



Three Questions to Fulfill Our Duty to the Next Generation
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Today, the world is interconnected as never before. Decisions made today will have permanent consequences. Humanity's global footprint must be guided by appropriate thinking, policy, and actions. No longer can we afford to think locally and act globally.

Three significant issues require new levels of international cooperation based on the rule of law and universal norms. No state, or even a powerful group of states, can succeed alone. Because these issues impact us all, we must all be concerned.

We must effectively address crushing poverty and adequately organize ourselves to protect the global commons, such as the oceans, the climate, and the rainforest – living systems on which civilization depends. Because the promotion of global cooperation is distorted by the possession of nuclear weapons by some, and our security increasingly risked by their spread, we must ensure the elimination of nuclear weapons before they eliminate us.

If we are to fulfill our responsibility to leave a sustainable future to the next generation, we must make sure our political leaders have answers to these critical questions:

- 1. What are your plans to address crushing poverty?**
- 2. What are your plans to protect the environment?**
- 3. What are your plans to eliminate nuclear weapons?**

We, as Nobel Peace Laureates and Laureate Organizations have a duty to demand answers to these questions and we commit to continue to press political candidates and all world leaders for responses. We encourage citizens, especially youth who will be most affected by the answer to these questions, to energetically pursue them also. Further, we expect the press to insist that candidates and leaders articulate their plans to ensure a sustainable and just future.

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