDs pledge to implement Simpól's global justice policy

The Simultaneous Policy (Simpól), a range of measures to solve global problems like climate change, financial market re-regulation, and social injustice, is now officially supported by 14 newly elected Members of the Dáil Éireann. Simpól's supporters achieved this success by informing all the candidates in their constituency that they would give strong voting preference to candidates who had pledged to implement Simpól alongside other governments, to the probable exclusion of those who failed to pledge.

Citizens who have become disillusioned with politics are increasingly seeing Simpól as a new, powerful, cross-party means of re-engaging with electoral politics in a way that enhances party-political competition to achieve the international cooperation needed to solve global problems.

Seán Haughey TD (FF), the first candidate to sign the Pledge, said "The Simpól campaign is an important initiative given the serious global problems which challenge us all." In the run-up to the election a total of 53 candidates signed the Pledge: 21 Green, 13 Sinn Féin, 3 Labour, 3 Fianna Fáil, 5 from other parties and 8 independents. 30 UK MPs and some MPs in other national parliaments already support the campaign. For a full list of Simpól-pledged TDs please see <http://uk.simpol.org/index.php?id=61>

Simpól's range of citizen-designed measures is to be implemented by nations simultaneously, only when all or sufficient nations have pledged to do so. By signing the Pledge, not only do politicians attract the votes of Simpól's supporters, they avoid the fear that unilateral action could harm the nation's economic competitiveness, an important reason why many global problems still remain largely unaddressed. By getting nations to act simultaneously on multiple issues, Simpól becomes a win-win proposition while allowing nations that might lose on one issue to gain on another. Meanwhile it invites citizens to develop and ultimately approve the necessary policies and to drive politicians towards their implementation.

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