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### **Chapeau**

We firmly believe it is imperative to have the active inclusive participation of gender-balanced and intergenerational representation at all levels of the UN including all levels of government to empower Civil Society and other stakeholders to support innovative solutions in decision making especially for community engagement. This participation is essential to achieve the UN 17 SDGs and success of the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and secure our sustainable future with Cultures of Peace. .

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

We agree that it is vital to provide financial tools and investment opportunities including adequate housing and essential services for all. To meet the global housing demand, innovative planning, design, financing, and cooperation among local and national governments, UN Agencies, civil society, and private sectors are essential. Alignment for the success of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda with the UN 17 SDGs especially SDG11, and the New Urban Agenda, ensures efforts are synergized on funding scalable initiatives. Community participation in the planning and implementation of the efforts ensures that they are culturally sensitive, and practical. Emphasizing green construction methods and energy-efficient designs can not only lower costs but support climate action agendas.

With climate-related disasters on the rise, development financing must include disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction, and resilience strategies. New financing for

climate action will be critical and should include finance for universal access to early warning systems and early action measures and promoting a system wide, all of society approach to manage climate related risks. Implementation of the new Loss and Damage Fund requires swift operationalization that is adequate, predictable, accessible, and reflects the needs. The Santiago Network of UNDRR and UNOPS should help avert, minimize, and address loss and damage from the impacts of climate change. It will play a crucial role in addressing climate change impacts in developing countries and it connects providers of technical assistance - including civil society, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector - with those that need it most.

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

We advocate for the active engagement local, regional and national experts along with youth leadership for the formation of a gender balanced and intergenerational Global Peacebuilding Advisory Council with the participation of the UN Youth Office to support youth engagement in dialogues to secure their place in the stewardship of our planet for current and future generations by developing solutions for our sustainable future. This would consist of representation of gender-balance and intergenerational stakeholders from all regions to address conflict prevention with data that empowers peacebuilding policy development with the ability for resource activation of the Global Peacebuilding Advisory Council for our sustainable and secure future with Local, Regional and National Cultures of Peace.

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

We realize the digital divide has deepened social stratification and income inequalities around the world, leading to further segregation and widening disparities. It is essential for local, regional and national authorities, community leadership. international organizations, the private sector, civil society and other institutions to invest in digital literacy initiatives to close these gaps and improve outcomes for all individuals. A new upgraded IA approach would increase visibility, advocacy, and the mobilization of resources for global efforts. In addition, it would allow leaders on AI and cyber-security initiatives the ability to monitor, evaluate, and report on AI safeguards.

## **Chapter IV. Youth and future generations**

We support the active engagement of youth leadership with the formation of a gender balanced Global Youth Advisory Council with the participation of the UN Youth Office and UNICEF to support youth engagement in intergenerational dialogues to secure open

conversations on the the important role of their place in the stewardship of the planet for current and future generations. There should be Youth Representation in all aspects of the UN. This includes developing solution driven agendas with structure and strategic planning for our sustainable future. The commitment to have inclusive youth participation truly empowers fostering new innovative decision making on critical issues at all levels of authority with community engagement to achieve success of the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

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

We firmly believe that the United Nations has come to a point in time to address global challenges with new transformative approaches that can lead to opportunities for change of past methods and practices to achieve success of the Summit of the Future with reforms from the support of regional organizations, for the success of this process? Establishing a Global Governance Advisory Council with Local, Region and National joint participation to access expertise and available resources to address current and emerging regional and global issues, such as climate change and disaster risk reduction, digital transition, sustaining peace, cyber security and outer-space, etc., to support communities today, but future generations, as well.