

Date: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020

To 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 James Z. I am in grade 6, and I go to New Foundations Charter School. I am a part of the Model United Nations Program in Philadelphia, PA, and I was assigned to the country of Denmark, and my topic is Aiding Refugees and Displaced People. My real concern about this topic is that millions of refugees around the world, about 3.4 million out of the 7.1 million refugees to be exact, are school aged and are not physically and financially able to go to any schools in their region, due to financial loss and injuries that cannot be paid for.

This topic is so important because I believe that every age of youth should be able to go to school each year, no matter their looks or beliefs. Taking this into perspective, I believe we should pay funds for youth refugees so they can go to school, by holding fundraisers and charity events with different countries that have partnered with UNICEF. If we use those funds right, and lots of people change the world with donations, we can help refugees across the world get the quality education they deserve.

Thank you so much for reading this, Ambassador Craft. Your work is truly significant to our world, and thank you for taking into consideration the need of education spread for refugees. I take this topic very seriously, and I think you should too! I look forward to hearing your response, and hope you study this issue in the coming weeks, months, or maybe years.

Sincerely,

James Z.

New Foundations Charter School

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RE: Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

I am Savannah S, I am in the 7th grade, and I attend New Foundations Charter School. This is the first year that I am participating in my school's Junior Model United Nations program-- which I thoroughly enjoy. It has helped be with my debating skills and expressing my opinions and beliefs towards important topics. I feel extremely lucky to have been invited into this program because it is a very positive environment that has helped me to be a student with enough potential to succeed. My topic that was assigned to me this year is "Aiding Refugees and Displaced People" in the country of Denmark. My concern regarding the topic is the safety of refugees crossing borders and oceans to seek asylum. This issue was brought to my attention when a close relative (in the Coast Guard) was informing me about the difficult situation he dealt with concerning refugees attempting to cross the Atlantic Ocean. He mentioned how there were over one hundred people trying to fit onto a boat that held the capacity of only twenty passengers. Some of these struggling people were ill, starving, and dehydrated. When the Coast Guard had tracked the boat down, several dozens of people were hanging off the sides of the boat, half-submerged in water for weeks at a time.

Aiding refugees and displaced people in regards to their safety is an extremely important subject matter. The topic should be of our world's utmost concern because they are human beings in need of support and proper safety. The issue of these people being in danger when they cross borders and oceans to retrieve asylum is a very deep matter in my opinion. In the country of Denmark, the Danish Parliament has ordered police to take action at borders to seize refugees' cash and valuables to offset the cost of their maintenance. Arrivals to countries in Europe decreased in 2018 compared to the large numbers who arrived in Europe between 2014-2017. While traveling across the Mediterranean in 2018, the journey was severely dangerous. An estimated amount of 2,275 people perished in the Mediterranean sea, meaning that six people died every day. After my research I have concluded a potential solution towards the issue at hand. My thoughts are to create a safe and secure transportation system for refugees, and an international open door policy to be formed at borders to welcome displaced people. The transportation system would be a system in which volunteers with previous experience with water transportation survey surrounding waters of countries that have high rates of fleeing people. These volunteers would rescue any and all refugees in the water who are in danger or are vulnerable to dangers at sea. These volunteers would help the refugees reach their desired destination and provide any medical care needed, as well as food and water that is critical for the refugees. Once the refugees arrive in the safe country, an international open door policy will be in place to welcome any displaced people into a secure country.

Thank you so very much honorable Ambassador Kelly Craft for taking time out of your

work or personal day to read the letter I wrote to you. I look forward to hearing your response to the issue I've stated dealing with aiding refugees and displaced people. I feel very content knowing that you will consider possible solutions to my concern of the safety of refugees traveling oceans and crossing borders to new countries. I truly think that this issue should be a major concern to the United Nations that should be dealt with immediately. I will continue my research and studies of the topic, and make sure to think of further solutions for the next years of my life. Thank you once again for reading my letter of concern.

Sincerely,
Savannah S.
New Foundations Charter School

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RE: Combating Climate Change

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Samantha S. I am an eighth grader attending New Foundations Charter School. This is my second year participating in Jr. Model United Nations; I cannot express how much this program has allowed me to grow as a person and writer. This year, I was assigned the country of Peru and the issue of Combating Climate Change. I wanted to write this letter to express my concern about the overproduction of meat and agriculture contributing to climate change. This topic means so much to me not only because of the concern for our planet, but also for animals' rights and safety. Animals are not treated as living creatures, but only as meat waiting to be cooked, and money not yet made. In my ELA class, we have been learning about the perilous conditions of the animals "living" on these "farms," and the helpless position farmers are put in because of corporate agriculture.

The methane produced by cattle farms amounts to 37% of methane emissions. This means that if we effectively decrease the production of meat throughout the world, greenhouse gas emissions will dramatically go down. The United Nations has recognized the necessity of changing agriculture throughout the globe, and how refusing to take action can and will have devastating effects on the human diet (and therefore human life), animal welfare, and our planet's safety. In Peru specifically, agriculture is the main driver for deforestation; if demand for meat is decreased, much of the Amazon can still be saved—20% has already been destroyed. In an attempt to slow, if not stop, the deforestation, and to decrease the amount of methane emissions produced by cattle farms, I sincerely suggest that the United Nations place restrictions on major meat companies, preventing them from producing an over-abundant amount of livestock. Major companies have made public efforts to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. These goals that companies have set, however, are not substantial in the stopping of climate change. It is necessary that these companies be restricted from producing so much meat, or the world could and eventually will become one large slaughterhouse. Human over-consumption of fast food is one of, if not the most, large contributors to obesity—decreasing the large-scale production of fast food could potentially lead to a healthier world, not only for the planet's safety, but also for our human quality of life. I suggest that the United Nations encourage governments to increase the amount of space animals are entitled to on farms, while decreasing the amount of space the plantations are allowed to take up. This will provide the animals with more livable conditions while simultaneously creating a less polluting agricultural system. The decreasing of large-scale (specifically fast food) production of meat will have extremely positive effects on the climate of our planet, global human diet, animal safety, and deforestation.

I want to thank you for reading my letter of concern regarding the problem of the

over-production of meat in our world, and how this rate of production directly affects climate change. I sincerely look forward to hearing your response to my letter concerning this issue, and I promise to continue to educate myself on the over-production of meat relating to climate change, and the general issues of climate change, so as to better protect the safety of our future generations.

Sincerely,
Samantha S.
New Foundations Charter School

Friday, May 15th, 2020
The Honorable Ms. Kelly Craft
United States of America Ambassador to the United Nations
Aiding Refugees and Displaced People

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Zoe A. I'm in eighth grade at New Foundations Charter School. For Model UN I was assigned the topic of Aiding Refugees and Displaced People, and I was chosen to represent Peru. This topic is important to me because I recognize the fact that I live an entitled life, and want everyone in this world to have at least the same luxuries as I do. I think that the process in which to become a refugee or asylee needs to be made a lot easier because the rigorous process that takes place for someone to finally feel safe in another country is way too harsh and meticulous to be considered humane.

Many refugees and displaced people face prejudice in the new country they are trying to immigrate into. This prejudice could result in refugees not being granted citizenship in certain countries resulting in them having to be homeless for an even longer period of time. COVID-19 has also caused there to be much discrimination towards certain refugee groups. For example, in Brazil, Venezuelan refugees are being forced into segregated remote areas that lack many essential supplies and resources. These isolated areas are becoming breeding grounds for bacteria and disease due to the Venezuelans limited access to healthcare. Many countries IDPs and refugees can successfully immigrate into are also the poorest countries in the world. The influx of new citizens stresses those poor countries' resources. I propose that the UNHCR and other wealthier countries should supply the poor countries with funding and refugee centers so as not to strain the poor countries resources any more. I also encourage wealthier countries to accept more refugees yearly so as not to over populate certain areas of the world, as well as provide refugees and IDPs with homes, basic necessities, and a small amount of income until they are able to find work in these new countries. So no one abuses this system, I think there should be a deadline of one year for these IDPs and refugees to find work. After that year they will stop receiving the small amount of income. I also request that the UNHCR provides these refugees with resources and opportunities to find stable work during that grace-period year. If the refugee or IDP doesn't find work in that grace-period year, I ask the UNHCR to provide them with an internship in one of their programs.

Thank you Ms. Craft for your time and consideration. I truly believe that all humans should be able to live in humane conditions. I look forward to hearing your response to my requests. I will continue my research on IDP and refugee issues in the days to come.

Sincerely,
Zoe A.
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