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Expand and improve policies and services for early childhood development and family-centred early childhood intervention to help improve family functioning and child development which are essential to creating more productive economies and more healthful and peaceful societies.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Ensure adequate financing and technical support for sustainable early childhood development and early childhood intervention policies and services.

Chapter II. International peace and security

Place greater priority on supporting infants and young children affected by crises of all types.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

Meet the needs of children, families and persons with disabilities during climate change emergencies, conflicts, migrations and marginalised communities that are increasingly affected by poverty.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

Under SDG Goal Four, Target 4.2: “By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education,” and Indicator 4.2.1 “Proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex,” major advancements in improving early child development and expanding multisectoral service systems for ALL children have been attained, including those with at-risk situations and developmental difficulties. Because of SDG leadership in this area, new initiatives are underway in all world regions and most countries.

It is imperative to maintain and expand global, regional and national initiatives under this critically important Target 4.2 to ensure all children are developmentally ready to complete their formal education and become productive citizens capable of contributing positively to their nations. In addition, a new global indicator: “Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD Policy” has been established by the 2023 Early Childhood Development Countdown 2030 Country Profiles for use in 197 countries. The participatory preparation, adoption and implementation of multisectoral ECD policy instruments are essential for creating powerful enabling environments for child and family development in all nations.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

Assist countries to improve their systems of governance and pay increased attention to social development, with priority given to strengthening families and achieving balanced early childhood development from birth to eight years of age.