

**Statement by former Auroville International Advisory Council members
to the Chairman, Governing Board**

9 December 2021

Dear Shri R. N. Ravi,

Having served on the International Advisory Council of Auroville for a number of years, many of us have a deep admiration for Auroville and its accomplishments and have made lasting friendships with many Aurovilians.

Recent alarming reports from trustworthy sources of conflict, intimidation and a police presence are not in the spirit of Auroville's ideals which we were invited to promote and protect. These incidents have already been reported in local and national media and international social networking platforms.

We are aware of the difficulty of your task and hope that in this auspicious year of Sri Aurobindo's sesquicentennial when the world's eyes will be turned towards his legacy that harmony prevails above all else.

Most sincerely,

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Kabir Shaikh, Julian Lines, Doudou Diene, Marc Luyckx Ghisi