

Date: May 15, 2020

The Honorable Ms. Kelly Craft

United States of America Ambassador to the United Nations

RE: Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft, my name is Devon and I am in the 6th grade and I attend Saint Mary Interparochial school. I am a part of the Saint Marys Jr Model UN program and I am assigned to the country of France and I work in committee 2 of Aiding refugees and Displaced people. My concerns with my topic are that it doesn't seem to be a priority in the world. I feel that my topic should be a world concern because you cannot achieve all 17 of the SGRs without everyone helping and people cannot help if they don't have the basic needs to survive such as clean clothes, water and a roof over their head. This topic is important to me on a personal level because when I am walking down the street I will see people who are homeless just sitting on the street asking for money.

France is one of the main destinations for refugees and there are many internally displaced people. Because of natural disasters and basic needs being too expensive for people. Due to these facts my topic is of major importance to France. As of 2019 there have been 17,350 new asylum seekers that have been given legal status to reside in France but there have been 85,750 people that have been rejected. France had a rejection rate of 75.4%. Even though France has such a high rejection rate and such a high amount of rejected people, many of those stats can be decreased if there is more funding for France and their refugee program. Another solution would be that other countries accept more refugees and more refugees are redirected to other countries.

I would like to thank you Ms. Craft for taking the time to read my letter. One major world concern should be to make sure everyone has a home that can actually live in and feel comfortable in. I look forward to hearing from you sometime in the near future

Sincerely,

Devon S.

Saint Mary Interparochial School

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RE: Combating Climate Change

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Charles from Saint Mary Interparochial School. My class is participating in a Model UN program this year, and I was assigned to represent France in a conference concerning climate change alongside one of my friends. I have learned in the past few months about climate change and its negative impacts on the world; for example, if the planet's temperature rises by about 4 degrees, we will be underwater, and if we used electric cars, buses, and trains carbon emission would be greatly reduced. This topic is important to me personally because when I get older I would like to live in the same world I grew up in, not in a world underwater or so polluted that I would have to purchase clean air.

This topic is important to France specifically because of the clothing factories, food plants, and powerplants there. From all the factories, in addition to the frequent usage of cars and other gas-powered forms of transportation, there has been a large amount of smog in cities like Paris. Additionally, France has become Europe's largest producer of dioxins. I can think of many ways to prevent this issue from escalating, but the best way is to convert to electric trains, bikes, or automobiles instead of the gas-powered ones that we are currently using. Not only does it damage the environment, but by the time I am 25 (which will be in 13 years), the world's oil supply will drain if we don't convert to cleaner fuel sources. One of the biggest issues facing this issue would be giving third-world countries access to cleaner transportation, which is why I propose that global superpowers such as America, Britain, France, and Russia fund a train system for impoverished countries that is free to ride as long as passengers stop driving their cars.

I am extremely grateful if you are reading this letter and would appreciate it if you at least attempted to discuss the issues that I have addressed in this letter at a future council, as well as considered my solutions to them. I will be looking forward to a response from your office. I will be continuing to listen and learn more about climate change and its effects, as well as keep up with the UN's solutions for these problems.

Sincerely,

Charles K.

Saint Mary Interparochial School

Date: May 14, 2020

The Honorable Ms. Kelly Craft

United States of America Ambassador to the United Nations

RE: Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Kelcey. I'm in Sixth Grade at Saint Mary Interparochial School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Right now I am involved in the Model UN program which allows students to learn about the abilities of the UN and how this organization can help people around the world. My topic is aiding refugees and displaced people of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). I'm interested in this topic because I've seen images and stories of people who are forced from their homes and it makes me very sad. They do not have food or medicine and cannot help their children. Personally, I love animals and want to be a veterinarian when I get older. It makes me sad when I see animals that need medicine and are in pain. I feel the same way about people and I want to help the refugees and to stop this from happening to more people.

Over the years, the UAE has donated over \$750 million to help with the refugee and humanitarian crisis in the form of aid for medical relief. The UAE has also allowed thousands of refugees to enter their country and stay there. Even though the UAE has been so helpful, the Middle East is still experiencing a serious problem with refugees and displaced people. According to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "of the 60 million displaced people worldwide, close to 40 percent originate from the Arab region, mainly Syria and Palestine." War in Syria and the surrounding countries have left millions without even the most basic necessities and the problem isn't getting any better. As an example, Doctors Without Borders reported that in January 2020, they had 53 health service facilities suspend service due to threat of attack and because entire communities had fled the area. Having all the refugees and displaced people in the Middle East, this region could benefit from a worldwide effort to build and maintain health service facilities where wars and disruption are worst. Each country from around the world could donate money and resources for these locations where the UN decides they should be placed.

Thank you, Ms. Craft, for taking the time to read my letter, I really appreciate it. My main concern is the huge amount of people forced to flee their homes, which leaves them without the basic necessities causing millions of people to become ill and die. What I would love to happen is if we could build healthcare clinics for the refugees and displaced people in these regions to help them get better and back on their feet again. I am so excited about hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

Kelcey G.

Saint Mary Interparochial School

Date: May 15, 2020

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RE: Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Aubin, I am a sixth grade student at Saint Mary's Interparochial School. The topic I was assigned is aiding refugees and displaced people, the country I am representing is France. My concern is how France is responding to aiding refugees and displaced people, although France wants to help there are a number of factors that may make it very hard for people to adapt. Sadly because of terrorism and extremists most muslim refugees are stereotyped and discriminated, it is also a factor that some people do not want change or a new culture in their society which leads to more discrimination, a government cannot justly prevent these things but they can give the people a prespective on what refugees go through to get to a developed country such as their own and make laws against discrimination. This topic is important to me because my grandfather was a displaced person himself . My grandfather was born in Haiti and shortly after his birth his father passed away. He was displaced because women were not allowed to own land at the time and mob violence so his family had to leave Haiti to start a new life in the United States.

I believe that aiding refugees and caring for them positively affect a country's image. Other countries will see they are compassionate and most citizens would want to have that image too. On the other hand if refugees are handled poorly or the people are forced to accept a new culture, that country would suffer a major hit economically and image wise. This is happening to France, the french people are having to adapt to having a new group of people adapt to their society and some are not taking this very well including officials. That said according to Asylum in Europe.org in 2019 75.4% of asylum seekers were rejected, 92.2% of refugees from Haiti, 90.4% from Mali, 89.7% from Bangladesh, 96% from Georgia, and 92.6% from Albania were rejected asylum. The people of France cannot change instantly to accompany a new group and it gradually accores over time, I suggest that the french government limits the amount of refugees it accepts until the french people adapt. I also suggest that there be laws put into place that deter and hopefully dramatically decrease discrimination but do not oppress the people.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter honorable ambassador Craft. I would like to restate my concerns that the french government is forcing the people to adapt to letting new cultures into their society. Another concern I have is that the French government is not educating enough people about how much refugees go through to get to their country. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Aubin D.

Saint Mary Interparochial School

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RE: Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Angel. The school I go to is Saint Mary's Interparochial School I am also in the 6th grade. My country is the United Arab Emirates or the UAE. The topic that I was assigned was Aiding Refugees and Displaced People.

The topic that I was assigned is very important because people have to flee from their own homes and move to a new country like the UAE. The UAE has helped Syria with many refugees. The UAE has helped by taking in more than 100,000 Syrian refugees. Living in the UAE right now is about 242,000 refugees. Since 2012 the UAE has given over \$530 million US dollars in humanitarian aid and development. The UAE also helps other countries holding Syrians like Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey. The UAE helped these countries by contributing over 72 million US dollars in the past two years. It is important to help other countries because if other surrounding countries have no workers then the country will not have a good economy. For example if trade is needed from Syria and Syria has no people to work at their manufacturing industry they will lose money and the UAE might not have what they need to support their economy and eventually causing the country to not have resources to trade with and a bad economy. I think if there is less crime, murders, and better living conditions in Syria then people would have less to worry about. If the people have less to worry about then they would stay in their home country. I think that this would stop a lot or even stop most of the fleeing.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter about why it is important to help other countries and stopping fleeing of Syria to the UAE. I am very excited to be looking forward to hearing about your response to my letter and the issue. I will be continuing my studies during the next few weeks about the UAE and how to help the country's problems and issues. I would like to thank you again since you are taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Angel Luis A.

Saint Mary Interparochial School