We appeal, as human beings, to human beings: Remember your humanity, and forget the rest. (Russell-Einstein Manifesto, 1955)

Stop all wars now!

The world today significantly differs from a few decades or even a few years ago. It will change even faster in the future. We are rapidly destroying our natural and human capital and have barely a few decades to stop and remedy the destructions we did. New technologies like artificial intelligence and synthetic biology are emerging and our understanding of their consequences is poor. They could be an excellent opportunity to help stop the wars or a threat that could make them even more dangerous. Wars, terrorism and fighting could lead to the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), which would likely lead to mutually assured destruction and could destroy our civilization in days.

In the early 1950s, only three countries had nuclear weapons (NW) and the Doomsday clock was set at 3 minutes to Midnight. On 7 July 1955, the Russell-Einstein Manifesto (REM) was released, emphasizing that any major war would inevitably lead to using NW. Since WWII, we have witnessed more than 50 serious conflicts resulting in millions of deaths and enormous destruction. Some conflicts have lasted over 75 years. None of these conflicts fulfilled the objectives of the initiator. In Afghanistan, the two strongest NW states faced poorly armed forces and were defeated. Examples after WWII demonstrate that wars are useless. War is immoral, useless and hopefully soon becomes illegal. It is imperative and a common interest of all states and citizens to eliminate war, terrorism and fighting.

Only immoral people benefit from conflicts and preparation for conflicts. Eisenhower emphasized the threatening role of the military-industrial complex. Preparing for war does not guarantee security or peace. NW testing caused more casualties (over 600,000) than the bombing of Hiroshima. Global Peace Index covers 163 countries and lists NW states as among the worst. At the end of WWII, political architecture was designed to prevent conflict. Within the United Nations (UN) organization, the UN General Assembly and Security Council (UNSC) were formed. The present world is multipolar with at least 9 NW states. Emerging technologies can and will likely increase the significance of smaller countries, but also add new threats to world peace as well as new opportunities to end wars.

Only peace can guarantee our survival, human security for all and development. How do we achieve and maintain peace? We hope that humanity will find adequate solutions. Peace was found throughout our history, albeit briefly and in limited areas. If NW states are on opposite sides of a war, such a war would be particularly destructive. This could likely happen in the case of the interdependent wars in Ukraine, the Middle East and Africa. It is not likely that any military victory could lead one side to give up if the weaker party could use WMD. Therefore, these wars cannot have winners. Everybody is losing. Even those pretending to be neutral are losers. We are facing one of the most dangerous times in the history of humankind. The Doomsday clock is 90 seconds to midnight.

Stopping the wars in Ukraine, the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere demands:
1) Immediate acceptance of UNSC resolutions that stop all current wars, initiate negotiations and enable all people to have the rights and freedoms outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2) For each war, creating a UNSC international peace force strong enough to overwhelm any party that continues to fight, assist in the relocation of armies behind their internationally recognized borders, protect the countries in conflict during negotiations against any possible attacks and ensure free and secure movement of people and goods to aid those in need.
3) Exchange of all hostages and prisoners.
4) Immediate start of reconstruction and rebuilding war-torn regions.
5) UNSC taking drastic actions against the responsible political, military and economic leaders and their associates if military activity is not stopped.

Sovereignty of all countries is fully guaranteed. The only restriction is no war. It is either war or our survival. Is it an impossible task? No! Humankind did it successfully as it progressed from hunter-gatherers to 21st-century humans. Though our world is vulnerable and self-destructive, it is the best ever. Life expectancy has increased three times, our knowledge and achievements are better than ever.

All this was accomplished by our creativity, understanding and empathy - the Golden Rule: Love your neighbor!

"It is time to turn our back to unilateral search for security...To survive in this world we must learn to think in a new way. As never before, the future of each depends on the good of all." (Statement by 110 Nobel laureates July 7, 2001, Oslo).

Therefore, to ensure human prosperity and survival, we plead with all people of the world to demand that governments stop all aggressions now and secure the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals!

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