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Through this Pact, Member States and the whole global human community shall build on pivotal international and intergovernmental agreements adopted under the United Nations framework over the past eight decades, the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but also – and more specifically linked to present challenges – Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and UNSC Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace, and Security. Peace shall remain the final and main goal of the United Nations and of the entire global community, as there will be no sustainable development in times of armed conflict, anywhere. As well, there will be no peace and no sustainable development globally without a meaningful inclusion of those who are about to and set to live this new world, young generations. The youth, young adults, young professionals should be included in every political and peacebuilding process, both at the national and international level, given the acceleration and complexity of contemporaneity and, thus, the growing need for the adaptability, the curiosity, the energy, and resourcefulness of the global youth population, by building paths and opportunities based on participation, inclusive education, peace education, equal participation to political life for all genders and applied intergenerational equity, to leave no one behind.

~~Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development~~

Chapter II. International peace and security

Peace and security should be built, re-built and maintained globally through inclusive approaches based not only on classic conflict prevention means and, or, peacekeeping measures, yet, by also widening the spectrum of possible intergovernmental approaches and actions by including, inter alia, youth-led and, or, youth-based methodologies for conflict prevention and conflict transformation elaborated and tested over the years by civil society actors, scholars, trainers,

community leaders all over the world, taking into due account local sensitivities and cultural aspects in every stage of the development of a project, policy or education path, always by stimulating bottom-up, locally-led solutions. In this sense, this Pact aims, inter alia, at paving the way towards the inclusion of collaborative, inclusive, relationship-based methodologies in the UN system; the application of these methodologies should be based on the active involvement of young people as an evolution of the widely known concept of Track-II Diplomacy, in support to official diplomacy and the action of Member States in their own individual or collective capacity, as a natural development of what Member States agreed in UNSC Res.2250 in 2015.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

Peace and sustainable development can be future proof: this can be so only if young generations from all Member States will be actively, meaningfully, and effectively involved in all processes in the UN system and in national political systems and, also and crucially, in all peace prevention and peacebuilding processes, also by applying methodologies based on relational approaches instead of and beyond formal “dialogues between differences”. The gap to be bridged is clearly extremely wide and varies globally from one Member State to another, yet, this Pact encourages all countries in promoting an active and intergenerational dialogue with civil society actors from their national contexts on how to walk this vision together with the youth, in the way they will deem most appropriate according to national circumstances, building on successful initiatives taken at the international and intergovernmental level such as, inter alia, the increasing inclusion of youth under the UNFCCC process, and successful non-formal education initiatives. Future generations will be born in a world with a declining number of armed conflicts and strong political, societal, and financial investments in sustainable development under the UN motto “Peace, Dignity and Equality on a Healthy Planet”: to make this vision become reality, all decisions under the UN system should undergo a future-check on whether they respect and take into account the interests of Future Generations, to make every new act, decision, resolution formally linked to what the next cohort of diplomats, leaders, politicians, educators, trainers, local leaders will think on what we are deciding today.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance