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Beloved Human Beings, Sukran asaïd el Raïs, Dear High Commissioner, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greetings of PREVAILING peace,

Every life counts!

When conflict arise, we recall and reclaim our right to peace! Persons, societies and States alike: we all have an equal right to peace, to enjoy peace!

The best conflict does not happen: it is prevented. Whatever the response is, not aggravating it is the first rule. Non-aggravation is also a just measure for self-defense. If one thousand lives are lost compared to thirty thousand, is this non-aggravating self-defense?

The ICJ¹ ruling, requesting a Member of the United Nations to submit a report on how it <u>prevents genocide</u> genocidal acts, can only have one issue: this State needs to provide lasting proof that the other State, all its people have the right to exist. As it has, itself.

Nonkilling. Life calls for life.

Giving life a future is the overall goal.

Respecting life, universally, opens the possibility of seeing its beauty and its infinite endeavors. Sharing life opens the possibility of happiness, thus of living together. Please be whole to the solution, not part of the problem. Every life counts!

Dear Life Participants, I have spoken. Thank you Mister President.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> International Court of Justice, <a href="https://www.icj-cij.org/case/192">https://www.icj-cij.org/case/192</a>