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Gender Equality should be both prioritized independently and mainstreamed across the Pact of the Future zero draft.

- It is critical for implementing the SDGs and ensuring that human rights of women, adolescents, girls and other structural excluded groups are realized.
- Address the underlying structural barriers that continue to discriminate girls and women in all their diversity.
- Recognize the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination that exists and especially affect women and other marginalized groups.
- Prioritize women and girls facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and communities that are structurally excluded

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

The Pact of the Future must enable and reinforce **full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Human Rights, the Program of Action on the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)**, the outcome of its review conferences, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

It should prioritize

- Investments in gender and SRHR (adapting and ensuring resilience in crisis).
- Increased investment in sexual and reproductive health services as they are part of human rights and are one of the most powerful opportunities for long-term socio-economic development.
- Investments in gender-responsive institutions, policy and increase financing for gender mainstreaming across institutions and policies.
- The 0.7% ODA quota: Member states must meet their commitments to the 0.7 % ODA target
- Sufficient funding for strong public systems that ensure equitable access to education, health services including Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and social security for all.

Chapter II. International peace and security

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 2)

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

We welcome the chapter about science and innovation. It is of utmost importance that it includes a research and innovation (R&I) system aligned with global health imperatives. **R&I for poverty-related and neglected diseases** (PRNDs) is critical to addressing health inequalities and improving the lives of marginalized populations.

Member States ought to commit to allocating the targeted 0.1 percent of GDP for diseases predominantly impacting low- and middle-income nations, ensuring equitable resource allocation. Endeavors must be intensified to proactively prevent and eliminate PRNDs. Vital support should span the entirety of the research continuum, from initial laboratory investigations to practical application. We strongly argue for a R&I system ensuring widespread **accessibility and affordability of medicines**. Additionally, the implementation of **pull-incentives for PRND R&I** is crucial to rectify market deficiencies and foster sustainable solutions.

Further, the Pact of the Future must emphasize **comprehensive and equitable gender-based R&I**. Women's health is underfunded and underresearched. The funding and data gaps must be closed. It is imperative to integrate gender-inclusive perspectives across all stages of investigation and development. Data must be disaggregated by sex and gender at every phase and level, shedding light on nuanced differences. Encouraging greater representation of women in the scientific sphere is crucial to foster diverse insights and perspectives. Addressing the gap in pregnancy safety trials necessitates a redefinition of existing concepts, prioritizing the inclusion of pregnant individuals in research protocols.

Innovative, gender-transformative approaches in Global Health R&I can promote sustainable solutions and reduce the burden of these diseases on health systems and economies. By **ensuring an active participation and representation of marginalized groups like women, adolescents, girls, and other structurally excluded populations**, the science gap for these groups can be closed and an inclusive and equitable progress in science can be achieved. By **prioritizing PRND R&I**, the global community demonstrates its commitment to equity and ensures that no individual or community is left behind in the pursuit of better health outcomes worldwide.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

We welcome the inclusion of a separate chapter on young people but would like to emphasize that they must be involved at all levels and in all processes: we now have the largest youth population ever recorded, which calls for the **full, equal and meaningful participation** of young people in all their diversity and the institutionalization of participation processes and mechanisms.

The Pact of the Future must recognize that **universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights** is a necessary precondition for the achievement of gender equality and sustainable development and enhances the economic opportunities, inclusion and empowerment of women, adolescents and youth. We

strongly advocate for a strong commitment to the realization of SRHR for all. As this year marks the 30th anniversary of the ICPD and the Program of Action, the Pact for the Future should **highlight the continued commitment to the process and reaffirm the importance of achieving the goals set out in the Program of Action and the review conferences.**

Youth need to be able

- to decide freely on matters related to their sexuality including sexual and reproductive health, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.
- To make informed decisions and claim their rights young people need youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services that are universally accessible and quality comprehensive sexual and reproductive health-care services, commodities, information and education.

SRHR is intrinsically linked to sustainable development goals 3, 4, 5 and 10 and contributes to achieving many other targets.

Education is equally important for young people and the society, in which they live in. Recognize that **education, including comprehensive sexuality education, is vital to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity.**

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 5)