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Miss Gabriela Mistral  
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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Miss Mistral:

It is with great pleasure that I write you once again on the subject of genocide. Let me also take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and personal gratitude for the deep understanding which you have displayed in this great cause.

I should like to sketch for you briefly the current status of the genocide convention. Sub-Committee II of the Legal Committee, which had been handling the procedural work on the convention, approved a resolution that the draft convention be referred to the Economic and Social Council for study and submission in final form to the Third General Assembly. Despite this, when the matter was taken up in the full Legal Committee, a surprise resolution was pushed through by delegations who opposed the very concept of a convention, and the recommendation submitted to the General Assembly was framed in such a way as to make the idea of a convention questionable. However, when the issue came up before the General Assembly, another resolution sponsored by Cuba, Panama and Egypt, which reaffirmed the Sub-Committee's original recommendation, was passed by a large majority.

As matters now stand, the draft convention will be taken up by the Economic and Social Council when it convenes on February 2nd. But the battle is not yet won. The draft convention is in the hands of member governments. It is most important that these governments send in their comments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and otherwise urge that the drafting of a final convention be expedited. I take the liberty, therefore, of asking that you do whatever you can to call public attention to the necessity for immediate governmental action in this connection.

I am enclosing, as an item of possible interest to you, a copy of the resolution on genocide that was passed by the Parliament of Panama. Such a step, representing as it does a strong public opinion, can play a vital part in strengthening the positions of the delegates to the Economic and Social Council. As a prominent literary figure, your cooperation in publicizing this pressing problem would be of inestimable aid in evoking similar action by your government.

I am also enclosing some informative material on genocide, in the hope that you might find it possible to utilize it for arousing public interest in the subject.

Thank you once more for your splendid cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Pearl Buck*  
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