UN to Set Off Alarm on Climate Change Global Emergency

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UN Secretary General, António Guterres, announced today he would set off alarms on the global emergency that means climate change, topic to which he gives priority since assuming his post.

Through his official Twitter account, the top representative of the UN, shared a video with advances on the topics to be presented in a speech this Monday.

'We all, governments, businesspeople, consumers... have to make changes and more than that, we have to be that change', said Guterres in that audiovisual film.

Climate change is an undeniable fact, science has so confirmed and solutions to face this problem look us in the face -said the Portuguese diplomat- it is time already to abandon the way to suicidal emissions.

These may not be easy times, but change is urgent for the good of generations today and those of the future, he stressed.

In his most recent alert on the issue, last month Guterres highlighted that climate change is also an emergency of public health, expected to cause 250 thousand additional deaths each year from 2030 to 2050.

That is included in a report of the World Health Organization (WHO), that shows the need for an urgent climate action, he added.

Any place, be it a little island, a great city or a rural town, is exposed to the threats of climate change to the health of persons, he indicated.

According to WHO, climate change affects social and environmental factors of health: clean air, potable wáter, enough food and secure refuge.

Over the last 50 years, human activity -mainly in the burning of fossile fuels- have liberated enough amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to trap additional heat in the lower atmosphere ansd affect world climate, detailed the WHO report.

The sea levels rise, glaciers melt and the patterns of precipitation change, while extreme climate events are ever more intense and frequent.