

*Dear Mr Guterres,*

*I believe that humans are in grave danger of annihilation, because when the Declaration of Human Rights was drawn up we omitted to take into account the 'Rights of Wildlife'. I recommend that we consider adding a further clause to the Declaration of Human Rights, article 16:*

*In recognition that we are now in the age of the [Anthropocene](#), couples that choose to found a family should aspire to live in a sustainable life-style. This requires an awareness that the growing human population is the key driver in climate change and environmental damage. It involves sharing that knowledge with people of childbearing age, and their partners, and it involves taking that into consideration when planning the size of one's own family.*

*I call on the government of my home country, the UK, who hold the presidency for next UN Committee on Climate Change to be held in November 2021, to set an example to other world leaders by acting on the following recommendations:*

- Creating an emergency cross-party government. By doing this, all parties can share the blame or the credit for the outcomes. It is hoped that this will enable all politicians to move away from the need to only take decisions that will enable them to be re-elected.*
- Setting degrowth targets both with regard to the size of the UK population and with regard to the level of consumption of services and products that contribute significantly to CO2 footprint.*

*I recommend using a public awareness campaign to achieve both these degrowth targets. So that all UK citizens are requested to help achieve the target by minimising their purchase of non-essential indulgences which have significant carbon-footprint. People of child-bearing age need to be made aware that the dangers of climate and ecological collapse are so imminent that we need their help in order to avoid catastrophe. They need to be aware that it will take five years, to see whether the global community will act in time to avert the horrors that will undoubtedly unfold otherwise.*

*These recommendations are entirely mine, they are simple emergency measures without which we are unlikely to survive the Anthropocene. There will no doubt be a great deal of resistance to these recommendations. The recommendations arise from my theories about the cultural causes of climate change, which I have expanded in the document attached.*

*I intend to approach the UK media in the hope that they will be willing to host a debate about these recommendations.*

*Barbara Williams*

*Citizen of the UK*