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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The year 2022: Change human evolution (off) to (on) mode

The next ten years will be packed to the brim with both dramatic climate and social changes that have begun to create massive migrations of its citizens seeking a safe place to live. For the last ten years, we have fallen into a comfortable routine, ignoring the root. Now the decision to stay in that routine has come to our door to collect what is owed and, unless we re-evaluate our choices, those fees will cost us dearly.

Our organization is ready. Our primary mission is to support the changes that are already happening. One doesn't need to be an intellectual to see them. Technological advances facilitate the identification and correction of what those changes should be.

The Riba Foundation's proposal is an integrated solution for uncontrolled migration and to provide a safe place to those in need where they can also be trained to prepare them for a new life in the country of final destination.

La Pacifica: A united international effort to create a new multicultural futuristic city with the capacity to provide any vulnerable or disadvantaged person with a safe environment (first sponsored migrant sanctuary)

Guanacaste - Costa Rica

We intend to create the first safe and modern destination for migrants or anyone in a disadvantaged situation and provide them with the necessary tools to live and train to find a future home in a nation that desires them.

Our most significant concern are the massive migrations that surprise nations worldwide. These massive migrations disturb both the peace of the citizenship and the function of the government, bringing uncertainty to the local population and those who risked their lives and limbs to escape impossible situations.

However, these migrations can be an opportunity. Many countries need a skilled workforce to repopulate small villages, farms and to work in tourist service areas. These governments are constantly looking for people who know their culture, language, and laws, but those who meet the criteria are in short supply.

We believe that through the common interest of the countries affected by one situation or another, and under the flag of the United Nations, we can create an initial solution.

Costa Rica is the right place to start. A peaceful country with no army and a great example of conservation of nature and access to good education and medical services.

La Pacifica Program is defined as an infrastructure that responds to the needs of all, ensures equitable access to quality services, and improves access to development opportunities for the broadest segments of society, especially vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Our futuristic city project will start creating 10,000 homes that can house up to 40,000 migrants to live and work safely. A place that will provide them with the needed training to thrive in a new environment.

We want people to understand and to adapt to this concept so that future generations have a better and more productive life.