



# Health ImPACT Coalition – Analysis of the Zero Draft Rev.1 of the Pact for the Future

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The following analysis has been developed by the [Health ImPACT Coalition](#), a formally recognized Impact group<sup>1</sup> of more than 300 health civil society organizations<sup>2</sup> from across the globe and affected community advocates engaging in processes for the 2024 Summit of the Future, including the UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Our analysis of and text revisions to Rev 1 Pact of the Future are being shared with the honourable co-facilitators of the Summit of the Future and the esteemed UN Member States for their urgent consideration and adoption during the second round of intergovernmental negotiations beginning 28 May 2024.

## Overall analysis

Many provisions in the Rev 1 Pact for the Future are encouraging and recognize and affirm key points raised through the written inputs of our civil society colleagues during the first solicitation process. We are supportive of the strong emphasis on language to protect and promote human rights, gender equity, and equitable access to sustainable development for all, leaving no one behind. We support the emphasis on efforts, including commensurate financing for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), to address and mitigate the interlinked causes and adverse impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, water scarcity and land degradation.

However, there are crucial components that remain absent and/or under-represented in Rev 1, including:

- Concrete targets to accelerate progress to achieve sustainable development for all by 2030;

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- **Health must be fully integrated across, and with a separate Chapter in, the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration of Future Generations**, as a critical priority and fundamental driver to the success of the SDG Agenda and beyond.

Today, over half of the world's population lacks access to essential health care and prevention services and health protection laws and policies. The Pact for the Future cannot speak of the interests of future generations without prioritizing the right to health, among all economic, cultural and social rights. And, action on health requires action on the social, commercial and political enablers of health and well-being.

There is no future without health. Without health for all, we cannot eradicate poverty and inequality or tackle our climate crisis. Optimum health is both a cause and a consequence of sustainable development. Yet, failing to eliminate health inequities is a continuing global challenge. There is no health if it is not properly funded, or if our governments are crippled by debt and tax injustices or remiss in implementing health protection laws and policies that also prioritize equitable investment for local manufacturing capabilities . Further, we have already seen that private financing and provision of health services drives health and gender inequities. Our future generations deserve the right to health to be fully realized.

## Ten Key Policy Recommendations

1. **Ensure the primacy of the right to health:** Reinforce the right to **health as a cross-cutting, intersectional issue** across the Pact for the Future, Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations by **including a separate Chapter on Equitable Access to Health for All**.
2. Fulfil previous commitments to universally treat and prevent major health risks and inequities: Commit to accelerate progress towards **universal health coverage** (UHC) and disease-prevention policies and regulations by addressing inequalities within and between countries and fulfilling the commitments made in the recent UHC high-level meeting; recognize that in low- and middle-income countries, the best way to achieve UHC is by finishing the unfinished fights against preventable, treatable diseases like TB, HIV/AIDS and malaria, and non-communicable diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and respiratory illness, largely attributable to tobacco, poor diet, alcohol, and air pollution, and strengthening investments and commitments in the basic package of health interventions to include sexual and reproductive health and surgical, obstetric, trauma and anesthesia care as an essential part of universal health coverage (UHC).

3. Adequately financed, community-governed health systems: Increase global, regional and domestic investments in **sustainable public health systems** everywhere, recognising their critical role in helping to prepare for, identify and respond to existing and emerging health threats. These systems must equally recognize the foundational importance of and commensurate investment necessary to **ensure resilient health and community health systems, including community-led responses**.
4. Right to Health: Acknowledge that realizing **health rights** is necessary for fulfilling all other human rights. Every human being is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical, mental and sexual and reproductive health conducive to living a fulfilling, prosperous life in dignity.
5. Gender Equity: Commit to address and increase **gender equity in its fullest diversity, including gender-responsive healthcare and the protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights**.
6. Ensure the primacy of equitable health financing: Reinforce and reference financially and environmentally sustainable and resilient **health and nutrition as a cross-cutting, intersectional issue** across the Pact for the Future, Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations and **commit to approaches and strategies that substantially reduce healthcare workforce shortages**.
7. Embrace Civil Society Contributions: Commit to increase the **full, equal and meaningful contribution of civil society and affected communities** in governance, accountability and leadership through formal representation of communities and civil society in governance and decision-making processes; and increased use of affected community-generated data for change and innovation. **This must include boosting and advancing the participation of representatives of vulnerable, marginalized and criminalized communities**.
8. Climate: Acknowledge the **urgency of the climate-health nexus** and its adverse impact on all sustainable development goals, peace and security, and the prosperity of our youth and future generations. **Commit to the uptake and stewardship of an integrated and unifying One Health approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems**.
9. Health Data: Commit to implement adequate policy on **health data management** (including AI) prioritizing and upholding the security and privacy of the data, its accuracy and integrity.
10. Intellectual Property Rights: Ensure **intellectual property is managed to avoid exclusivities and market monopolies** to encourage low prices through generic

competition and **maximize the open sharing of scientific research, discovery, innovation and know-how within and across all countries.**

11. Accountability and Governance: Commit to ensuring the Pact of the Future is grounded by mechanisms that bolster **transparent information-sharing, inclusive processes across all stakeholders, independent review and evaluation, and accountability frameworks with public reporting.**

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**Specific text edits to Rev 1 Pact of the Future are enclosed below (text in red).**

### **1.Sustainable development and financing for development**

1. In 2015, we resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and to heal and secure our planet. We have made some progress, but the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is in peril. Poverty has increased and inequalities [ADD: including gender inequality,] have widened. Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution pose immense risks to our natural environment and our prospects for development. [ADD: The interdependence of human, animal and planetary health is critical to achieving sustainable development for all.]

2. We will not accept a future in which [ADD: freedom,] dignity and opportunity are denied to half the world's population or becomes the sole preserve of those with privilege and wealth. We cannot guarantee the human rights of all without sustainable development, [ADD: equitable access to good health] and a thriving planet. We reaffirm that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is our overarching road map for achieving sustainable development, overcoming the multiple crises we face and securing a better future for all. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty is the greatest global challenge. We cannot achieve our shared ambitions for the future without addressing these challenges with urgency and renewed vigour. We are committed to ensuring that the multilateral system can turbocharge our aspirations to deliver for people and planet by 2030, placing the poorest and most [ADD: marginalized, criminalized and] vulnerable people at the center of all we do.

**Action 1. We will take bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions to realize the 2030 Agenda and leave no one behind [ADD: ensuring equitable Health for All]**

(c) Remove all [ADD: social, structural and systemic] obstacles to sustainable development and refrain from economic coercion.

**Action 2. We will close the SDG financing gap by providing sustainable, affordable, accessible and predictable development finance [REMOVE: and], effective means of implementation [ADD: and transparent accountability].**

(c) Ensure that development assistance is focused on, and reaches, the poorest [REMOVE: and], most [ADD: marginalized, criminalized and] vulnerable people and countries, and take actions to strengthen its effectiveness [ADD: including through increased financing to civil society and community-led responses].

(g) Explore options for a global minimum-level of taxation on high net-worth individuals [ADD: in lead-up, during and in follow-up to] [REMOVE: at] the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

(h) Support developing countries to catalyze increased private sector investment in sustainable development, [ADD: 'when consistent with human rights goals and in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner'], including by accelerating reforms of the multilateral development banks and development finance institutions and by creating a more enabling domestic regulatory and investment environment [ADD: that is inclusive of all stakeholders, including civil society and affected communities].

(i) Secure an ambitious outcome at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025 that will meaningfully close the SDG financing gap and respond to new and emerging challenges on the broader means of implementation.

[ADD:(j) Increase investment in health to fulfill the Declaration of Astana 2018 refocusing efforts on primary health care to ensure that everyone everywhere is able to enjoy the highest possible attainable standard of health, including mental health, and the elimination of health care worker shortages]

**Action 3. We will ensure the global trading system is an engine for sustainable development.**

5. We are committed to a universal, rules-based, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, equitable and transparent multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core. We reiterate that states are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying unilateral economic measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that impede the full achievement

of economic and social development, particularly in [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)]. We agree to:

(a) Promote a multilateral trading system that contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by offering more preferential trade access to [REMOVE: developing countries ] [ADD: LMICs] to drive export-led growth that will support national development objectives.

(b) [REMOVE: Urge] [ADD: Ensure] WTO members [REMOVE: to] take [ADD: transparent,] decisive [ADD: and accountable] action on issues that are critical to achieving inclusive and sustainable development.

**Action 4. We will invest in people,[ADD; and create enabling environments for all communities,] and their socio-economic development to [ADD: promote and protect the health and well-being of all], end poverty and strengthen trust [ADD: , solidarity] and social cohesion.**

6. We express our deep concern at persistent inequalities within and between countries and at the slow pace of progress towards ensuring universal access to social protection, quality inclusive education and lifelong learning, [ADD: gender-responsive] universal health coverage and decent work for all [ADD: and we re-affirm our commitment to achieve these goals]. We also stress the importance of ensuring clean water and sanitation for people everywhere. We must meet the Sustainable Development Goals for all countries and peoples and for all segments of society and leave no one behind, including children, persons with disabilities, older persons, Indigenous Peoples and other vulnerable [ADD: marginalized and criminalized] groups<sup>3</sup>. We agree to:

(a) Increase investment in socio-economic development from all sources, with a particular focus on reaching all women and girls, including empowering the most [ADD: marginalized, criminalized and] vulnerable.

(c) Maximize the positive contribution of safe, orderly (REMOVE: orderly) and regular migration to sustainable development and our world more broadly, and strengthen international cooperation to comprehensively address the drivers of [REMOVE: irregular] migration and [ADD: to] protect the [ADD: health and] human rights of all migrants [ADD: , refugees, asylum seekers and all displaced persons];

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<sup>3</sup> Women and girls in all of their diversity, children, persons with disabilities, including persons with psychosocial disabilities, people living with HIV, LGBTQI+, people who use drugs, sex workers, older persons, Indigenous Peoples and other marginalized and vulnerable groups, refugees and internally displaced people, people in human mobility.

(d) Fundamentally transform our food systems for the benefit of people, planet and prosperity so that everyone has access to [ADD: sufficient], safe, affordable and nutritious food, addressing the drivers of food [ADD: nutrition], insecurity, [ADD: to promote resilient,] [REMOVE: ] [ADD: just] and sustainable agriculture [ADD: ensuring that health and environmental risks of food choices are prominently disclosed on labels and advertising];

(e) Prevent and manage water scarcity and ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, [ADD: in line with international WASH Guidelines]

**Action 5. We will strengthen our efforts to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice and respect [ADD: and protect] human rights [ADD: , including the right to health and development for all].**

7. We recognize that the Sustainable Development Goals seek to achieve all human rights and that securing peace, [ADD: protecting equitable access to health, justice and safety,] upholding the rule of law and safeguarding all human rights [ADD: for all] are essential to achieving sustainable development that leaves no one behind. We agree to:

(a) Uphold all human rights [ADD: for all], [ADD: ensuring observance and promotion of the international human rights framework in its entirety] including the right to [ADD: health and] development and promote effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and build transparent, effective and accountable institutions.

(b) Ensure that all human rights are at the centre of our efforts to eradicate poverty, combat inequalities, [ADD: ensure good health and well-being to] leave no one behind and implement the 2030 Agenda.

[ADD: (c) Protect and advance gender equity in its fullest diversity and ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are safeguarded everywhere].

**Action 6. We will promote gender equality and empower and protect all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity] as essential prerequisites to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.**

8. We recognize that the achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied full human rights and opportunities. Sustained and inclusive socio-economic development can only be realized when all women, adolescents and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity] have

their full human rights respected, protected and fulfilled, including comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights. We agree to:

(a) Take bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions to ensure full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity], including through removing all legal, social and economic barriers to achieve gender equality.

(b) Take targeted and accelerated action to eliminate all forms of violence against all [ADD: genders, especially ]women and girls.

**Action 7. We will protect and promote culture [ADD: including tangible and intangible heritage] as an integral component of sustainable development.**

9. We recognize that culture offers people and communities a strong sense of identity and fosters social cohesion ADD: while ensuring respect to universal human rights. We reaffirm the role of culture [ADD: and heritage] as an enabler of sustainable development and in enhancing efforts to accelerate the 2030 Agenda by providing people and communities with a strong sense of identity and social cohesion, and by contributing to more effective, inclusive, equitable and sustainable development policies and measures. We agree to:

[DELETE TEXT (a) Integrate culture into economic, social and environmental development policies and strategies as a standalone goal, and as a central consideration to enhance implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

(b) Ensure adequate investment in the protection and promotion of culture [ADD: in keeping with international human rights standards, including safeguarding cultural practices in all economic, social and environmental policies and implementation].

**Action 8. We will combat climate change, support [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)] adapt to its impact and ensure they have the financing they need.**

10. We are deeply concerned at the slow pace of progress in combatting the climate crisis, the continued growth in greenhouse gas emissions [ADD: , the amplified effects on health e.g., antimicrobial resistance (AMR), respiratory and other diseases] and the increasing frequency, intensity and impact of climate-related disasters, especially on the most vulnerable countries [ADD: , communities and households]. We recognize that the window for changing course is rapidly closing, and that accelerated action is urgently



needed in this critical decade to deliver on existing commitments, implement necessary policies, and scale up financing.

11. We reaffirm the importance of contributing to global efforts towards deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5 °C pathways, in a nationally determined manner, taking into account the Paris Agreement and different national circumstances, pathways and approaches [ADD: to protect and promote the health of all people, animals and the planet]. We also reaffirm the importance of accelerating action on the basis of the best available science, reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances. We are concerned with the growing gap between the needs of [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] and the levels of support they receive to adapt to adverse effects of climate change and loss and damage. We agree to:

(c) Increase support to [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] in our collective fight against climate change, including through scaled up, new, and additional grant-based, or highly concessional finance for both adaptation and mitigation, that builds on existing institutions and mechanisms.

(e) Close the significant adaptation finance gap that affects many [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs].

(f) Increase accessibility of climate finance vehicles including those run by international financial institutions, and ensure their procedures are simplified and that they are adequately funded to better support [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] address climate change through the provision of affordable, long-term capital.

**Action 9. We will accelerate our efforts to protect the environment [ADD: and address the Climate Change Agenda].**

12. We are deeply concerned about rapid environmental degradation, and we recognize the urgent need for a fundamental shift in our approach in order to achieve a world in which humanity lives in harmony with nature. We must conserve, restore and sustainably use our planet's natural resources to support the health and well-being of present and future generations. [ADD: We will also address the significant health impacts resulting from environmental degradation, including biodiversity loss, which undermines the ecosystems that support human health.] We will address the interlinked causes and adverse impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, water scarcity, floods, desertification, land degradation, sand and dust storms [ADD: and their

negative impact on human health] through the implementation of [ADD: One Health approaches and strategies and] existing intergovernmentally agreed commitments and multilateral environmental agreements. We agree to:

(a) Deliver on our agreed commitments to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 [ADD: with public annual progress tracking indicators and remedial law and policy actions.].

[ADD: (e) Commit to the uptake and stewardship of an integrated and unifying One Health approach (to development) that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems.]

## **2.] International Peace and Security**

14. We are gravely concerned about the accumulating threats to international peace and security on land, sea, in the air, in outer space and in cyberspace, some of which pose an existential threat to humanity. The United Nations has a unique responsibility for, and an indispensable role in, the maintenance of international peace and security. There is an urgent need to build trust, strengthen solidarity and deepen cooperation [ADD: among all stakeholders], building on the recommendations in the New Agenda for Peace.

### **Action 11. We will redouble our efforts to build peaceful and inclusive societies.**

16. We recognize the interdependence of international peace and security, sustainable development and human rights and we reaffirm the importance of the rule of law. We are concerned about the growing imbalance between military expenditures and investments in sustainable development [ADD: , health, education, critical infrastructure,] and sustaining peace. We agree to:

(a) Strengthen resilience and [ADD: financing to] comprehensively address underlying drivers and root causes of armed conflict, violence, and insecurity and their consequences by accelerating the investment in and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

(b) Provide equal access to justice, protect civic space and uphold human rights for all, including through promoting a culture of peace [ADD: , non-discrimination, non-coercion] and enhancing human security.

### **Action 12. We will protect all civilians in armed conflict.**

17. We recognize the devastating impact of armed conflict on civilians, civilian infrastructure and cultural heritage and we are particularly concerned about the impact of violence on women and children [ADD: and on marginalized, vulnerable and criminalized people] in armed conflict. Genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes are prohibited under international law. We recommit to our obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international refugee law. We agree to:

(a) Take concrete and practical steps to protect all civilians in armed conflict, in particular [ADD marginalized, criminalized and] vulnerable groups.

(d) Enable safe, rapid and unimpeded humanitarian [ADD: and medical] access and assistance, and full respect for the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

(e) Protect all humanitarian and medical personnel [ADD: , including frontline and community health workers and healthcare facilities and services] and commit to protect all journalists and media in armed conflict.

(f) Redouble our efforts to end impunity and ensure accountability for atrocity crimes, and other gross violations such as the use of starvation of civilians as a method of war, [ADD: terrorist acts committed inside and outside the context of armed conflict], gender-based violence and conflict-related sexual violence.

**Action 13. We will ensure people affected by humanitarian crises receive the support they need.**

18. We express grave concern at the unprecedented number of people affected by humanitarian emergencies, including those experiencing forced and increasingly protracted displacement and those afflicted by famine. [Add: We recognize that material deprivation itself causes and exacerbates humanitarian crises.] We agree to:

**Action 15. We will build and sustain peace at the national level.**

(a) Deliver on our commitment in Agenda 2030 to significantly reduce all forms of violence [ADD: inflicted on all people, including the most vulnerable, marginalized and criminalized populations], including sexual and gender-based violence and our commitment to eliminate conflict-related sexual violence.

[ADD: g) Deliver on our commitment in Agenda 2030 to significantly reduce human trafficking]

**Action 16. We will accelerate the implementation of our commitments on women and peace and security.**

21. We recognize that the full, equal, safe, and meaningful participation of women [ADD: in all their diversity] in decisions on peace and security is essential to achieve sustainable peace. We condemn in the strongest terms the increased levels of violence against all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity], who are particularly at risk of violence in armed conflict, post-conflict situations and humanitarian settings. We agree to:

(b) Take concrete steps to eliminate the full range of threats and human rights violations and abuses experienced by all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity] in armed conflict, post-conflict situations and humanitarian settings.

**Action 17. We will address environmental and climate impacts on peace and security.**

22. We recognize that the adverse impacts of climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss can exacerbate social tensions, instability and economic insecurity, [ADD: ill-health and premature death,] increase humanitarian needs, and in some cases, contribute to the onset or escalation of conflict. We agree to:

(a) Ensure that relevant United Nations' intergovernmental organs, including the Security Council, consider and address the adverse security impacts of climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, including [ADD: pandemic prevention, preparedness and response] as part of the mandate of peace operations, as appropriate.

(b) Implement relevant intergovernmentally agreed commitments on climate change and the environment and build resilience in highly vulnerable countries and communities [ADD: with a special focus on mitigating climate change related health implications ]

**Action 18. We will adapt peace operations and support peace enforcement to better respond to existing challenges and new realities.**

(e) Ensure that enforcement actions, including in counter-terrorism contexts (ADD: and drug control efforts), are accompanied by inclusive political efforts and other non-military approaches, and address the root causes and drivers of conflict and terrorism.

**Action 20. We will combat transnational organized crime and illicit financial flows.**

[ADD: c) Redouble our efforts to implement measures to eradicate human trafficking and related crimes].

**Action 22. We will uphold our disarmament obligations.**

27. We express our serious concern at the continuous and progressive erosion of international norms and rules and obligations in the field of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. We will respect humanitarian principles that apply to weapons, means and methods of warfare, and support progressive [ADD: and accelerated] efforts to effectively regulate arms. We recognize the importance of restoring and enhancing the role of the United Nations' disarmament machinery. We call for full compliance with and implementation and universalization of treaties established to eliminate weapons of mass destruction. Any use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances is unacceptable. We reaffirm our shared determination to exclude completely the possibility of biological agents and toxins being used as weapons. We agree to:

[ADD: (f) Honour our commitments under the Ottawa Treaty to ban the production, sale and use of landmines and use our good offices to urge other member states to join the 165 that have already ratified.]

**Action 24. We will address the risks posed by information communication technology and artificial intelligence.**

(b) Ensure that critical infrastructure [ADD: including, healthcare infrastructure] supporting the delivery of essential public services and required for the functioning of society is never intentionally damaged or impaired by malicious information and communications technology activity, from both State and non-State actors.

(d) Strengthen transparency, accountability and oversight mechanisms for the use, development and deployment of data-driven technology, including artificial intelligence, to support the maintenance of international peace and security and to ensure that the use of these technologies complies with international law [ADD: and human rights].

### **3. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation**

30. Science, technology and innovation have the potential to accelerate the realization of the United Nations' aspirations across all three pillars of its work. We will only realize this potential if we act now to harness the benefits and take bold and ambitious steps to bridge the growing divide between [REMOVE: developed and developing countries] [ADD: high income countries and LMICs]. There are too many people in our world, especially the poorest [ADD: , most marginalised and most] vulnerable in [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs], that do not have access to critical life-changing technologies. If we are to make good on our promise to leave no one behind, science and technology cannot be the preserve of the few. Innovations that can make our planet more sustainable and our countries more prosperous should be shared by all of humanity.

**Action 25. We will seize the opportunities presented by science, technology and innovation for the benefit of people and planet.**

33. We will be guided by the principles of equity and solidarity, and promote the responsible and ethical use of science, technology [ADD: law and policy] and innovation. We agree to:

(a) Foster an open, fair, inclusive [ADD: rights-based] and non-discriminatory environment for scientific, [DELETE: and] technological [ADD: , law and policy] development and cooperation worldwide, including through actively building trust in science.

(c) Encourage talent mobility and circulation, and support [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)] to provide suitable working conditions and opportunities for their skilled workforce [ADD: especially, health workers,] to retain talent and prevent a brain drain.

**Action 26. We will scale-up the means of implementation to [REMOVE developing] [ADD: low-and-middle income] countries to strengthen their science, technology and innovation capacities.**

34. Science, technology and innovation are critical to support sustainable growth and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It is imperative that we bridge the science, technology and innovation gap between [REMOVE: developed] [ADD: High Income and] [REMOVE: developing] [ADD: low- and middle-income] countries, particularly those in special situations. We agree to:

(a) Ensure science, technology[ADD: , law and policy] and innovation contribute to our efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including in the areas of food and nutrition, health, water and sanitation, energy, climate and environment.

(b) Accelerate the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed.

(c) Build capacity in and scale up the development, deployment and sustainable utilization of emerging technologies for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially by [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs].

(d) Call upon [REMOVE: developed] [ADD: high-income] countries to assist [REMOVE: developing] [ADD: low- and middle-income] countries in capacity-building in science, technology and innovation through [ADD: law and] policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technical assistance, financing, joint international research and personnel training tailored to specific needs, policies and priorities of developing countries.

(g) Attract and support private sector investment in science, technology and innovation, and deepen public-private partnerships [ADD: with robust conflict of interest safeguards] by fostering a conducive environment in [REMOVE: developing countries] LMICs that encourages investment and entrepreneurship and by ensuring that innovation can reach global markets.

**Action 27. [REMOVE: We will uphold intellectual property rights and apply flexibilities when we can to support developing countries achieve sustainable development] [ADD: We will ensure intellectual property is managed to avoid exclusivities and market monopolies to encourage low prices through generic competition and maximize the sharing of research and know-how].**

35. We recognize the importance of intellectual property rights to progress on science, technology and innovation [ADD: but also the potential for such commercial rights to undermine the rights of natural persons to the right to health, including by impeding the adequate and equitable production and distribution of disease countermeasures.] We agree to:

(a) [REMOVE: Protect and enforce intellectual property rights to build trust and encourage and enhance the transfer, promotion and dissemination of technological innovation, on mutually agreed terms] [ADD: Promote alternative incentives for

biomedical innovation such as milestone and market entry prizes for under-resourced research areas, which reward public health R&D without leading to market exclusivities and high prices].

(b) [REMOVE: Apply the flexibilities enshrined in relevant international legal obligations in the field of intellectual property rights, where applicable, to enable developing countries to deploy technological innovations] [ADD: Introduce stricter conditions to public funding for biomedical research to ensure research is shared, technology transfers are adhered to and exclusive intellectual property rights are avoided].

[ADD (c) Encourage and promote the use of relevant international legal obligations in the field of intellectual property rights for all member states.

**Action 28. We will ensure that science, technology and innovation contribute to the full enjoyment of human rights by all [ADD: , including the right to health].**

36. We recognize the opportunities and risks presented by science, technology [ADD: law and policy] and innovation to upholding human rights. We agree to:

(a) Ensure that all scientific and technological research is conducted in a responsible manner that [REMOVE: respects] [ADD: upholds] human rights, and protects the autonomy, freedom and safety of scientific researchers [ADD: and those who participate in research and those who are the end-users of research].

(c) Ensure that all [ADD: vulnerable and] marginalized groups benefit from and can participate in the development and application of science, technology [ADD: , law and policy] and innovation [ADD: e.g., through technical assistance and other measures].

**Action 29. We will ensure that science, technology and innovation improve gender equality and the lives of all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity].**

37. We are gravely concerned that rapid technological change can exacerbate existing gender inequalities and present serious risks to all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity). We agree to:

(a) Address persistent barriers to equal and meaningful access to and participation and leadership in science, technology and innovation for all women and girls (ADD in their fullest diversity), including through improving educational opportunities for women and girls in these fields.



(b) Address gender-related risks and challenges emerging from the use of technologies, including violence, harassment, bias and discrimination against all women and girls (ADD in their fullest diversity) that occurs through, or is amplified by, the use of technology.

**Action 30. We will build on and complement traditional and local knowledge.**

(a) Foster synergies between science and technology[ADD: , law and policy] and traditional, local, afro-descendant and indigenous knowledge and capacities, while putting in place measures to identify and mitigate potential associated risks.

**Action 31. We will support the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations' role in science, technology and innovation.**

39. We recognize the critical role of the United Nations in science, technology[ADD: law and policy] and innovation. We welcome the establishment of the Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board to provide independent scientific advice. We request the Secretary-General to:

[ADD: (c) Establish a UN Digital Human Rights Advisory Service to provide, upon the request, practical guidance on human rights and technology issues to governments, the private sector and relevant stakeholders]

**4.] Youth and Future Generations**

40. Today's generation of young people is the largest in history, with most of them living in [REMOVE: developing] [ADD: low- and middle-income (LMICs)] countries. They are critical agents of positive change. However, across our world, millions of children and young people are deprived of the conditions they need to reach their full potential. Too many children and young people continue to live in extreme poverty, without access to critical services [ADD: such as education and healthcare]. We recognize that, together with future generations, they will live with the consequences of our actions and our inaction. We commit to transformative levels of investment in, and engagement by, young people at national and international levels to secure a better future for all.

**Action 32. We will invest in social services for young people so they can reach their full potential.**

We agree to:

(b) Accelerate efforts to ensure young people enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, access to [ADD: gender-responsive universal health coverage, including sexual and reproductive health, [ADD: and comprehensive sexual education]].

(d) Support [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] to significantly increase investment in education, [DELETE: especially] [ADD: including early childhood education, secondary and post-secondary education] including by ensuring policy coherence among international actors, protecting education budgets in times of shocks and debt distress, and exploring innovative financing opportunities.

(e) Create sustainable jobs and decent livelihoods for youth, especially in [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] and particularly for young women [ADD: in their fullest diversity], and establish universal, adequate, comprehensive and sustainable social protection systems.

**Action 33. We will promote equal opportunities for all young people, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, protect them from violence, and foster social inclusion and integration.**

43. We reaffirm the importance of ensuring the rights of all young persons, including the most vulnerable [ADD: marginalized and criminalized], and those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. We agree to:

(a) Fight and eradicate all forms of [ADD: stigma and discrimination, including stigma related to health status,] racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, islamophobia and antisemitism, and all forms of intolerance (ADD: , including those enabled and promoted by punitive laws and policies) that impact young people and hinder their ability to fulfil their potential.

**Action 34. We will strengthen meaningful youth participation at the national level.**

(a) Establish national youth consultative bodies (ADD: that include members from most marginalized and criminalized communities) where they do not exist, with the mandate and the requisite resources to engage in national policymaking and decision-making processes supported, upon request, by the United Nations system.

**Action 35. We will strengthen meaningful youth participation at the international level.**

(c) Revitalize and invest in the United Nations Youth Fund to boost the participation of youth representatives from [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] (ADD: and marginalized and criminalized communities) in the activities of the United Nations.

## **5. Transforming global governance**

45. Today, our multilateral system, constructed in the aftermath of Second World War, is under unprecedented strain. It has had remarkable achievements in the past eighty years. But we are not complacent about the future of our international order, and we know it cannot stand still. Without fundamental changes to our multilateral institutions, a recognition of the need for greater international cooperation, and an unwavering commitment to the [ADD: UN] Charter and international law, global challenges could overwhelm and threaten all of humanity. Without a transformation in global governance, the positive progress we have seen across all three pillars of the United Nations' work in recent decades could unravel. We will not allow this to happen.

**Action 36. We commit to transforming global governance and reinvigorating the multilateral system to tackle the challenges, and seize the opportunities, of today and tomorrow.**

(d) Inclusive to allow for the [ADD: full and] meaningful participation of a diverse range of actors [ADD: , including civil society and local communities most impacted, affected and marginalized beyond States, while reaffirming the intergovernmental character of the United Nations and the unique and central role of States in meeting global challenges. [ADD: We commit to integrate stakeholders, particularly local communities in global governance processes, through transparent information sharing, inclusive processes and formal representation to enable participation as equal stakeholders]

**Action 39. We will strengthen the Economic and Social Council to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.**

(b) Facilitate [ADD: and be held accountable for] more structured, [ADD: transparent,] meaningful and inclusive engagement of non-governmental organizations [ADD: and affected communities] in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the activities of the Council.

(d) Revitalize the Commission on the Status of Women, including to promote the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to achieve gender equality, the empowerment, and the human rights of all women and girls [ADD: in their fullest diversity].

[ADD (f): Support the United Nations deliberation process with a formal access-to-information disclosure policy and procedure and a lobbyist registry.]

**Action 42. We will strengthen the United Nations' human rights pillar to ensure the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights and respond to new and emerging challenges.**

52. Following the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, we are committed to actively promoting and protecting all human rights and fundamental freedoms, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to [ADD: equitable health for all and] development. We commit to fulfil our respective obligations to respect, protect and uphold human rights and to implement all relevant international human rights instruments. All human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and the Sustainable Development Goals seek to achieve all human rights. Human Rights Defenders must be protected and supported as important partners in achieving our collective commitments. Our ability to uphold human rights in the future will require us to strengthen our capabilities to respond to the [ADD: rights-eroding] [DELETE: negative] impact of new technologies, poverty and inequality, [ADD: illness, injury, climate change and environmental degradation, (ADD punitive drug policies] and threats to international peace and security in new and emerging domains on human rights.

**Action 43. We will continue to reform the governance of the international financial architecture so that it reduces inequities and reflects today's world.**

54. We acknowledge the role of the United Nations in global economic governance, while fully respecting existing governance mechanisms and mandates independent of the United Nations that preside over specific organizations and rules. We welcome the initiative to convene a Biennial Summit at the level of Heads of State and Government to strengthen existing and establish more systematic links between the United Nations and the international financial institutions, and we stress the importance of inclusive participation. We recognize the necessity of governance reforms at the international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, especially the International

Monetary Fund and the World Bank, to enhance representation of all [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs], strengthen trust and improve access to their financing. We agree to:

(a) Call on the board of the IMF to take further steps to enhance the representation and voice of [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs].

(b) Call on the boards of the World Bank and other multilateral development banks to enhance representation and voice of [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs].

**Action 44. We will reform the international financial architecture to mobilize adequate volumes of capital to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, and direct financing to those most in need.**

55. [REMOVE: Developing] [ADD: Low- and middle-income] countries lack access to affordable long-term financing. The Sustainable Development Goals will not be met unless we close the financing gap. We are alarmed that, at this critical moment, [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs] do not have access to adequate finance to achieve the SDGs, flows of capital to developing countries are falling, and more capital is leaving countries than is coming in. Multilateral development banks play a vital role in expanding countries' access to affordable capital, but they must be urgently reformed to meet today's challenges. We agree to:

(b) Encourage multilateral development banks to accelerate the pace of existing reforms and to consider more ambitious steps to increase the availability of finance to [REMOVE: developing countries] [ADD: LMICs, ] [ADD: for use across sectors].

(ADD e) Call on the international private and public donor community to ensure the full funding of global health financing institutions in acknowledgement that optimal human health underpins the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.]

**Action 49. We will strengthen the international response to complex global shocks.**

60. We recognize the need for a more coherent, coordinated and multidimensional international response to complex global shocks. Complex global shocks are events that have severely disruptive and adverse consequences for a significant proportion of the global population, and that lead to impacts across multiple sectors, requiring a multidimensional and multistakeholder response. They have a disproportionate impact on the poorest and most [ADD: marginalized, criminalized and] vulnerable people in the

world and usually have disastrous consequences for sustainable development and prosperity. The principles of equity, solidarity and partnership will guide our future responses to complex global shocks, with full respect to the Charter, including its purposes and principles. We commit to uphold the Secretary-General's role to, inter alia, convene Member States, coordinate the whole multilateral system, and engage with relevant stakeholders in response to crises. We request the Secretary-General to:

[ADD: (e) Report on ways in which the platform may also serve to prepare for and prevent complex global shocks from occurring.]

**Action 51. We will strengthen our engagement and partnerships with relevant stakeholders [ADD: including civil society and affected communities] to deliver on existing commitments and address new and emerging challenges.**

62. We recognize the importance of strengthening the United Nations' [ADD: meaningful] engagement with other actors [ADD: , including civil society and affected communities]. We agree to:

(a) Ensure that relevant stakeholders [ADD: , including civil society and affected communities] can meaningfully [ADD: and fully] participate in United Nations' processes and that Member States have access to the views and expertise of partners on a systematic basis [ADD: , while ensuring robust conflict-of-interest safeguards.]

(b) Establish continuous and open channels of communication between UN intergovernmental bodies and civil society [ADD: and affected communities], allowing for ongoing dialogue, exchange of information, and collaboration beyond formal meetings, including through briefings, consultations, and interactive dialogues. [ADD: where remote web-based participation is also possible by default and the transparency of activities is partly secured by the development of a UN Lobbyist Registry and Access to Information policy and procedure].