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Mr António Guterres Secretary-General of the UN 405 East, 42nd Street New York, NY, 10017 USA

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Dear Mr Guterres,

I try to write in English: Since many years I have the idea that mankind should not go to the moon, should not spend billions to investigate the sky and even to go to other planets, not before new houses, earthquake proof houses, have been built in all regions of the world which suffer from earthquakes. After the recent tragedy in Turkey and Syria I finally find the time now to write to you.

You are the only person standing above all nations of the world, caring of and being responsible for all men of our small planet, the tiny insula in the space where we live on.

Dear Secretary-General of the United Nations, can you imagine to lie under big concrete blocks, your feet pinched, waiting for help, shouting for help, lacking water and food, day and night, day after day, until you loose consciousness? Please consider that thousands of men have gone through such pain, now in Turkey and in earlier earthquakes in the world.

Dear Mr Guterres, I am asking you to take the initiative and to suggest to all countries of the world to reduce their expenditures for space adventures and instead to spent money to establish earthquake proof houses in all regions threatened by earthquakes.

In Germany everybody is forced to have a heath insurance. Perhaps it is possible to ask all rich countries of the world to pay regular contributions to a fund financing the building of new houses where there are houses in danger. The rich countries are spending much money anyway, after each great earthquake, to rescue people, to provide tents, food, water and to build new homes, other buildings and sometimes complete cities. Would it not be better to spent money beforehand?

Perhaps there should be an organization of the United Nations

- · to investigate the risk of earthquakes in different regions
- to evaluate how many buildings have to be dismantled and to be rebuild there
- to evaluate how much money is necessary to make the regions earthquake save
- to organize meetings of representatives of countries and regions concerned
- to suggest the allocation of money to different governments considering the risk of an earthquake at the time
- to monitor and to check the professional construction of new buildings
- to check the correct usage of the money provided by the fund of the world wide community.

Dear Mr Guterres, please consider how many men, women and children died under crashed walls and concrete plates, how much pain they experienced, how long they waited for help until they lost consciousness in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. All such terrible suffering could be avoided in further earthquakes.

Dear Secretary-General, you are the only person whom I know of, who is responsible for all nations of the world, so for the humanity as a whole. I think that all countries could join an earthquake insurance, despite all there disputes and hostilities and wars. Investment in great and promising and exciting and fancy research projects could be postponed until all humans living at present and in the future on earth are living under save roofs.

Rich private persons who are flying up to the space just for some minutes and just for fun could also consider to spent money instead, to save lives and to prevent thousands of tragic fates of people killed, of people injured and of people who lost their loved ones, by contributing to the earthquake fund.

Kind regards your devoted

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