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## Chapeau

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<p>We reaffirm our commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and other human rights instruments, and recall the importance of a timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its pledge to leave no one behind, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, among other key international agreements and frameworks.</p>	<p>A/RES/74/306</p>
<p>We will promote, respect, protect and fulfil the right of all children in all their diversity, including girls, children with disabilities and children in vulnerable situations, to express themselves freely and their right to be heard, that their views are given due weight and that they are included in decision-making processes in all matters affecting them.</p>	<p>A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1</p>
<p>We commit to enhancing partnerships at all levels for implementing this Pact, with the participation of all countries, stakeholders and people, including civil society, children and youth, women and girls, persons with disabilities and other key groups.</p>	<p>A/HLPF/2023/L.1; A/RES/70/1</p>

## Chapter I

<p>We will take immediate measures to scale up efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, including through enhanced development cooperation and fulfilling respective ODA commitments, supporting SDG investments, strengthening of domestic resource mobilisation, international tax cooperation, reforming the international financial architecture and reforms of the multilateral development banks, improving international debt mechanisms and strengthening multilateral action and coordination by all creditors to address the deteriorating debt situation, and implementing actions to accelerate sustainable development, in particular in support of developing countries.</p>	<p>A/HLPF/2023/L.1, paras 30, 38 (t-ix)</p>
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<p>We recognize that building sustainable, inclusive, equitable and resilient societies must begin with investing in all children, adolescents and youth in all their diversity, safeguarding their rights and ensuring that from early childhood they grow up in a safe and healthy environment free from poverty and hunger, and all forms of discrimination, violence, neglect, bullying, abuse and exploitation, both in person and in digital contexts, and through the elimination of all harmful practices, including child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation, paying specific attention to children affected by armed conflict, and we recognize the need to support countries that face particular challenges to make the requisite investments in this area.</p>	<p>E/HLS/2022/1; E/HLS/2018/1; A/RES/69/313</p>
<p>We reaffirm our resolve to realize, and invest in achievement of, our vision of a world with access to inclusive and equitable quality education, universal health coverage including access to quality essential health-care services, child-sensitive, shock- and gender-responsive social protection, food security and improved nutrition, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene.</p>	<p>A/HLPF/2023/L.1; A/RES/74/133; A/RES/73/155</p>
<p>The 2030 Agenda remains our commitment to the children and youth of today so that they may achieve their full human potential. As critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current and future generations, we emphasize the importance of engaging and supporting the full, effective, meaningful and inclusive participation of children, adolescents, and youth, particularly the most deprived and marginalized among them and those in vulnerable situations, in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.</p>	<p>A/RES/70/1; E/HLS/2022/1; A/HLPF/2023/L.1; E/HLS/2018/1.</p>
<p>We stress the urgency of enhancing ambition for climate action in the implementation of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement in relation to climate mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage and the provision of the means of implementation, especially finance to developing countries, and further reaffirm our commitment to meaningful and effective social dialogue and participation of all stakeholders, including children, and will implement climate policy and action that is gender-responsive, fully respects human rights, and empowers youth and children.</p>	<p>FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17; A/HLPF/2023/L.1</p>
<p>We will continue increasing investment in inclusive and equitable quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all, including education in emergencies. We will address barriers to girls' education, gender and disability gaps and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in and through education and safe, healthy and stimulating learning environments. We also take note of the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit and call on Member States to implement their national commitments made during the Transforming Education Summit process.</p>	<p>A/HLPF/2023/L.1; A/C.2/78/L.46</p>

**Chapter II**

<p>We reiterate our commitment to the protection of children affected by armed conflict and condemn in the strongest terms all violations and abuses committed against children in armed conflict and urge all parties to conflict to take time-bound and effective measures to end and prevent them. We reaffirm all resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council and all relevant Statements of its President, which contribute to a comprehensive framework for addressing the protection of children affected by armed conflict, and further recognize that the protection of children affected by armed conflict is an important aspect of any comprehensive strategy to resolve conflict and sustain peace.</p>	<p>A/RES/73/155; S/RES/2427</p>
<p>We recall the obligations of all parties to armed conflict applicable to them under international humanitarian law and human rights law, including those contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the involvement of Children in armed conflict, as well as the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949 and the Additional Protocols of 1977, and reiterate that all parties to armed conflict must comply strictly with their obligations for the protection of children in armed conflict.</p>	<p>S/RES/2427</p>
<p>We stress the importance of accountability for all violations and abuses against children in armed conflict and call on all States to continue to address impunity by efforts to strengthen international, regional and national accountability mechanisms.</p>	<p>S/RES/2427</p>
<p>We stress the importance of giving due consideration to child protection issues from the early stages of all peace processes, in particular the integration of child protection provisions, as well as of peace agreements that put strong emphasis on the best interest of the child, the treatment of children separated from armed groups as victims and focus on family and community-based reintegration, as well as provisions on the rights and well-being of children, into all peace negotiations, ceasefire and peace agreements, and in provisions for ceasefire monitoring, and taking into account children's views in these processes.</p>	<p>S/RES/2427</p>
<p>We will prioritize access to and increase financial support for the provision of essential services, on an equal basis, during conflict and post-conflict periods, including, inter alia, education, health, including mental health and psychosocial services as well as sexual and reproductive health services, child protection systems, and social protection, ensuring that the specific needs of girls and children with disabilities are addressed.</p>	<p>S/RES/2427; A/77/895</p>
<p>We strongly condemn the unlawful denial of humanitarian access and depriving civilians, particularly children, of objects indispensable to their survival, and call upon all parties to conflict to ensure the full, safe and unhindered access, without delay, of humanitarian personnel</p>	<p>A/RES/76/147; A/RES/2427; S/RES/2601</p>

and the delivery of humanitarian assistance to all children affected by armed conflict, and the protection, safety and security of such humanitarian and medical personnel, and in this regard urges all parties to protect civilian infrastructure which is critical to the delivery of humanitarian aid for essential services.	
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### Chapter III

We express concern that a substantial digital divide persists, both between and within countries and between women and men, girls and boys, rural and urban areas, and commit to address the major impediments developing countries face in accessing new technologies, , while promoting the full protection, enjoyment and fulfilment of human rights, including for children, and while protecting children from harm in the digital environment.	E/HLS/2018/1; A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1
We express deep concern that digital technologies have exacerbated children's, and especially girls', exposures to risks, harms, and all forms of violence, and resolve to take comprehensive, multisectoral, coordinated, effective, and gender-responsive measures to prevent violations and abuses of the rights of the child, and will respond appropriately to all forms of violence against children, online and offline.	A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1
We will ensure that the best interests of the child is a primary consideration in decision-making related the digital environment, by considering the critical importance of child rights impact assessments of relevant laws, standards and policies to evaluate their actual impact on the rights of the child, and encourage the implementation of the child rights impact assessment and safeguarding principles by businesses in the digital environment, and will consider adopting legislation, regulations or policies to ensure that businesses address their responsibilities to respect human rights, including children's rights, and respect their safety and well-being.	A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1
We will create opportunities for children's inclusive and meaningful participation and active consultation in the development of legislation, policies, programs, services and training on children's rights in relation to the digital environment, and will give their views due weight, and will urge businesses and digital service providers ensure that human rights, including children's rights are respected in the conception, design, development, deployment, evaluation and regulation of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, as well as prevent or mitigate adverse impacts on children's rights that are directly linked to their design operations, products or services, and encourage them to actively engage with children, applying appropriate safeguards, and give children's views due consideration.	CRC/C/GC/25; A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1

### Chapter IV

<p>We reaffirm our commitments to children, defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as all human beings below the age of eighteen years, and youth of today so that they may achieve their full human potential, as critical agents of change and torchbearers of the 2030 Agenda for current and future generations.</p>	<p>A/RES/44/25; A/HLPF/2023/L.1; A/RES/70/1</p>
<p>We recognize that the empowerment of and investment in children, and in particular girls and children with disabilities, and youth is critical to achieving inclusive, equitable and sustainable development for present and future generations.</p>	<p>A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1; A/RES/69/313</p>
<p>We will invest in children’s inclusive and meaningful participation in decision-making by creating inclusive and safe consultative mechanisms, spaces and platforms for engagement, both in person and online</p>	<p>A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1</p>
<p>We commit to providing inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels to ensure that children and youth may have access to lifelong learning opportunities that help them to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and contribute to a sustainable future.</p>	<p>A/C.2/78/L.46</p>

**Chapter V**

<p>We recognize the need to make our global financial and economic systems work for the benefit of all countries and all peoples, including by ensuring the international financial architecture, including its business models and financing capacities, must be made more fit for purpose, equitable and responsive to the financing needs of developing countries, to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making, norm-setting, and global economic governance. We commit to engage in inclusive inter-governmental discussions on the reform of international financial architecture and its institutions in forthcoming processes, including at the United Nations, taking into account current and ongoing initiatives.</p>	<p>E/FFDF/2023/L.1; A/HLPF/2023/L.1</p>
<p>We agree to work towards the establishment of a permanent, independent multilateral sovereign debt workout mechanism at the UN.</p>	
<p>We stress that scaling up new and additional grant-based, highly concessional finance, and non-debt instruments remains critical to supporting developing countries, particularly as they transition in a just and equitable manner. We look forward to the development of a needs-based New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance beyond \$100 billion per year from 2025. We urge parties to adopt a new collective quantified goal for climate finance based on principles which are human rights-based and gender- and child-responsive and consider the people and communities on the frontlines of climate change. We urge developed country Parties and other Parties to</p>	<p>FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17; FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add .1</p>

provide, or continue to provide support, for activities to address loss and damage that are gender- and child-responsive, conflict-sensitive and respect human rights;	
We look forward to the beginning of inter-governmental discussions at United Nations Headquarters to elaborate a draft terms of reference for a UN framework convention on international tax cooperation to strengthen international tax cooperation and make it fully inclusive and more effective.	A/C.2/78/L.18/Rev.1; A/HLPF/2023/L.1