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Sample Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

When discussing reform at the UN, do not forget one of the most important reforms of all: reforming the Security Council. The council, as it stands with its five permanent members consisting of the U.S., Russia, China, France and Great Britain—the victors of World War II—hardly represent the new and emerging global players in the 21st century. The veto power of the current five members should be limited, or the right to veto should be extended to representatives from Africa, South America and the Middle East. Without some sort of change, it is hard to consider the Security Council to be a serious forum for nations to bring their concerns to.

Joe Humanist
Your Town, USA

To the editor:

It won't be enough for people in the U.S. or other rich nations to reduce our demand for resources, reduce our emissions, and become more environmentally aware. If we really want to slow global warming and all of the negative consequences of it, we also need poorer, still developing countries to play a role. They must judge their development not only in terms of GDP, but in how they protect and use the resources around them. Seeing the mistakes made by the West, poorer counties have an opportunity to chart a different path that will still allow for gains in standards of living, while also mitigating environmental degradation which all of us are now paying for.

Jane Humanist
Your Town, USA

To the editor:

In this day and age, it is totally unconscionable for nations to stand by and do nothing as genocide and other crimes against humanity occur. If the UN Security Council and regional pressures cannot stop the bloodshed, options such as humanitarian intervention must be on the table. It is no longer appropriate for us to look at troubles a world away, and declare that it's not our problem. Instead, we have a responsibility and obligation to help the victims. Though humanitarian intervention is not ideal to deal with crimes against humanity, it may be better than standing aside and doing nothing.

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