

Former UN secretary general censures U.S. healthcare



London, November 13 (RHC)-- Former United Nations secretary general Ban Ki-moon has denounced the United States' healthcare system as being "unethical," "unfair" and outright "wrong." The South Korean politician said: "Nobody would imagine that there should be so many people – 30 million people – who would be left behind" in America.

In an exclusive interview with the Guardian newspaper, he insisted that not providing healthcare, especially in a rich country like the United States, was "politically wrong and morally wrong."

Ban Ki-moon, who said as secretary general he had pledged to make the world a better place for all, highlighted the importance of universal health coverage. He said it was still his duty and part of his work with The Elders -- a group founded by Nelson Mandela -- to tackle world problems, to address the issue of inadequate universal health coverage.

Despite huge spending on health, millions in the U.S. live entirely outside the health system. Many poor Americans are uninsured and unable to go to pursue medical treatment for ailments, according to reports.

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