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Key messages and comments on the Revised Zero Draft Political Declaration to be adopted at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023

We thank the Co-Facilitators for their work on the revised Zero Draft of the Political Declaration to be adopted at 2023 HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly, and for the possibility to submit our key messages, comments, recommendations, and mark-ups.

We welcome the ambition put forth via the revised Zero Draft for political and financial resources to achieve the SDGs by 2030. We are encouraged to see a wide range of SDGs discussed amongst key UN frameworks, but this is not enough. It is important that the SDGs are interlinked to each other, and be discussed in various UN conferences, further amplifying the SDG commitment.

We are concerned that this revised version of the declaration also does not include any reference to the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, whose members are official stakeholders to the UN sustainable development process. This exclusion is, unfortunately, risking the reflection of the voices from the ground, of the members of these constituencies to the Political Declaration, and the SDG Summit process.

We appreciate gender equality being taken up at different sections of the revised Political Declaration, as well as the increased inclusion of human rights and gender based violence among the paragraphs. SDGs commitments cannot be achieved without effective implementation and collaboration between the stakeholders and the high-level leaders at local, national, and regional levels on all issues with their intersections on gender equality.

We would also like to raise our concern on the listings of different groups, or forms of discrimination mentioned in the Political Declaration. While listings are important for the visibility of issues and identities, we also note that it is not possible for lists to encompass all groups and/ or all forms of discrimination. Therefore, we would like to suggest the addition of “in all their diversity” and/or “including multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination” as additions to such paragraphs, where appropriate, instead of the lists.

We once again express our appreciation and thanks for this inclusive process for submitting our written comments on the revised Zero Draft of the Political Declaration of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023.

WMG's specific suggestions, reflecting our overall principles, are below:

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Our addition suggestions are in [RED]

Our deletion suggestions are in [BLUE]

Strong language that we'd support to keep is in [GREEN]

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Revised Zero Draft of the Political Declaration to be adopted at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023

I. Our shared commitment

1. We, the Heads of State and Government and high representatives, have met at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 18 and 19 September 2023, at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit,¹ to review progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. We [DELETE: reaffirm our commitment] retain to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs and uphold all principles enshrined in it. The 2030 Agenda remains our overarching roadmap for achieving sustainable development and overcoming the multiple and overlapping crises we face. We will act with urgency to realize its vision as a plan of action for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, leaving no one behind. We will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.
3. We emphasize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.
4. We reaffirm that the 2030 Agenda is universal in nature and that its Goals and targets are comprehensive, far-reaching, people-centered, indivisible and interlinked, balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental, in an integrated manner. We reaffirm that the 2030 Agenda and its Goals seek to realize the human rights of all, including the right to development and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all, which are essential to achieving sustainable development, including women and girls and people of diverse sexual orientations or gender identities in all their diversity. They are grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document.

The last sentence is a direct quote from Para 10 of 2030 Agenda.

¹ High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit).

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5. We also reaffirm the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as an integral part of the 2030 Agenda. We are committed to its full implementation which is critical for the realization of the SDGs and their targets and to this end welcome the organization of the 2023 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development back-to-back with the SDG Summit.
 6. The achievement of the SDGs is in peril. At the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, we are alarmed that only 12 per cent of the SDGs are on track and 30 per cent remain unchanged or below the 2015 baseline. The progress on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has regressed. Our world is currently facing numerous crises. Years of sustainable development gains are being reversed. Millions of people have fallen into poverty, hunger and malnutrition are becoming more prevalent, and the impacts of the climate ~~[DELETE: change]~~ crisis are more pronounced. This has led to increased inequalities underpinned by weakened international solidarity and a shortfall of trust to jointly overcome these crises.
 7. We remain ~~[DELETE: hopeful]~~ committed, given that our world, its people, and the United Nations have a history of resilience and overcoming challenges. Our actions must match the magnitude and scope of the crises affecting our world. This situation calls for the world to redouble our efforts and deliver a breakthrough to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
 8. We commit to bold, ambitious, accelerated and transformative actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda, anchored in international solidarity and effective cooperation at all levels. We will promote a systemic shift towards a more equitable, inclusive, just, peaceful, resilient and sustainable world for people and planet, for present and future generations.
 9. We will devote ourselves collectively to the pursuit of sustainable development, in line with international law, human rights treaties and other instruments, including through international cooperation and partnership to strengthen coordination and global governance for the common future of present and coming generations,
 10. We are concerned about the persistent impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. We must strengthen international cooperation ~~[DELETE: help for]~~ to support/accelerate the recovery of the poorest and most vulnerable countries from the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, reduce inequalities within and among countries and strengthen pandemic preparedness, prevention care and response.
- Language from SDG 10/Resolution 70/1/2015
11. We recognize the specific challenges facing all developing countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as the specific challenges

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facing middle income countries in pursuing sustainable development.

12. We remain resolved, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to respect, protect and fulfil human rights **for all, including those who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination**, achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. We also remain resolved to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, **while maintaining a healthy environment**, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities, **through the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities**. We commit to ensuring that **all people who are marginalized, including children, youth, Afro-descendants, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees and internally displaced persons, migrants, stateless people, women and girls** and persons with disabilities actively participate in and equally benefit from sustainable development efforts.

Addition adapted from Resolution 70/1 - paragraph 23

13. We reaffirm that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls **is a necessary condition** ~~[DELETE: will make a crucial contribution]~~ to progress across all the Goals and targets, **as well as a strong commitment in many UN treaties and instruments**. The achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is not possible if ~~[DELETE: one half of humanity]~~ **women and girls in all their diversity** continue to be denied **their** full human rights and opportunities. We will ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all women and girls, throughout their life course without discrimination **rooted in gender stereotypes and harmful social norms that reinforce their lower status in society**. We also ~~[DELETE: resolve]~~ **reaffirm our commitment** to eliminate all forms of violence, **including sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation**, ~~[DELETE: against women and girls]~~ **and to recognize, reduce, and redistribute women's and girls' disproportionate share of unpaid care, support and domestic work, and to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights**.
14. We commit to stepping up our efforts to fight against racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia, **classism, transphobia, homophobia** and related ~~[DELETE: intolerance]~~, stigmatization, hate speech at all levels, **online and offline**, through cooperation, partnership and inclusion and respect for diversity.
15. We reaffirm our resolve to realize our vision of a world with access to **gender- and age-responsive**, inclusive and equitable quality education, universal health coverage **and access**, quality health care, **including sexual and reproductive health services**, social protection, food security and improved nutrition, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, affordable, reliable and sustainable energy and quality, **accessible** and resilient infrastructure, **including care and support systems**, for all.

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16. We commit to **sustainable consumption and production models and lifestyles to conserve and sustainably use** [DELETE: achieving a world in which humanity lives in harmony with nature to conserving and sustainably using] our planet's marine and terrestrial resources, **promote resilience, reduce disaster risk, and reverse the trends of environmental and ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss, leaving them at the hands of local communities.** [DELETE: including through sustainable lifestyles, and sustainable consumption and production, to reversing the trends of environmental degradation, to promoting resilience, to reducing disaster risk, and to halting ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss].
17. Sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. We reaffirm the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice and that are based on respect for human rights including the right to development, on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on transparent, effective and accountable institutions. **The way to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies needs to be via negotiations, not enforced by victory of the more powerful. Negotiations ought to include women at the table. Civil society must be included in path finding.**

Addition adapted from UN resolution SC 1225

18. The 2030 Agenda remains our commitment to the children and youth of today so that they may achieve their full human potential, as critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current and future generations. **As critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current and future generations, we emphasize the importance of ensuring and supporting the full, effective, meaningful and inclusive participation of children, including girls and particularly those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.**

Based on A/RES/70/1 Para 51 and E/HLS/2022/1

19. We acknowledge the essential role of national parliaments in ensuring accountability **and transparency** for the effective implementation of our goals and commitments under the 2030 Agenda.
20. We commit to enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for sustainable development, engaging all relevant stakeholders, including **Major Groups and Other Stakeholders**, local and regional governments, parliamentarians, Indigenous Peoples, research institutes, children, civil society, the private sector, academia, women, youth, local communities, persons of African descent, persons with disabilities and older persons, **LGBTQI+ people, and people living with HIV/AIDS** recognizing the important contribution they **are making** [DELETE: can make] to the 2030 Agenda.

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The inclusion of the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders in this paragraph will be a recognition of their inclusion in the 2030 Agenda, the 2019 SDG Summit Political Declaration (A/RES/74/4) and the Para 9 of the Ministerial Declaration of 2022 (E/HLS/2022/1)

II. Our changed world - Progress and remaining gaps and challenges

21. Our world has ~~[DELETE: changed]~~ worsened drastically since the first SDG Summit in 2019 and since we adopted the 2030 Agenda in 2015. The world was already off track in achieving the majority of the SDGs before the COVID-19 pandemic. Without immediate course correction and acceleration of progress toward achieving the SDGs, our world is destined to face ~~[DELETE: continued]~~ increased poverty prolonged periods of crisis and growing inequality and uncertainty.
22. We are concerned about the persistent and long-term impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, continued poverty and widening inequalities, including gender inequality and the multiple interlinked crises that are pushing our world to the brink, particularly in developing countries and for the poorest and most marginalized. Climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification and pollution, including plastic, air, and chemical pollution, threaten the planet and people. Irregular migration and forced displacement, the cost-of-living crisis, water related challenges, food security and nutrition, financial, health and energy crises, and the growing impact of natural disasters are increasing humanitarian and planetary needs and derailing progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, notably for those furthest behind.
23. In many parts of the world armed conflicts and instability have endured or intensified, and natural hazards and disasters have become more frequent and intense, causing untold human suffering and undermining the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. Our ability and systems to prevent and resolve conflicts and build resilient, peaceful, just and inclusive societies has often been fragmented and insufficient.
24. We acknowledge that the cascading global crises have highlighted and exacerbated existing gender based violence and gender inequality, such as unequal access to physical, mental and sexual and reproductive healthcare, education, political participation and economic opportunities, as well as an inequitable distribution of unpaid domestic and care work.
25. We take note with appreciation the Secretary-General's special edition progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Global Sustainable Development Report, including its evidenced-based approach to evaluate progress to date towards the SDGs.
26. We recognize the positive role and contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development in countries of origin, transit and destination, including by enriching societies through human, socioeconomic and cultural capacities. We will cooperate internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants regardless of migration status, of refugees and of displaced persons.

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Para 29 of 2030 Agenda

27. We note with appreciation the contributions of refugees in host countries and countries of resettlement, including facilitating the generation of decent work opportunities, with the purpose of developing sustainable livelihoods until durable solutions are achieved.
28. In the face of the multiple and interlinked global crises, we must meet the moment and embrace change by taking immediate measures to scale up efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, including through development cooperation, SDG investments, reforming the international financial architecture, enhancing macroeconomic policy cooperation and implementing actions to accelerate sustainable development, in particular in support of developing countries **and the poorest and most marginalized people. We will pursue economic policies aligned with human rights, labour and environmental standards that invest in the SDGs.** We welcome the Secretary-General's efforts towards an SDG stimulus to tackle the high cost of debt and rising risks of debt distress, massively scale up affordable long-term financing for development and expand contingency financing to countries in need.
29. We are deeply concerned by the marked increase of the estimated SDG financing gap and recognize the urgency of increasing predictable, responsible and sustainable development finance to developing countries, **including by shifting funds from harmful systems and industries to the implementation of the SDGs.**
30. We note that there has been positive progress in a limited number of areas. We recognize the efforts of countries and stakeholders at all levels since 2015 to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. We acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic produced valuable lessons in **access to health, transformative education,** science, technology, and innovation and digital transformation for sustainable development.
31. We are encouraged by the progress achieved in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries 2014-2024, and the SAMOA Pathway for SIDS 2014-2024, and call upon the international community to take the opportunity of the Third UN Conference on LLDCs and the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States to identify and address the key priority issues of LLDCs and SIDS respectively, as well as to forge genuine and durable partnerships, including financial support, that will accelerate the implementation of their respective sustainable development blueprints. Additionally, we welcome the Doha political declaration, and the commitments made towards the timely and full implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022-2031.
32. We acknowledge the common purpose that has united governments, the UN system, civil society, the private sector, parliaments, local authorities, academia and other stakeholders to deliver on the 2030 Agenda including through the localization of SDGs.
33. We welcome the efforts of the UN development system to implement the reforms championed

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by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the General Assembly, to better support developing countries in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

34. We recognize that the Voluntary National Reviews have generated valuable lessons learned and have helped countries monitor progress and integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into national plans and policies.

III. Call to action – turning our world towards 2030

35. We commit to taking continuous, fundamental, transformative and urgent actions at all levels and by all stakeholders to overcome the crises and obstacles facing our world. We commit to taking the actions necessary to reverse declines and accelerate progress to achieve the 2030 Agenda and implement the SDGs. We will take comprehensive and targeted measures to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, by 2030.
36. We commit to achieving sustainable development and shared prosperity for all by focusing our policies and actions on the poorest and most vulnerable. We will **commit** ~~[DELETE: endeavour to identify those who are being left]~~ **to leave no one** behind and reach those who are the furthest behind first. People who are in vulnerable situations must be protected and empowered **and an enabling environment for civil society must be promoted, in a manner that is consistent with the rights and obligations of states under international law.** Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include all children, youth, women and girls, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, Indigenous Peoples, ethnic and racial minorities, refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrants. We intend to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. We will take action to combat inequalities within and among countries and pursue policies that stem the tide of rising inequality, including through **gender-responsive** social protection systems and universal health coverage, **including universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, information and education.** We look forward to convening a world social summit in 2025 to give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We would suggest a reworking of the paragraph as follows:

36. We will redouble our efforts to leave no one behind by focusing our policies and actions on reaching and empowering the poorest and most vulnerable. We will prioritize identifying those who are being left behind and reach those who are the furthest behind first. Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include women and girls, in all their diversity, as well as all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, LGBTQI+ people, indigenous peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrants. Reaffirming that the dignity of the human person is fundamental, we will meet the Goals and targets for all nations, for all peoples, and for all segments of society through developing and applying norms-based policies. We will take action to combat inequalities within and between countries and pursue decent work and other economic policies that further human rights, labour, and environmental standards to stem the tide of rising

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inequality, including through strengthening inclusive care and support systems, inclusive education, social protection systems, and universal health coverage, including mental health.

37. We are determined to make all efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by the target year of 2030. To this end, ~~[DELETE: we commit to]~~:

- a) We commit to targeted and accelerated action to remove all legal, social, and economic barriers to achieving gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls **in all their diversity**, including those with disabilities and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights and in this regard, we commit to eliminating, preventing and responding to all forms of violence against women and girls in public and private spaces both in person and in digital contexts, such as sexual and gender-based violence, and call for women's full access to justice and effective legal remedies **and reparations** . **We commit to recognize, reduce, and redistribute women's and girls' disproportionate share of unpaid care, support and domestic work. We also commit to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.**

"Reparations" added in accordance with CEDAW's committee General Recommendation 28 "States parties provide reparation to women whose rights under the Convention have been violated. Without reparation the obligation to provide an appropriate remedy is not discharged (...)

Last two sentences added as reference to SDG 5.4 and SDG 5.6

- b) We will continue increasing investment in inclusive and equitable quality education, **including comprehensive sexuality education**, and life-long learning opportunities for all, including early childhood **care and** education, youth and adult literacy programmes and initiatives, digital education, education for sustainable development, digital technologies for education, skills enhancement, affordable higher education and vocational training, including education in emergencies and teachers' continuing professional development. We will address barriers to girls' education, gender and disability gaps and promote gender equality in and through education and safe, healthy and stimulating learning environments that enable all learners to achieve their full potential and physical, mental and emotional well-being, and we take note of the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit.
- c) We will continue to take action to bridge the digital divides, **including the gender digital divide**, spread the benefits of digitalization, **and mitigate the risks of emerging technologies**. We will expand the participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in the digital economy by building their capacities and access to technological innovations through stronger partnerships and aim to improve digital literacy including information and

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media literacy. We will leverage digital technology to expand the foundations on which to strengthen social protection systems **and work to ensure a digital future aligned with international law, with human dignity at its core**. We commit to building capacities for inclusive participation in the digital economy and strong partnerships to bring technological innovations to all countries and reaffirm that the same rights that people have offline must also be protected online. We look forward to the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- c) (bis). We commit to have national plans in place (latest by 2025) to achieve universal social protection in all countries by 2030 and global financial mechanism in place (latest by 2025) to ensure that all countries especially least developed countries can finance the implementation of the plans.
- d) We will accelerate actions to end hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition, including through access to sufficient, safe and nutritious foods, the transition to sustainable and resilient agrifood systems, and by promoting safe, healthy and diversified diets and consumption **and production** practices. We commit to keep trade channels and markets open for the movement of food, fertilizers and other agricultural inputs and outputs.
- e) We will address water scarcity and stress and drive transformation from a global water crisis to a world where water is a sustainable resource, ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all **as common goods and human rights**. We note the importance of the mid-term comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028 and the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, **and the voluntary commitments made at the UN 2023 Water Conference**.
- f) We will ensure **quality**-health and well-being for all, **including universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights**, achieving universal health coverage **and access, while strengthening public health-systems** and leaving no-one behind.
- g) We will take steps to ensure universal access to affordable, **clean**, reliable, **and** sustainable **[DELETE: and modern]** energy for all, including through enhanced international cooperation to assist developing countries. We will increase substantially the share of renewable and clean energy, **accelerate phasing out fossil fuels including by removing subsidies, and** promote the knowledge and technological flow to developing countries.
- h) We commit to implementing the calls to action from the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to promote a disaster risk-informed approach to sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global levels and to accelerating progress on integrating disaster risk reduction into policies, programmes and investments at all levels, while acknowledging that some of the calls to action will require capacity building and technical and financial assistance in order to be effectively implemented by developing countries.
- i) We will work with urgency through the UNFCCC and its COPs, including the upcoming COPs,

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to accelerate our actions to address climate change. We will implement the Paris Agreement² and all agreed outcomes of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change³, including ensuring the effective and full implementation of the Gender Action Plan on climate change, conscious of the synergies between the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Agreement, including across mitigation and adaptation efforts. We urge developed country parties to fully deliver on the goal of 100 billion United States dollars urgently and through 2025 and emphasize the importance of transparency in the implementation of their pledges. We welcome the outcomes of COP 27 held in Sharm El Sheikh, including the decision on funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including a focus on addressing loss and damage.

- j) We will conserve and sustainably use oceans and seas, freshwater resources, as well as forests, mountains and drylands and to protect biodiversity, ecosystems and wildlife. We will take urgent action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss to put nature on a path to recovery for the benefit of people and planet by conserving and sustainably using biodiversity and ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources, while providing the necessary means of implementation. We commit to swiftly implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the establishment of the Global Biodiversity Fund and the gender-responsive National Adaptation Plan within, and will progressively take the necessary steps to close the \$700 billion biodiversity finance gap, and urge developed countries to make significant progress towards the \$30 billion financial target in the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- k) We commit to continue urgent efforts to implement the strategic objectives of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, affirming that combating desertification, land degradation, deforestation, drought and floods, as well as sand and dust storms, and achieving land degradation neutrality are essential and have emerged as a pathway to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs.
- l) We will decisively and urgently mobilize action for sustainable ocean management, recognizing the central role of a healthy, productive and resilient ocean. We commit to an integrated and coordinated approach to conserve, protect and restore the ocean, its ecosystems and its biodiversity. We emphasize that our actions should be in accordance with, reinforce and not duplicate or undermine existing legal instruments, arrangements, processes, mechanisms or entities. We affirm the need to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want. **With the Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction being adopted, deep sea mining needs to be immediately halted.**
- m) We will support the global efforts to address and eliminate plastic pollution, and the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally

² Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1., decision 1/CP.21

³ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

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binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment by 2024, highlighting the importance of the relationship between plastic pollution and sexual and reproductive health, towards the UNEA6.

- m) (bis) We pledge to deliver on obligations relating to the enjoyment of a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in the implementation of and follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals, bearing in mind the integrated and multisectoral nature of the latter.
- n) We commit to responsibly use science, technology, and innovation, including space technology and applications, as drivers of sustainable development and to build the capacities necessary for sustainable transformations, and to mitigate risks from emerging technologies. We will take action to enhance conditions [DELETE: ability] for developing countries to benefit from science, technology, and innovation and address the major structural impediments to accessing new and emerging technologies including through promoting access to open science, affordable technology, research and development, and through partnerships. We aim to increase funding for SDG-related research and innovation and build capacity in all regions to contribute to and benefit from this research. We will seek to better realize the benefits and address the challenges of artificial intelligence. We undertake to increase the use of science and scientific evidence in policymaking.
- o) We commit to bridging the science, technology and innovation divide, including the gender divide, and providing financial and technical support and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms to developing countries, including through South-South and triangular cooperation.
- p) We pledge to take action to strengthen international, national and subnational data systems efforts to collect high quality, timely, relevant, disaggregated, intersectional and reliable data on SDG progress and to intensify efforts to strengthen data and statistical capacities in developing countries. We will continue to strengthen our efforts to collect, analyse and disseminate relevant high quality, accessible, intersectional and reliable data, disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographical location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, for better monitoring and policymaking to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, without leaving marginalized and vulnerable groups behind. We commit to increasing the availability of SDG data and closing SDG data gaps at all levels, increasing domestic financing for data and statistics, and embracing new data sources and innovative approaches.

Inclusion from Paragraph 74.G/ Resolution 70/1

- q) We will continue to integrate the SDGs into our national policy frameworks and develop national plans for transformative and accelerated action. We will make implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving the SDGs a central focus in national planning [add: budget allocation] oversight mechanisms, and budget allocation. We will further localize the SDGs and advance integrated planning at local and sub-national levels. We encourage all relevant

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actors to better address interlinkages, synergies and trade-offs between the Sustainable Development Goals, enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development and localization of the Goals, including through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, acknowledging the role and responsibility of parliaments and local governments.

- r) Recognizing the need for an SDG stimulus, we commit to accelerate the full implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and to take further actions to scale up financing for sustainable development, and provide means of implementation for developing countries, including the following:
- i. We will ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation, strengthening the capacity to mobilize domestic resources and private sector investment in order to provide adequate and predictable means of implementation for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and to implement programmes and policies to create decent jobs, including through the implementation of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions.
 - ii. We urge development partners to scale up and fulfill their ODA commitments, including the commitment by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance (ODA/GNI) and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to the least developed countries. **We encourage development partners to scale up their gender-equality focused funding, both as a significant, and as a principal objective of their programming.**
 - iii. We call for improved international debt mechanisms to support debt review, debt payment suspensions, and debt restructuring, as appropriate, with an expansion of support and eligibility to vulnerable countries in need. We recognize the importance of new and emerging challenges and vulnerabilities in regard to developing country external and domestic debt sustainability. Strengthened multilateral coordination by all creditors is needed to address the deteriorating debt situation.
 - iv. We call for scaling up debt for SDGs swaps, including debt for climate and nature, education, and debt for food security swaps, as appropriate, while recognizing debt swaps cannot replace broader debt treatments in unsustainable debt situations, to allow developing countries to use debt service payments for investments in sustainable development.
 - v. We recommit to preventing and combating **corruption and** illicit financial flows and strengthening international cooperation and good practices on assets return and recovery, **including by supporting formal negotiations on a UN tax convention at the upcoming 78th session of the UN General Assembly. We will promote transparency, accountability, integrity and a culture of rejection of corruption at all levels of society as a basis for preventing corruption and ending impunity.**

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A/RES/S-32/1. Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation. Para 1.

- vi. We call for an urgent re-channeling of unutilized Special Drawing Rights to countries most in need, including through Multilateral Development Banks, while respecting relevant legal frameworks and preserving the reserve asset character of Special Drawing Rights.
 - vii. We note the importance of the international financial architecture, business models and financing capacities being more fit for purpose, equitable and responsive to the financing needs of developing countries, resilient and sustainable, to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making, norm-setting, and global economic governance. We commit to continue to engage in inclusive inter-governmental discussions on the reform of IFIs taking into account the current and ongoing initiatives.
 - viii. We urge MDBs to align with the SDGs, bring forward actions to mobilize and provide additional financing within their mandates to support developing countries to achieve the SDGs. We support MDB reform efforts and call for tangible progress in this regard and encourage dialogue about the SDGs' implementation between MDBs and other financial institutions.
 - ix. We recommit to the promotion of a rules-based, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, equitable and transparent multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core, ~~as well as meaningful trade liberalization~~. We underscore that the multilateral trading system ~~should~~ has an important role and great responsibility to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We welcome the commitment of WTO members to work towards the necessary reform of the organization, with the aim of improving all its functions and effectively addressing the challenges facing global trade.
 - x. We commit to strengthening the means of implementation and revitalization of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development and, in this regard, confirm our political commitment to value what counts and explore measures of progress on sustainable development that complement or go beyond gross domestic product to have a more inclusive approach to international cooperation.
 - xi. We encourage the international community to consider multidimensional vulnerability, including the potential use of a multidimensional vulnerability index, as criteria to access concessional finance.
 - xii. We commit to convening a fourth international conference on financing for development in 2025.
38. We recognize that the integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals requires a global response. We renew our commitment to effective and inclusive multilateralism,

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norms-based policymaking, and international cooperation, to find new and effective ways of working together and to ensure that multilateral institutions keep pace with the rapid changes taking place. We further commit to finding peaceful and just solutions to disputes and to respecting international law, the rule of law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including the right to self-determination of peoples and the need to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of States.

39. We commit to fully support the UN development system, including the RC system and the Joint SDG Fund, to deliver better in support of programme countries and their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. We support the United Nations playing a central and coordinating role in international development cooperation.
40. We commit to using the review of the high-level political forum at the 78th session of the General Assembly to further strengthen the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, harnessing data to track progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, strengthening analysis of the interlinkages across the Goals and targets, including policy implications of their synergies and tradeoffs.
41. We look forward to the Summit of the Future in 2024 as an important opportunity to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 agenda and its SDGs.
42. We commit with united efforts, political will and firm actions to advance concrete, integrated and targeted policies and actions to fulfill the vision of the 2030 Agenda and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. We pledge to act now, for present and future generations, turning our world towards a sustainable and resilient path by 2030, and leaving no one behind.
