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Five major emergencies to which the UN draws attention



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01. *The COVID-19 pandemic*

He warned about the possibility that the variant of the coronavirus that follows Ómicron may be worse, reiterated the urgency of stopping the infections, without that implying undermining human rights, and denounced the inequality in access to immunization, due to the hoarding of rich countries.

02. *Financial system*

There is an urgent need to reform a global financial system "morally corrupt, favouring the rich and punishing the poor", which triggers inflation, energy prices and interest rates. Inequality between industrialized and developing countries is a recipe for instability, crisis and migration.

03. *Climate crisis*

Devastating climate shocks, which in 2020 alone forced 30 million people to flee their homes – three times as many as wars and violence – and the rise of global warming, force us to drastically transform our destructive relationship with the environment.

04. *Cyberspace*

Technology should not use people, but vice versa. There are too many risks that people run when accessing cyberspace, such as the misuse of data, incorrect information and cybercrime, which are multiplying rapidly.

05. *Violent conflicts*

Humanity is going through the highest number of violent conflicts since the formation of the UN in 1945. "Nuclear weapons now exceed 13,000, the highest level in decades. Human rights and the rule of law are under attack. Populism, innatism, white supremacy,

and other forms of racism and extremism are poisoning social cohesion and institutions everywhere."

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