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Suggestion for A World Championship for Climate Protection

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Dear UN Secretary-General Guterres,
Dear UN Special Envoy de Alba,

Thank you very much for your initiative of the *UN Climate Action Summit 2019: A Race We Can Win!* As the title indicates, the next few years will be crucial for our planet's future. It seems, however, that politics is still largely doing "business as usual". Therefore, I would like to suggest a framework that could possibly change the conditions of politics from negative signs ("crisis", "catastrophe", "doomsday") to positive signs: *The World Championship for Climate Protection*. In particular, I should like to make four suggestions to the United Nations:

1. that the UN officially proclaim this decade as *The Decade for Climate Protection*,
2. that the UN officially proclaim a *World Championship for Climate Protection*, running from January 2020 (if necessary later) to December 2029. The aim of this Championship would be to evoke enthusiasm in the participating nations for this common goal of utmost importance.

A model for the Championship could be *The Climate Change Performance Index 2022* (see www.germanwatch.org/de/ksi). This index could be extended to a complex game interface, operating with a differentiated system of points and encouraging interactive participation. For individual participation and in order to connect all participants, a special cell phone app could be created. For another highly differentiated ranking system that could be used for the game interface see www.drawdown.org.

Such a *World Championship for Climate Protection* should be in line with global justice. This would mean that not all participants would be starting the race at the same starting line. Privileged countries such as Germany would start with a disadvantage of points, whereas

underprivileged countries would be starting with an advantage of points. International cooperation should be rewarded.

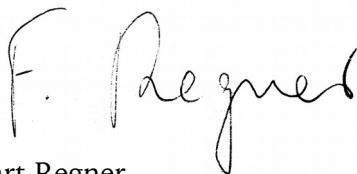
3. As Amnesty International has pointed out, climate protection cannot be separated from human rights. Therefore, *The World Championship of Climate Protection* would have to be *The World Championship for Human Rights* at the same time. Respect for human rights should be a part of the Championship's scoring system.

The referee here could be the *United Nations Human Rights Council*.

4. Some observers have noted that there is a certain lack of democratic process in the United Nations (see for instance www.en.unpacampaign.org). *The World Championship of Climate Protection* could possibly help to overcome such deficits and develop the UN to a recognised institution for global decision making.

Dear Secretary-General Guterres, dear Special Envoy de Alba, I am very much hoping that you will find my suggestions useful and I wish you a very successful Climate Summit!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Regner'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'F' and a long, sweeping 'R'.

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