

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice has received your email messages of 19 February and 5 April 2014 in which you raise concerns regarding global warming and the actions of Bahá'í institutions in relation to the issue. We have been asked to convey the following.

As stated in our 18 October 2011 letter to you, the House of Justice does not wish to comment on the specifics of the debate on climate change. However, it is evident that the current defective world order has failed to protect the environment from ruinous damage. Moreover, the House of Justice has observed, in its letter dated 2 March 2013 to the Bahá'ís of Iran, that the deepening environmental crisis is “driven by a system that condones the pillage of natural resources to satisfy an insatiable thirst for more”. Given this reality, it is appropriate for Bahá'í institutions to attempt to address these matters.

You have expressed your concerns to your National Spiritual Assembly. If you feel your personal views on environmental issues do not accord with the plans and activities being pursued by Bahá'í institutions related to these matters, it would be entirely acceptable for you not to participate in those activities and to, instead, turn your attention to the many other avenues of service open for promoting the interests of the Faith and the well-being of society.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat