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Key messages and comments on the 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 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 Zero Draft for political and financial resources to achieve the SDGs by 2030. We are encouraged to see continued commitment to reaching the SDGs, and by the call for the political leadership for increased and accelerated efforts.

We are concerned that this declaration does not include any reference to the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, whose members are official stakeholders to the UN sustainable development process. The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders is an important mechanism that is viewed as a good practice within the UN system and, among the civil society in general, as an institutional methodology for inclusion of diverse stakeholders, voices, and the realities of the local, national, and regional levels .

We also note the need to include a more concrete and comprehensive paragraph on gender equality in the *Shared Resolve* and *Call to Action* sections of the declaration.

We once again express our appreciation and thanks for this inclusive process for submitting our written comments on the 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:

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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I. [Our shared resolve]

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 renew our resolve to fulfill the promise of the 2030 Agenda and the principles enshrined in it. 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 and reaching those furthest behind first**. The 2030 Agenda remains our roadmap for advancing sustainable development and overcoming the multiple crises we face.
3. We reaffirm that the 2030 Agenda is universal in nature and that its Goals and targets **are integrated, inclusive, and indivisible**, balancing the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
4. The promises of the 2030 Agenda are in peril. Our world is currently facing numerous crises. Despite years of sustainable development gains, millions of people have fallen into poverty, hunger and malnutrition are becoming more prevalent, and the impacts of climate change more pronounced. **This situation has led to increased [Delete: inequality] inequalities and has [DELETE: underpinned by] weakened international solidarity**. We remain hopeful, 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.
5. We commit to bold, ambitious, **immediate**, and transformative actions, anchored in international solidarity, shared responsibility and robust cooperation at all levels, **and to prioritize reaching the furthest behind first**. We will promote a systemic shift towards a more inclusive, peaceful and sustainable world for people and **the planet**, for present and future generations.
6. **We commit to upholding the United Nations Charter and international law, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and international human rights treaties. On 10 December 2023, the UN will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the UDHR, and we seek to rekindle the spirit, impulse and vitality of the UDHR, and to renew a worldwide consensus on human rights.**

The addition is taken from the OHCHR's Human Rights 75 Campaign

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

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7. We emphasize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, **gender inequalities and intergenerational poverty**, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

Intergenerational poverty impacts primarily women & girls and keeps them furthest behind, unable to break the cycle of poverty.

8. We commit to targeted efforts to realize the promise to leave no one behind. **We will reach the furthest behind and create the necessary conditions to achieve all the SDGs for the benefit of everyone, recognizing that the SDGs are [DELETE: must be recognized as being] intersectional and cross-cutting [DELETE: if we are to achieve all the SDGs for the benefit of everyone].**

We will not achieve the SDGs if we do not recognize the cross-cutting and intersectional nature that is needed to achieve gender equality.

9. We must strengthen international cooperation for the poorest and most vulnerable countries to help them recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as from ongoing conflicts, the **adverse effects of climate change**, , **[DELETE: severe weather conditions]**, inflation, **international debt**, and the cost-of-living crisis, and to build resilience to future shocks and climate risks. We commit to strengthening pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response.
10. We recognize the special challenges and needs facing all developing countries in pursuing sustainable development, especially countries in special situations, 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 facing middle-income countries in pursuing sustainable development.
11. 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 fulfill human rights; to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of **[DELETE: all] women and girls in all their diversity; to provide access to quality physical, sexual, reproductive, and mental health services; 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 economy which prioritizes the long-term wellbeing of people and the planet [DELETE: -ic growth] over GDP growth and short-term profits, and fostering shared prosperity and decent education and work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.**
12. We reaffirm that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls **is a prerequisite to reach [DELETE: will make a crucial contribution to progress across] all the Goals and targets. The achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is not possible if women and girls, in**

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all their diversity, [DELETE: one half of humanity] continue to be denied their full human rights, fundamental freedoms, and opportunities, and if structural barriers to gender equality are not addressed, including discriminatory laws and practices, harmful gender stereotypes and social norms, and the inequitable distribution of unpaid care and domestic work.

13. We resolve to realize our vision of a world with universal access to inclusive and equitable quality education; universal health access coverage and quality health care, including sexual and reproductive health services; food security and improved nutrition; adequate and safe drinking water; effective sanitation; affordable, reliable and sustainable energy; and quality and resilient infrastructure for all.
14. Sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security; and peace and security is forever [DELETE: 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.
15. The 2030 Agenda remains our promise to the children and youth of today, so that they may achieve their full human potential. [Delete: and carry the torch of sustainable development to future generations, as critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current-and future generations, we] We emphasize the importance of engaging and supporting the full, effective, meaningful, and inclusive participation of children and youth, in all their diversity, particularly those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Source: Based on para 115 of the 2022 HLPF Ministerial Declaration E/HLS/2022/1

16. We reconfirm our commitment to the UN75 Declaration, the Political Declaration of the 2019 SDG Summit, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and the Beijing Platform for Action. We will fully implement these agreements and build upon their strong commitments.
17. 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.
18. We commit to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and (Delete: reproductive) rights, including access to contraception and safe abortion services irrespective of marital status, as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action, and the outcome documents of their review conferences.
19. We commit to enhancing global, regional, national, and local partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals, engaging all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia, children and youth, and women and girls, recognizing the important contribution they [DELETE: can] make toward achieving the 2030 Agenda. We recognize the strong role civil society and children and youth

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play in the realization of the SDGs, and we commit to support this role at national, regional, and global levels, as well as strengthening the role of civil society and youth play in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of SDGs to get back on track.

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

20. Our world has changed drastically since the first SDG Summit in 2019 and since we adopted the 2030 Agenda in 2015. Without immediate course correction and acceleration of SDG implementation, our world is destined to face prolonged periods of crisis and uncertainty.
21. We are concerned about the persistent impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic **and their interlinkages with other social, education, health, and gender related issues, as well as** the multiple interlinked crises that are pushing our world to the brink, particularly developing countries. The triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution threaten the planet **and its inhabitants [DELETE: and people]**. The crises of migration, forced displacement, the cost-of-living crisis, the water, food, financial, and energy, combined with the growing impact of **conflict and** disasters, **and the global erosion of the rights of women and girls in all their diversity** are derailing progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.
22. In many parts of the world, conflicts and instability have endured or intensified, and natural **and human caused** disasters have become more frequent and intense, causing untold human suffering **and economic losses, and** undermining the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. We stress the critical importance of sufficient humanitarian response and assistance, and we recognise that our ability to prevent and resolve conflicts and build resilient, peaceful, just, and inclusive societies has often been fragmented and insufficient.
23. We are deeply concerned that, once again, people in vulnerable situations, **especially those suffering intersecting forms of discriminations and people in rural and remote areas,** are hit hardest by these multiple and interlinked crises, across all countries, particularly developing countries, and countries in special situations, such as least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, with a deepening of the existing challenges for middle-income countries.
24. We welcome the Secretary-General's special edition progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Global Sustainable Development Report; **we commit to follow through with the recommendations of both reports.**
25. We are concerned that at the midpoint of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda the world is not on track to meet most of the Goals by 2030. There has been progress in some areas. However, progress against a very worrying proportion of targets is either moving much too slowly or has regressed below the 2015 baseline.
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.
27. In the face of the multiple and interlinked global crises, we must meet the moment and embrace change by taking immediate measures to **urgently** scale up efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Addis

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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. 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.

28. We are deeply concerned by the marked increase of the SDG financing gap and recognize the urgency of providing sufficient development finance to developing countries. We are equally concerned by the unmet commitments for climate change adaptation and mitigation. **We welcome the "Glasgow Climate Pact" and we urge all public and private actors to fully and effectively implement the Climate Change Gender Action Plan and all other existing global and national climate commitments.**
29. 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 **whilst** the COVID-19 pandemic produced valuable lessons in science, technology, and innovation and digital transformation for sustainable development, it has also magnified the unequal pace of digital transformation within and among countries and shown how these factors, when combined with structural and systemic barriers, can translate into unequal opportunities, since the poorest and the most vulnerable, who are the hardest hit, are also those who lag behind the most in access to information and communications technologies-

Rationale: We are concerned that the valuable lessons as written place too great an emphasis on positive connotation. For this reason, the language suggested from CSW67 has been included to balance the text.

Source: CSW67 Agreed Conclusions para 24

30. We acknowledge efforts and commitments from several ongoing processes and recent events and conferences, such as the **Stockholm+50 Conference**, UN Water Conference, Food Systems Summit, Oceans Conference, Transforming Education Summit, Sendai Mid-term Review, LDC5 Conference, UNFCCC COP27, UNCBD COP15, HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC, **STI Forum**, **Generation Equality Forum**, Financing for Development Forum, Fifth Session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly, and Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
31. We are encouraged by the progress achieved in the implementation of the Vienna Program of Action for Landlocked Countries 2014-2024 and SAMOA Pathway, and call upon the international community to take the opportunity of the Third International Conference on LLDCs and the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States to identify new and emerging challenges, as well as ways and means to address them, and opportunities for the sustainable development of LLDCs and small island developing States respectively. We welcome the Doha political declaration and look forward to

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the timely 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, youth, the private sector, and other stakeholders to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.
33. We welcome the efforts of the UN development system to implement the reforms championed by the Secretary General and endorsed by the General Assembly, especially the role of the resident coordinators. We call on the UN system to scale up efforts to ensure adequate resources and capacity to promote and achieve gender equality in its normative, programmatic, and coordination work.
34. We recognize that the voluntary national reviews have generated valuable lessons learned and have helped countries integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into national plans and policies. We recognize the need to increase the role of civil society, including youth, in national consultations and the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the SDGs.

III. [Call to action – turning our world towards 2030]

35. Fundamental, transformative, and urgent systemic change at all levels and by all stakeholders is needed to overcome the crises and obstacles facing our world. In particular, we commit to move “beyond GDP,” to adopt a new set of indicators to drive economic policymaking, and to transform our economic system so that it first serves the wellbeing of people and the planet, with care at its core. We commit to taking the actions necessary to reverse declines and accelerate progress to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve the SDGs.
36. We will leave no one behind by focusing our policies and actions on the poorest and most vulnerable. We will endeavor to identify those who are being left behind and reach those who are the furthest behind first. People who are marginalized and in vulnerable situations must be empowered, beginning with women. Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include all women and girls that have diverse needs, drug users, persons with visible and invisible disabilities, people with diverse sexual orientation and gender identity, people living with HIV/AIDS, chronic disease, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, people living in rural and remote areas, 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 between countries and pursue policies that stem the tide of rising inequality, including through the provision of universal basic services that ensure the human rights to education, health, water and sanitation, housing, and social protection. [DELETE: systems and universal health coverage].
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, we commit to:

Transformative actions for the SDGs:

- a) We commit to targeted and accelerated action to [DELETE: remove] eliminate all legal, social, [DELETE: and] economic, and structural barriers to achieving gender equality, the empowerment of [DELETE: all] women and girls, and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights.

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- b) We will continue increasing investment in **universal**, inclusive, and equitable **gender transformative and age responsive** quality education, including early childhood education, youth and adult literacy programmes, and initiatives **that stress the importance of addressing the gender gap in education** and deliver **comprehensive sexuality and human rights' education**; digital education; including **digital citizenship education**; financial literacy, climate change awareness, planning, and response; skills enhancement; and lifelong learning, **[DELETE: stressing the importance of addressing the gender gap in education]**. We also commit to scaling up efforts for remedial, accelerated learning and catch-up strategies to mitigate learning losses, equipping children and adolescents, and particularly girls with foundational skills, such as literacy and numeracy, and taking actions to ensure quality education and learning programmes beyond the schools for out-of-school children and youth and illiterate adults, particularly for the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, especially girls, and expand vocational and technical education for all women and girls, including pregnant adolescents and young mothers, as well as single mothers, to enable them to continue and complete their education, and provide catch-up and literacy education, including digital literacy education, and education for those who did not receive formal education, as well as special initiatives for keeping girls in school through early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education, to ensure that they acquire the knowledge and skills to attain high-quality jobs in the digital and sustainable economy; and we take note of the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit.

Rationale: The losses of education that have been suffered as a result of COVID-19 have resulted in major setbacks to the realisation of the 2030 Agenda. It is important to recognise that the impacts have disproportionately affected girls and commit to specific action to address these impacts.
Source: based on HLPF 2022 para 32 and CSW67 OP kk.

- c) We will take action to spread the benefits **and minimize the risks** of digitalization, **in particular for children and adolescent girls who face disproportionate impacts of the unequal pace of digitalization**. We will expand participation of all countries, in particular developing countries, in the digital economy. We will leverage digital technology to expand the foundations on which to build more comprehensive, dynamic and adaptive social protection systems, **with proper safeguards in place to do no harm**. We will promote actions to regulate digital technologies to guarantee full compliance with human rights law, including the increased risk of technology-facilitated and online **gender-based violence and bullying**. We commit to building capacities for inclusive participation in the digital economy and to bridge the digital divides, **including the gender digital divide**, including through strong partnerships to bring technological innovations to all countries. We look forward to the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact.
- d) We will take integrated action at all levels to accelerate the transition to **[DELETE: sustainable] agroecological** food systems and promote healthy nutrition, diets and consumption practices, and to recover momentum and accelerate efforts to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition, **including through school feeding programs**. We will address water scarcity and stress and drive transformation from a global water crisis to a water-secure world, ensuring the availability and **gender-responsive** sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

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At the LDC5 conference the civil society forum -called for agroecological transitions for food sovereignty:

https://www.un.org/ldc5/sites/www.un.org/ldc5/files/closing_session-civil_society.pdf

- e) Recognizing the need to increase the share of renewable and clean energy, we will take steps to provide access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, including through enhanced international cooperation to assist developing countries.
- f) We recommit to reducing disaster risk and building resilience by mainstreaming disaster risk reduction, management and resilience across all sectors and at all levels, integrating disaster risk reduction with climate, sustainable development and humanitarian action. We will accelerate the pursuit of policy, investment and innovation to reduce disaster risk and build the resilience of countries, economies, communities and individuals, and we recognize the need for a broader and more **rights-based, gender responsive**, people-centered preventive approach to disaster risk reduction **across all sectors, stressing the importance of promoting the incorporation of disaster risk knowledge and learning continuity in formal and non-formal education, as well as in professional education and training.**

Source: HLPF 2022 para 33 verbatim

Securing a sustainable future for Our Planet:

- g) We urge developed country parties to fully deliver on the goal of 100 billion United States dollars urgently and through to 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.
- h) 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 will follow up on the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and aim to close the \$700 billion biodiversity finance gap.
- i) We will continue to support efforts to implement the strategic objectives of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, affirming that combating desertification, land degradation and drought and achieving land degradation neutrality have emerged as a pathway to accelerating progress towards achieving the SDGs.

Levers for SDG acceleration:

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- j) We commit to use science, technology, and innovation as drivers of sustainable development. We will take action to enhance the ability of developing countries to benefit from science, technology, and innovation through promoting access to research and development, and through partnerships **including with academia and civil society**. 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 manage the benefits and challenges **as well as risks** of artificial intelligence. We undertake to increase the use of science and scientific evidence in policymaking.
- k) We commit to bridging the science, technology and innovation divides and providing financial and technical support and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms to developing countries, including through South-South and triangular cooperation.
- l) We pledge to take action to strengthen national efforts to collect high quality, timely, **gender disaggregated** 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 and reliable data, disaggregated by sex, **gender**, age, **race**, **ethnicity**, disability and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, for better monitoring and policymaking to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. 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, **in order to fulfil the pledge to leave no one behind**.
- m) We will strengthen the integration of the SDGs into our national policy frameworks and develop national plans for transformative and accelerated action. We will make achieving the SDGs a central focus in national planning and oversight mechanisms. We will further localize the SDGs and advance integrated planning at local and sub-national levels, **ensuring the full, effective and meaningful participation of those most affected**. We recognize the importance of **gender responsive** policy frameworks that enable inclusive and sustainable growth.

Mobilizing resources, boosting investment, and building capacity:

We commit to scale up our efforts to finance sustainable development, **including quantifying the collective financial goal and improving the infrastructure reform**. We will take concerted actions at national and international levels, including steps to improve the investment environment, facilitate long-term lending at lower interest rates, enhance domestic resource mobilisation, combat illicit financial flows, and undertake measures to address unsustainable debt burdens of developing countries. We will endeavour to further align domestic and international resource flows, **including direct access to finance for women** towards SDG implementation. We recognize the need to promote quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, **including water, waste water, and care infrastructure**, in particular in developing countries. We emphasize the importance of developing dynamic domestic private sectors to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in a sustainable and equitable manner by creating and strengthening an enabling business environment. **We emphasize the importance of creating and strengthening an enabling civil society environment, recognizing them as relevant partners for development cooperation and sustainable development**. We commit to take further actions to finance sustainable development, including the following:

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Added sentence based on Busan (2011) and A2030 (2015).

- n) We will ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through **transformation of global and national tax systems, and innovative financing mechanism** and enhanced development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions.
- o) 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.
- p) **We urge development partners to ensure that 100 per cent of their development financing integrates gender equality objectives, with at least 20 per cent exclusively targeting the achievement of gender equality as a primary objective.**
- q) We recognize the importance of new and emerging challenges and vulnerabilities in regard to developing country external debt sustainability. Strengthened multilateral coordination by all creditors is needed to address the deteriorating debt situation.
- r) We call for an urgent re-channeling of unutilized Special Drawing Rights to countries most in need, including through Multilateral Development Banks.
- s) We support reform of the international financial institutions, including their governance, to be more fit for purpose, and to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making, norm-setting, and global economic governance.
- t) We support MDB reform efforts and encourage dialogue between MDBs and other financial institutions. We urge MDBs to bring forward actions to mobilize and provide additional financing within their mandates to support developing countries to achieve the SDGs.
- u) We recommit to the promotion of a rules-based, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, equitable, **sustainable**, and transparent multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core, as well as meaningful trade liberalization.
- v) We commit to strengthening the means of implementation and revitalization of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development and, in this regard, we will explore measures of progress on **wellbeing and sustainable development that complement or go beyond gross domestic product repurpose our economic systems, and prioritize the wellbeing of all people and our planet in all policy making, including economic policy making** to have a more inclusive approach to international cooperation.
- w) We reiterate our call for enhanced international support for multistakeholder partnerships for implementing effective and targeted capacity building in developing countries, recognizing that capacity development is integral to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- x) We commit to convening a fourth international conference on financing for development in 2025.

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38. We recognize that the integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals requires a global response. We renew our commitment to multilateralism, to find new 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 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 Member States' effort to drive SDG transformation for inclusivity, **gender responsiveness** and sustainability.
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 trade-offs.
41. We look forward to the Summit of the Future and other processes, recognising that their outcomes can provide further impetus to our shared efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
42. Midway to 2030 we are considerably off-course for the world we want, but with political will, **action and investment**, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals remains attainable, and we resolve to fulfil it.
43. We pledge to accelerate our common efforts to reach this vision by 2030. 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.