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The Summit of the Future, as proposed by the United Nations, offers a significant opportunity to contribute to a new global consensus and shape the future. I would like to acknowledge H.E. Dennis Francis, the President of the General Assembly, for his efforts in appointing H.E. Antje Leendertse from Germany and H.E. Neville Gertze from Namibia as co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit. Their inclusive approach has widened the involvement of many more non-state actors to contribute, aligning with the Summit's spirit.

Our aim is to contribute to the Pact for the Future, focusing on sustainable development, peace and security, science and innovation, and youth and future generations. We emphasize the importance of a culturally inclusive multilateral development model that places people, families, and communities at the center of any effort to invest in any sustainable development venture and secure decent livelihoods for all.

We also extend our appreciation to the UN SDG Action Campaign for inviting stakeholders to collectively work towards supporting the implementation of the SDGs and Coalition of Young African Professionals in Diaspora led by Mary Apollo for their input especially on the building of culturally sensitive communities that encourage multi-stakeholder efforts.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

The financial system in developing African nations is hindered by corruption, impeding the pursuit of sustainable development goals (SDGs). To address this, financial institutions should refrain from lending to governments making insufficient SDG progress and encourage realistic and wreckless financial spending on relevant projects. Additionally, the system should support nations with limited resources, hold SDG signatories accountable, and prioritize a people-centered global economic system. This aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the interlinkages and integrated nature of the SDGs, and the need for inclusive partnerships to achieve the transformative vision of the SDGs. The multilateral system, including global, regional, traditional, and new organizations, is uniquely positioned to provide collective, cross-border solutions for eradicating absolute poverty and fostering economic and social progress, environmental sustainability, and peaceful and inclusive societies. Therefore, it is crucial to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, enhance policy coherence, and respect each country's policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development..

Chapter II. International peace and security

To bolster global peace, the Summit must prioritize the endorsement of a new peace charter by all nations. Additionally, it is crucial to support the self-determination of ethnic nationalities, with the UN facilitating the formation of new nations and overseeing their elections. Our organization calls for enhanced conflict prevention, diplomatic efforts, and disarmament initiatives to secure international peace. Upholding international law, respecting sovereignty, and fostering dialogue are paramount principles. Leveraging the authentic experiences of local populations, rather than

relying on narratives crafted by corrupt leaders, will enable more informed policy decisions and effectively address current and future challenges on a global scale.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

In the realm of science and innovation, the future is shaped by those who can envision, design, and execute. To this end, our focus should be on promoting digital literacy, narrowing the digital gap, and ensuring ethical standards in technological progress. It is imperative to foster collaboration at regional, subregional, and global levels for country-specific research and development, addressing challenges posed by digital transformation. We advocate for the institutionalization of innovation expansion, supporting initiatives that empower others, integrate infrastructure, and enhance internet access in developing nations. All loans and foreign direct investments in the continent should be directed towards culturally sensitive infrastructure that aligns with and supports the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations Recommendations:

The active involvement of youth is paramount. The UN's Office of Youth should collaborate with other organizations to reform global governance and champion the Summit of the Future's agenda. Our strategic objective includes empowering youth, safeguarding future generations, and supporting initiatives for education, skill development, and meaningful youth participation in decision-making processes. We emphasize the integration of youth perspectives into policy discussions, acknowledging their pivotal role as catalysts for sustainable development.

Chapter V. Transforming Global Governance Recommendations:

To transform global governance effectively, we propose vital reforms to international institutions that align with the evolving geopolitical landscape. This entails bolstering the representation of developing nations in decision-making bodies, ensuring transparency, and promoting accountability. The strengthening of multilateralism is imperative for achieving effective global governance.

In conclusion, we believe that the Summit of the Future presents a unique opportunity to forge a new international consensus that can reshape the globe. By emphasizing the voices of all stakeholders and placing people at the center of our efforts, we can work towards a more inclusive and effective multilateralism that is essential for achieving our shared goals.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.