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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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Your Excellency,

I would like to begin by wishing you, your family and your staff a most healthy New Year and a sincere wish for success in your committed efforts to bring peace and justice to the international community of nations.

Pave the Way Foundation (PTWF) is a nonsectarian organization, committed to ending the illegal use of religion for furthering private agendas, and most specifically, for ending the violence justified by false religious beliefs. We recognize that religion has been universally used to justify war, murder and political upheaval. We move our mission by capitalizing on our earned trust, which has been achieved through our cultural, educational and technological gestures between religions.

On October 3, 2013, we issued an open letter to each member state of the UN, to take effective action when religiously inspired violence takes place within their borders. We requested that these governments take immediate action to send police or the military to protect the religious minorities who are victimized.

We further demanded that in cases where political turmoil makes it impossible for the legitimate police agencies to exercise protection of religious minorities, the international community acts swiftly to give temporary protection and sanctuary for refugees fleeing these acts of terrorism.

Although it has been "politically correct" to separate religion from governmental activities, and to consider international religious leaders irrelevant, reality is, political leaders are incapable of responding to religiously justified violence. It is essential that the United Nations recognizes and acts upon this reality.

We believe that in order to be a true peace keeper worldwide, that the UN should establish a council of religious authorities from each member state. We feel strongly that this may be the only path leading to a *counter* of false religious teachings by some, who would use religion as a personal tool to achieve private, sometimes treacherous agendas. We further suggest that you empower the religious council with the authority to swiftly condemn by name, any government leader who does not act to quell the violence within his or her borders.

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The UN should enter into a new chapter in its history by squarely addressing this reality and by resisting those whose interests minimize the real impact of religion and how its illegal use has caused death and destruction internationally.

Pave the Way Foundation stands ready to assist you in consideration of this most critical endeavor. I wish to thank you for your time and sincerely hope that such a project can be initiated, as the mandate of the United Nations would be far better served if violence and wars can be averted through the participation of religious leaders worldwide.

Most respectfully yours,



Gary L. Krupp
President



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