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Re: Letter about Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, and the renewal of the New Start Treaty

Bussum, The Netherlands, 4th February 2026

Dear [names],

We hope you are well!

Recently, we read in our news media that the USA and Iran are preparing to talk to prevent war.

We are very relieved to hear this. May war be prevented! However, in the media we read about talks to halt enriching uranium. But other essential topics were missing: respecting the lives of the Iranian people, and equal rights for women in Iran; the release of prisoners of conscience in Iran, such as women activists; peaceful demonstrators need to be released from prison and people in prison must be treated well and not tortured.

In addition, we still hope that an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Ukraine will materialize, that the Ukrainian children are released, and that the war will not start again, after the ceasefire. There is pressure on our contact person in Ukraine to serve in the army. He is a conscientious objector.

Our contact person in Gaza let us know that there are still bombings in Gaza. Today, twenty-one civilians were killed, mainly children and women. People are living in tents which are flooded by the rain. They do not have enough to eat and hardly any clean drinking water. There is not enough medical care. On top of that, well-known aid organizations like Doctors Without Borders are being denied access to Gaza. Which will lead to a loss of (medical) aid. On January 1, Israel withdrew the licenses of thirty-seven aid organizations – including MSF, the Norwegian Refugee Council, the International Rescue Committee, and Oxfam.

The situation regarding nuclear weapons is catastrophic. It was announced that the doomsday clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists was now closer to midnight. It is set



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at 85 seconds to midnight, where midnight means the end of life on earth. Therefore, we hope that the New Start Treaty will be renewed soon. Although it would be much better if the Nuclear Ban Treaty were signed by all countries in the world.

We hope that you will pass on this letter to the relevant channels, such as the United States Department of State.

May all lives be cherished.

May we see soon: A World in Which All Children Can Play.

Wishing you peace and all the best,

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