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Chapeau

- *The pact needs to center on holistic sustainable development harmonized with innovative resilient financing — uniting economic growth, poverty eradication, and climate action for a balanced world.*
- *We need to underscore the vital link between international peace and sustainable development, seeking collaborative strategies for conflict prevention and global stability by aggressively financing empowerment of peace rather than weapons, military, and conflicts.*
- *A just future requires societies to be propelled by digital cooperation, harnessing science, and technology for inclusive global progress in all fields in an equitable manner.*
- *To truly elevate the position of youth and empower the upcoming generations, we need to proactively prioritize youth empowerment at the highest level, ensuring their meaningful participation in shaping policies and fostering a legacy of resilience and creativity.*
- *We need to urgently redefine global governance by making it future-proof in a just, responsive, transparent, inclusive, and sustainable manner whilst acknowledging geopolitical shifts and dynamic power play surrounding the conflicts happening.*

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

- *In advancing sustainable development and financing, we must build upon the robust policies outlined in Our Common Agenda, ensuring seamless integration with sustainable development goals not limited to such document but complemented with regional and other organizations.*
- *Advocate for a paradigm shift beyond GDP, emphasizing holistic metrics capturing social, environmental, and well-being dimensions to evaluate countries progress whilst propose a carefully curated dashboard of key indicators beyond GDP to facilitate inform and comprehensive policy-making.*
- *Reevaluate and reform the international finance architecture to foster inclusivity, fairness, and sustainability in financing mechanisms.*
- *Recognizing the entrenched nature of GDP in current economic and political systems rooted in remnants of colonialism and supremacy over certain major powers influence, hence, overcoming political barriers is crucial for transformative change.*

- *Tailored solutions are needed for Developing and Least Developed Countries acknowledging their financial and governance challenges and ensuring accessible, less risky lending for sustainable projects.*
- *Tackle biases in the global financial system by strategically addressing global reserve currency considerations and empowering each alternative currency point of reference rather than sole dependency on USD.*
- *Implement a regional-level pilot test beyond GDP, upscale capacity building for Developing and Least Developed Countries, and establish a long-term overseeing committee for governance to inspire confidence and drive meaningful change.*

Chapter II. International peace and security

- *Acknowledge and address the multifaceted challenges to international peace and security, including regional conflicts, political instability, historical and religious disputes, territorial integrity issues, and the threat of terrorism and violent extremism based upon the voices of affected communities.*
- *Recognize the risks associated with arms proliferation, encompassing nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and the potential for an arms race.*
- *Advocate for the creation of more action plans and strategies, where it is needed - treaties and agreements, to prevent countries from engaging in arms races and, where feasible, actively call for total disarmament.*
- *Raise awareness and proactively adopt future-proof, flexible measures on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) to address the root causes, whether political, ethnic, religious, or economic, and prevent the rise of terrorism and extremism.*
- *Emphasize the importance of including youths and women in preserving international peace and security meaningfully, aligning with the principles of UNSCR 2250 (Youth, Peace and Security) and UNSCR 1325 (Women, Peace and Security).*
- *Reexamine the implementation of international law and make concrete accountability measures in lieu of such implementation to ensure its effectiveness in safeguarding global peace and security, adapting to evolving geopolitical challenges.*
- *Encourage and support smaller, decentralized peace initiatives, including local community-led dialogues and negotiations to offer new perspectives and solutions to longstanding conflicts while empowering the community, rather than projecting influence from outside.*
- *Develop innovative peace-building programs leveraging technology for virtual dialogues, particularly targeting younger generations to foster a culture of moderate, tolerance, mutual understanding and peace from an early age regardless of background and affiliations.*
- *Utilize advanced technologies for efficient delivery of humanitarian aid and for monitoring ceasefire violations in conflict zones to achieve a more effective response to crises and facilitates a timely and accurate assessment of the situation on the ground.*

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

- *Recognize the shortcomings of tech companies in creating a safe and just digital environment, leading to the proliferation of harm, misinformation, and disinformation.*

- *Address concerns about governments that may not prioritize freedom of information, digital rights and the creation of safe digital spaces.*
- *Acknowledge the rapid development of artificial intelligence and the associated difficulties in regulating its applications.*
- *Work collaboratively to identify safer and more respectful business models for tech companies that prioritize the interests and awareness of users regarding their rights in the digital space.*
- *Promote digital inclusivity by increasing accessibility to the digital space, particularly by investing in translations to reduce language barriers, adopting inclusive language in disseminating information and others to enhances global participation and understanding.*
- *Set clearer boundaries for the development and deployment of artificial intelligence by establishing its position in existing regulations across different industries as a form of soft regulation to ensure responsible AI practices.*
- *Prohibit the use of AI in situations where discrimination or human rights violations are likely, especially in areas like human resource recruitment, where biased datasets may perpetuate existing inequalities and provide misleading and inaccurate information to fit in certain narratives.*
- *Encourage companies to take a proactive role in addressing digital harms by fostering a culture of responsibility and accountability which includes prompt action to counter misinformation and disinformation.*
- *Advocate for governments to recognize the importance of freedom of information and the creation and maintenance of safe digital spaces as essential components of a healthy digital environment.*
- *Foster collaboration between governments, tech companies, and civil society to develop effective regulations for the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence to ensures that regulations are comprehensive and considerate of diverse perspectives.*

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

- *Recognize challenges faced by youth, including limited budgets hindering their participation in high-level events, a lack of experience impacting their skill development, and a deficit of trust among world leaders regarding youth involvement in policymaking on top of tokenistic appeals.*
- *Address the broader issues of youth unemployment or underemployment, influenced by the labor market and global economic conditions, as well as the pressing concern of climate change.*
- *Advocate for meaningful youth participation in decision-making at national, regional and international levels, emphasizing youth dialogues as a platform for their voices to be heard.*
- *Establish mentorship programs and youth consultation bodies to guide youths, fostering their knowledge and skill development for a smoother and just transition from education to the professional realm.*
- *Emphasize the consistent implementation of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies throughout all dialogues or consultations, ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered and respected.*
- *Ensure the effectiveness of the United Nations Youth Office and the Assistant Secretary General of Youth Affairs in playing their crucial role in increasing youth participation in consulting, policymaking, decision-making and implementing processes.*
- *Foster partnerships with private sectors to assist youths in upskilling or reskilling, addressing the challenge of limited experience across all sectors, be it existing or emerging fields.*

- *Encourage international collaborations to create job opportunities for youth, focusing on global economic strategies that address youth unemployment or underemployment inclusive of initiatives to stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation.*
- *Empower youth to actively participate in climate action by integrating climate change education into curricula, supporting youth-led initiatives, and ensuring their involvement in decision-making processes related to climate policies.*
- *Advocate for accessible funding mechanisms to enable youth attendance at high-level events, ensuring their voices contribute to discussions shaping the future which includes scholarships, grants, and sponsorship opportunities for youth involvement to be meaningfully represented.*

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

- *Acknowledge challenges in global governance, including the lack of representation in international bodies, particularly for smaller or less economically powerful nations and recognize the difficulty of achieving collective decision-making on various fields such as disarmament, climate change and more due to differing national interests.*
- *Address technological disparities and the digital divide by cknowledging the challenges and new competition in the digital realm and highlight better global coordination to resolved emerging crises, as exemplified by the Covid-19 pandemic.*
- *Advocate for the enhancement of representation and voting power for underrepresented nations in international institutions, with a focus on reforming bodies such as the UN Security Council.*
- *Create a global fund dedicated to promoting innovation in governance which such fund will support research into new governance models, democratic innovations, and societal resilience to adapt to evolving global challenges.*
- *Launch an International Eco-Cities Initiative to develop sustainable urban models that can be replicated globally to promote sustainable urban planning and development, addressing environmental challenges.*
- *Establish a specialized people-led Climate Diplomacy Corps, comprising experts in climate science, policy, and negotiation which they will assist countries in climate-related diplomatic efforts, fostering collaboration and coordinated global action.*
- *Work towards international agreements on digital sovereignty to address issues such as data privacy, information flow across borders, and digital rights as it is essential to create a framework that ensures fairness and cooperation in the digital realm.*
- *Post-pandemic, reform global health governance structures to improve preparedness and response capabilities for future health crises which emphasizes global cooperation and equitable resource distribution and no hoarding of vaccines to address health challenges effectively.*
- *Increase funding for international health organizations and initiatives focused on disease prevention and vaccine development by providing adequate financial support to build resilience against global health threats, particularly around planetary health.*
- *Encourage collaborative efforts among nations to address climate change by fostering agreements and commitments that prioritize collective action, respecting the varied national interests involved.*