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Dear Secretary-General Guterres,

my name is Michal Baculák and I am 14. I've decided to write this letter, because I want to share my opinion with you.

One of the biggest problems we have at the moment is war. Think about it, what is good about war? It is just a primitive way of solving and dealing with problems. We waste time, sources, lives, money and many more important stuff to destroy everything around. Yet we keep doing same mistake for ages, there only were 4 years in our known history of a mankind without wars.

Try to think about where we could have been right now, if we would just invest our sources and money into research instead of wars. Look at the progress we have recently done. This is what we made with the fraction of our efforts. Imagine where we could have been right now. We could have been far more ahead from present. It is solving one problem though, which is overpopulation (yes, it is solving but I think that there are better and more regulable ways to do so). And it all has one cause: people never feel satisfied with what they have. You will never know how good you were doing with what you had, untill you lose it. But the saddest part is: there is NO solution. You cant change people's mind. Also you arent able to destroy every single weapon or lethaly usable tool on the Earth, it's just impossible from whatever point of view you look at it. Of course there are some solutions which could (maybe) work, but those are in my opinion fantasies. There are so many videos about how you should change yourself, turn yourself into a better person, if you want change the world start, by yourself etc. Does it seem working for you? Because it does not seem working for me.

But who fights in wars? The sad truth is that the ones that caused the war, aren't really fighting. Innocent people are fighting. People who cause it have enough money and power to just watch from behind, while others are fighting for something, which doesn't really bother them. In most cases. And it is funny to think about who will army attack if there are no armed people or military in the country they are attacking. And frightening to think about what will happen if two most powerful countries with weapons capable of destroying whole planet fight each other. It is interesting that only two human beings could cause the extinction of whole kind, maybe whole ecosystem, whole Earth. How could we allow this? Well, luckily enough this isn't going to happen in close future.

Another problem with wars are resources. Instead of giving money to science and other useful institutions we give them to military, weapons, war machines and bombs. It almost looks like we want to destroy ourselves before the space does so. There are countless ways to achieve mankind extinction. A meteor can hit our planet and destroy every living creature, supervolcanos may explode and cause volcanic winter which will literally lead to starvation of whole ecosystem, because of lack of sunlight. We can't prevent those things from happening, but we can at least be ready. Make some plans, discover technologies that are relevant to our problems. We don't need more bombs, nor weapons. We need future. We need to move on from running away from our problems. It is just an old way of solving problems. We need to separate our emotions from logic. Emotions were nature's way of giving us advantage from predators. When someone is feared, it is because some situations are dangerous and we do not want that, so we stop to act logically and we try to escape from that situation. Thus all the problems aren't being solved, they are just run away from. Or just kill it! Of course I can't have problems if I just bomb them, can I? But this is not how these works. This won't lead humanity to prosper, this will only lead one person to run ONCE away from their problems as mentioned before. The benefits? None. So what can you do about our situation? Basically nothing because you can't change the way human race thinks. So let's just hope for the best.

Yours sincerely

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