



OPEN LETTER

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**Mr. Antonio GUTERRES**  
**Secretary General of the United Nations**  
**Ms. Tatiana VALOVAYA**  
**Director General of the UN Geneva**

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**Concerning: PLACE DES NATIONS, UNIVERSALITY IN DANGER!**

Dear Mr the Secretary General of the United Nations, Dear, Ms. the Director of UN Geneva

We stand on the place representing the last possibility for the people of the world to be heard of the crowd of the nations !

We are on the "Place of the Nations" !

We as Geneva citizens are morally and physically the hosts of this simple idea of humanity and universality that shines from the United Nations.

More than ever we need symbols that foster the sense of preserving our environment and our cultural legacies to ensure a peaceful and a livable planet for the future generations.

What kind of image and what kind of policies would it mean to allow this very specific place to cut down 130 of the trees representing life and biodiversity in common with humanity ? What kind of image would it give to destroy a building representing an historical landmark to build an ostensible and arrogant project representing the culture and the values of the private corporate world ?

Is it not symbolically an easy mistake to mix universality with lone and only vision of some rich private investors ?

Does the incomes made from this deal stand to the level of the symbolic loss ?

What will the image of the UN be the next time the Amazonian Indians will come to visit you ?  
What will the image of the UN be when a group of people will come here to defend their cultural heritage from destruction ?

Dear Mister Guterres, Dear Ms. Valovaya,

We as Geneva citizens ask you to seriously rethink the consequences of this project at this location. We also need to believe universality and humanity still are the core values of the whole international community and we are proud to defend them by your side.

We stand in the place representing the last possibility to be heard of the community of the nations.

Lets keep the sounds of nature on our side at "La place des Nations" !