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<u>Subject:</u> Letter from the Mouvement de la Paix to Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations Dear Mr. Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

As an NGO member of the United Nations ECOSOC Commission, we took part in the meeting organized by the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr Ryder, in Geneva at the beginning of November.

We expressed our support for the UN's efforts to bring about a political solution to current conflicts, and for the preparation of the UN's Avenir 2024 plan.

At this meeting, we suggested that the UN, in the name of the United Nations and in the name of "We the Peoples", take an initiative enabling the peoples of the world, outraged both by the massacres committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023 and by the carnage currently being committed by the Israeli government in Gaza, to demand that the Israeli government immediately cease bombing civilian populations.

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We have lent our support to the families of all the victims, whether Israeli or Palestinian, and it is in the name of our common humanity that we take the liberty of formulating a proposal to the UN and its Secretary-General.

Faced with a situation that is as unprecedented as it is monstrous and dangerous, we need to take decisions that will enable public opinion, "We the Peoples", to support the UN's demand for an immediate halt to the bombing of Gaza, and for emergency humanitarian aid.

We propose that the UN submit its call for "an immediate ceasefire in Gaza", with the appropriate means and forms, for signature by the peoples of the world: an end to the bombardments which are affecting thousands of women and children, and the immediate implementation of permanent humanitarian aid to respond to the intolerable suffering of the population, and to deal with a catastrophic food and humanitarian crisis.

This appeal for support could be launched by the appropriate means and with the appropriate words, in all possible languages.

Just a few days before International Human Rights Day, it would be a way of "proclaiming once again our faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person", as proclaimed in the preamble to the United Nations Charter.

At the same time, we express our support for the work of the United Nations in building a world of peace.

Yours respectfully

For Le Mouvement de la Paix

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