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His Holiness, Pope Francis, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City 00120.

His Holiness Pope Francis,

Warmest Greetings. We are grateful to God for the hope you bring for a peaceful and enriched tomorrow. May the divinity and Jesus Christ blessings always be with you in all your endeavour to establish a serene world.

Your Holiness, we are the followers of Lord Mahaveer, who avowed the philosophy of peaceful co-existence amongst all living and non-living substances. We observe "JAINISM" as our religious faith.

Your Holiness, with this brief preamble of our ideology, we are reaching you with a very humble request. We are deeply pained by on-going Russia - Ukraine conflict. Over the year, the world has lost countless number of precious human lives, millions innocent Ukrainian have become miserable refugee, innumerable children and ladies have lost their family support and it's impossible to quantify the damage to property. We fail to understand the reasons for this destruction.

Your Holiness, it appears a few entrepreneurs and egocentric forces are prevailing over compassion and receptivity. Some of the affluent and cultured nations are perplexed on their professed empathetic statements. Indeed sorry to say, loss of human life, is of no concern.

We are clueless about the policy and intellect of President of Ukraine, "Volodymyr Zelenskyy". What he is trying to conquer and at what cost? We hope, he will understand ground level realisms and sufferings of his people. We fail to understand, why the Europeans are paying the price of this conflict and also inviting plausible serious damage. Russians have definitely erroneously calculated their offensive steps and now they are in choiceless situation. We are indeed very appreciative of President Vladimir Putin for his restraint on nuclear option.

We can appreciate the relevance of United States in this engagement, as they are the sole beneficiary in all permutations and combinations. They are getting ready marketplace for their war machines industry. Besides, it's also an opportunity to weaken their traditional adversary and corner them on all other platforms. US experience in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Korea has also taught them proxy wars are better option.

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Your Holiness, you are most revered and adored goodwill Ambassador on this planet. Incontrovertibly, your office is dedicated for service to humankind. Your Holiness, with all convictions, we forward this appeal to you on behalf of peace loving JAIN community across the globe.

Your Holiness please direct,

- 1. Europe and United States to stop further supplies of Warfare material to Ukraine.
- 2. President of Ukraine, "Volodymyr Zelenskyy" to voluntarily nominate some other communicable leadership for diplomatic negotiations. He may be advised to step down. Ukraine to announce the ceasefire.
- 3. President Vladimir Putin to declare that war is over.

Your Holiness, please also facilitate a positive dialogue between the President Vladimir Putin and the representative of Ukraine. Your Holiness, you are empowered with incredible spiritual authorities. It is only you who can initiate the peace process with absolute success and in the interest of humanity at large.

With Deepest Regards

Yours Gratefully,

For Ahimsa Foundation

Anil Kumar Jain

Founder Trustee and President

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