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The below represents the collective suggested wording from the Non-Governmental Organization Major Group for each respective section of the Pact for the Future.

### **Chapeau**

- Covid-19 has derailed progress towards the SDGs and pushed millions deeper into poverty - the key challenge is to eradicate poverty, leaving no one behind, while preserving the planet and nature for the thriving of future generations.
- The root causes generating all-pervading conflict must be addressed and used as a starting point to build global unity for all people and Nature

### **Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development**

- Recognize the contributions of civil society and support its full participation in developing and implementing solutions toward a sustainable future.
- Governments and multilateral institutions should acknowledge the crucial role of civil society in achieving the SDGs. Legal and administrative restrictions on civil society participation must be reviewed and curtailed.
- Counter narratives of economic growth in closed societies by highlighting the importance of open societies. Promote the idea that an open society and inclusion are necessary for sustainable growth.
- We encourage the Pact to recognise the interconnectedness of humans, animals and the environment, in line with the One Health approach, using language from the 2023 draft resolution on Agriculture development, food security and nutrition:
  - “Calls for increased ambition and urgency of action to protect working animals and to strengthen global efforts to ensure that animal health and welfare can contribute to addressing challenges and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in line with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/1 of 2 March 2022, entitled “Animal welfare-environment-sustainable development nexus”, and emphasizes the importance of the One Health approach and other holistic approaches that deliver multiple benefits to the health and well-being of people, animals, plants and ecosystems;”
- Invest in strengthening animal health systems to prevent spillover of zoonotic disease to humans and reduce the risk of future pandemics, recognizing that currently 75% of emerging infections come from animals

- Recognise the contribution of working animals to sustainable development, in particular SDGs 1 and 2, recalling UNGA resolution A/RES/77/186, and their role as critical livelihoods and resilience assets
- Invest in sustainable agriculture and food systems (including livestock), exploring agroecological and regenerative approaches that could offer win-win solutions between increasing food security, transitioning to sustainable, healthy diets, protecting the livelihoods of smallholder and subsistence farmers and providing just transitions as needed, improving animal welfare and preserving natural resources.
- Recognise that any path to fully achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement must include agriculture and food systems.
- Finance education in line with the discussions at the Transforming Education Summit (TES) and UNESCO 2030 Roadmap for Education for Sustainable Development, and SDG 4 goals.

## **Chapter II. International peace and security**

- Acknowledge civil society's role in building peaceful and inclusive societies, providing channels for different actors to resolve their differences peacefully, including space for marginalised groups to organise and demand accountability from their government.
- Emphasize the need for sustained political leadership in promoting open civic space, including in the digital realm.
- We commit to defend civic space in international forums by promoting the expansion and defense of civic space, especially for marginalized groups, in international organizations, fora, and negotiation processes. We commit to develop early warning and action systems, including systematic monitoring by embassies, to safeguard fundamental freedoms and rules for civil society organizations.
- We commit to replace hostilities with peaceful negotiations based on relevant Security Council resolutions; apply sanctions, peacekeeping forces and Chapter VII of UN Charter, as needed; contribute 1/10 of defence budgets to transform war-torn areas into economically viable trading zones. Where hostilities threaten to erupt, all possible pressure is brought to bear to bring these to a peaceful conclusion in the interest of all.
- We commit to review the functioning of the Security Council, including by considering that resolutions receiving  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority or more must, if vetoed, be openly debated by all Security Council members until an improved and acceptable resolution is found.

## **Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation**

- We commit to the development of innovative technologies to achieve the human right to independent mobility, particularly for children and other marginalized groups.
- We commit to develop and comply with human rights standards on the development and use of technologies, and through ensuring access to remedies.
- We emphasize the need for systemic transformation across all sectors, noting the role that technology and innovation may play as part of these wider systemic transformations.

## Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

- Encourage the connection between rural and urban youth to avoid stigmatization. This implies the creation of spaces that promote mutual understanding and foster collaboration between both communities.
- Facilitate access to funding and skills development for youth organizations. It is necessary to provide training and institutional technical support to equip youth with the necessary tools to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Encourage funding and opportunities for young people across the world (especially from the global south) to actively participate in high-level meetings for them to share their insights, be present, and have a voice during decision-making processes, as well as learn firsthand how these processes work.
- Create more equitable spaces for young people to participate in international organizations and their international decision-making processes so that future generations have more access and they can professionalize their work.
- Ensure that youth activists are safe and secure. Their participation is fundamental, yet many do not feel secure when they are protesting/activating their communities. Thus, it must be a priority to ensure they have safe spaces where they can continue their activities.
- Ensure that young people and children in conflict areas have access to psychological and physical aid, as well as they can receive the training to become peacebuilding actors in their communities.
- Acknowledge the diversity of experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives within the youth population.
- Embrace cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity to ensure a comprehensive understanding of issues.
- Recognize that young people possess valuable insights and knowledge about their communities and the challenges they face.
- Consider both formal and informal education experiences, as well as skills gained through real-life experiences.
- Encourage the integration of non-formal and informal learning methods to supplement formal education and address practical, real-world issues.
- Recognize the power of grassroots movements in driving social change.
- Support and amplify youth-led initiatives and movements that address community-specific challenges and contribute to broader social transformation.
- Establish mentorship programs that connect young people with experienced leaders in their fields of interest. Mentorship can help bridge the gap between youth enthusiasm and the practical skills needed for effective decision-making and leadership

- We will create conditions which encourage and empower youth to take action against our most pressing needs in an interdisciplinary manner.

## **Chapter V. Transforming global governance**

- It is critical that we take the step to become a global community, using all means at our disposal including by identifying and fostering collaboration to counter global threats, fostering peace and living in harmony with Nature.
- Enhance opportunities for meaningful participation of civil society in multilateral processes, policy development, as well as their implementation.
- Harnessing this moment for advancing a rooted trans-local governance system, and further strengthening existing channels to diversify the plurality of voices represented. To root the governance system we must better connect the discussions and commitments from the global level to practices and actors at the local level, strengthening the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals under reinforced accountability and reporting mechanisms and diversification of existing financing mechanisms.
- We will advance the protection and fulfillment of Human Rights obligations by States, by further harnessing and supporting the Human Rights mechanisms already existent.
- We will combat corporate capture of decision making at multiple levels and spheres.
- Develop specific training programs to strengthen paradiplomacy skills in local governments, enabling them to participate actively in the international arena.
- Create networks of cooperation among local governments to address global issues and share successful diplomacy strategies at the subnational level.
- Establish initiatives such as "Cities forward", which aims at bi-regional dialogue, knowledge sharing between cities, workshops, support for sustainable projects and connecting cities with technology solution providers, to strengthen collaboration between urban communities. This approach, characterized by the exchange of experiences, identification of complementarities and awareness of common challenges and opportunities, could be replicated in various contexts to stimulate sustainable development and innovation at the local level.
- Support the development of digital diplomacy capabilities at the local level, empowering local governments to engage in diplomatic activities through online platforms. Through training on digital communication skills, local leaders can effectively participate in global conversations.
- Enforce and support local educational initiatives that foster a culture of global participation by motivating residents and local leaders to take an active part in international dialogues.
- Encourage the creation of subnational climate alliances in which regional administrations pledge to joint climate action initiatives. encouraging programs that

help subnational organizations exchange information, resources, and effective mitigation and adaptation techniques to climate change.