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CALL TO ACTION!

Facing continuing brutality despite all of its advances, civilization, forced into the now narrow space of the pre-Copernican closed world, needs all humans to embrace *the arms* of culture, science, philosophy and technology to open the world to a new renaissance, the *space renaissance*.

We do not like to comment on events the same day or too close to their occurrence — even when they are so horrendous — like the ones we have seen a few weeks ago in the attacks on the editors of Charlie Hebdo and the kosher supermarket in Paris. But every day we have to record new merciless abominable murders. We, sincere humanists, are shaken, even personally, when death is caused intentionally by ideological madness, in France or anywhere. We are shocked by the massacre of 140 students at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan, recently perpetrated by Taliban, and by the mass exterminations by Boko Haram in Nigeria and other senseless killing. In the same way we are morally devastated by Western military reactions, when they cause the death of civilians, women and children, and further jeopardize already badly hit economies, instead of bringing relief and aid to the honest citizens, eager to work and progress.

We opted therefore to leave anger and pain to subside a bit, before our say. In fact, should we allow anger and pain to dictate our agenda, we would do nothing but support the terror. Keeping a cool head and a calm and mature reasoning skill, we definitely pronounce, not to fight Islam, or to embark the Western countries in a fruitless "clash of civilizations." We shall acknowledge the reality for what it is: the worsening conflicts and the global economic crisis, raging for almost seven years, are due to the growing fear that pervades all of the populations of the world. The people of the so-called advanced countries are seeing their privileges gradually decaying, due to lack of new industries. The emerging countries already glimpsed the limits of their hope for growth, due to the finite resources and energy of our mother planet. The people of the so-called Third World still do not even perceive this time as mature for their industrial development. Abortive revolutions and unfulfilled hopes are fertile ground for all terrorism.

During the last century many revolutionary movements thought that violence and insurgency were the best tools against the forces of oppression, exploitation and hatred. Today we can acknowledge that those movements didn't reach their goal. Much of the work for the evolution of civilization, to improve ethics and social relations, remains to be done. The tools, the *weapons*, to be used are quite different from the ones which are used to wound and to give death. To the forces of death, we must oppose the forces of life, namely the *space renaissance*: not a military commitment, but a scientific, philosophical, technological, cultural and artistic one!

When fear and violence are growing, when the pressure is growing in tight spaces, one thing is urgently needed more than anything: increase the space for living and development. Humans need space!

So we call everybody, facing the horror of massacres, terrorism, unemployment, underdevelopment, environmental threats, to take up the arms of culture, science, compassion, civic, technological, artistic commitments, to give life to the sole project that can defeat the fear forever: the development of civilian astronautics, that can create millions of new high level jobs, both in Space and on Earth!

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Space Renaissance International and its local chapters are working after a number of initiatives during 2015. We will provide notice as soon as more detailed programs will be defined. Space Renaissance Italia will hold conferences and concerts, in October, in collaboration with universities in Torino, Milano, Rome, and the agenda is in progress. New chapters are going to be incorporated, in UK, Nepal, India. This process will culminate with the SRI second international congress, to be held in the spring-summer 2016, in a not yet defined location. It will be a great event, to which we will call to take part the entire space community worldwide, and also the humanitarian organizations, volunteers committed to human rights: the opening of the space frontier, the enlargement of our cosmic home is interesting for them too, and anyone who cares about the future of humanity.

We invite all of the sincere humanists to support the Space Renaissance, by renewing membership to local chapters, where already exist, or directly to the International, participate to our works, and incorporate a chapter in your countries.

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