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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. All countries and all stakeholders must act in collaborative partnership.

There must be an awareness agenda globally at every step of the way. As has been suggested by many from kindergarten to senior care facilities there must be regular drills to propagate and prepare everyone for calamities and how to respond to them proactively. That implies preparing each household with basic hygiene tools which are essential to combat an unforeseen disaster such as COVID-19.

As has been emphasized again and again, education is the vehicle to success and improvement. To overcome physical distance online education must be encouraged and emphasized. If people in a remote place have access to telecommunications they easily be trained, informed of current events and can be offered educational and medical training.

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A person in poverty must struggle all the time to earn for his/her basic needs. To eradicate poverty, it is not enough to appeal to the conscience of the rich to share their wealth. The rich must be made to understand that it is for their own interest that they uplift poor. Otherwise, the poor can make this world non-live able for the rich also.

Eradication of poverty, equal social justice, peaceful and just society can only be possible when humanity will learn to live in a society without borders and freely share knowledge. This will make a peaceful world not only for a few but for all.

Thank you all,

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