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Dear Human Beings, Mister President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greetings of peace and impartiality,

We recall the deep link between human rights and humanitarian laws. The right to life is universal and the refusal to kill is at the base of the fulfillment of all human rights. If life is cancelled, all human rights are cancelled.

There are ways to wage war that do not kill and there are ways to assert, impartially, that life is duly preserved despite a state of war. Mister High Commissioner, they are ways to report on the way life is preserved by warring parties. This needs to be shown.

If Nations can't yet refrain from killing, people can - and they teach their Nations. We reiterate our call for respect of the right to conscientious objection and to welcome alike: to grant asylum to deserters and conscientious objectors.

Twice in recent times have the Ukrainian people shown that non-violence can change history. They are other examples of efficient non-violent campaigns in times of war. We call for demonstrated dignity in reaction to war.

Dear life participants, A time will come; we will need to build more peaceful societies than the ones that allowed this war.

Thank you, Mister President.