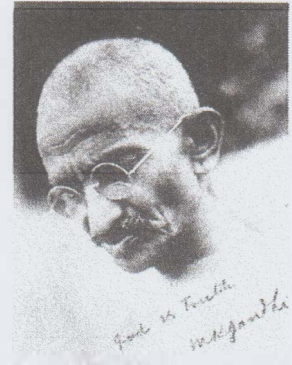


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Dear Mr. President,

Believing in the universal values the United Nations stand for: human dignity and human rights, justice, peace and tolerance, we wish a world federation of humanity will cease the scourge of war.

During the past year, during our public addresses in India on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, we emphasized the need for compassion and empathy in the times of the global pandemic. That is why we projected a new United Nations' International Day honoring the birthday of Leo Tolstoy—a universal symbol as before: Gandhi (2007) and Mandela (2009).

That is why we urged the United Nations (Secretary-General and General Assembly) on July 20, 2020, to introduce a new United Nations' International Day and received a sympathetic reply letter by the Secretariat of the United Nations General Assembly President, who asked us to gain the support of a government for our proposal:

### **United Nations' International Day of Compassion and Empathy on each 9 September (Leo Tolstoy's Birthday)**

We are missing this United Nations' International Day and we ask you to update us about your activity in this respect. We would like to ask you if you need any support to find other governments to join this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Christian Bartolf