

STATEMENT

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HONORABLE MR. CHAIR (and CO-CHAIR),

EXCELLENCIES,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Allow me to express heartfelt thanks to Secretary-General António Guterres for orchestrating the Summit of the Future and to the co-facilitators of the ambitious Pact for the Future, the Declaration of Future Generations, and the Global Digital Pact.

These initiatives are crucial as we confront a range of complex problems, including Russia's aggression in Ukraine, conflicts in the Middle East Africa and other parts of the world, the growing distance from achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the climate crisis and persistent inequalities.

This is what the Summit of the Future and the Pact for the Future are all about: delivering multilateral solutions that align global institutions and frameworks with today's political, social, and economic realities, tackling the challenges of our time, and coming together for a better future for the generations to come. We expect that this Summit and the Pact for the Future, which embodies nearly 80 years of multilateral and national experience, will create a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable world leaving no one behind. They also signify the international community's commitment to strengthening a revitalized multilateral system based on a new global consensus.

Central to these efforts is the rule of law, which is essential for upholding international norms, ensuring justice, and fostering global cooperation. Commitment to human rights ensures that everyone's dignity is protected as we strive for a more inclusive global society. To achieve this, we must redouble our efforts to address systemic inequalities, promote social justice, and uphold the fundamental rights of all individuals.

As we advance in our efforts, we must also consider the impact of the new technologies that are rapidly transforming our societies. We acknowledge the challenges of digital inequality and advocate for increased investment in digital skills especially for the persons in vulnerable situations and quick adaptation to tech changes. Our goal is a free, secure digital world with universal Internet access. Supporting the Global Digital Compact, we aim for a human-centered, rights-based digital future that leverages AI to advance the SDGs and ensure information integrity.

We must include the views and interests of “Youth and Future Generations” in our policies by actively listening to young people. We support the dedicated Declaration on Future Generations and align with the National Youth Strategy to engage and empower youth in shaping the future both in Europe and globally.

All these measures necessitate a significant transformation of global governance. We must modernize and rejuvenate the United Nations to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to the challenges of the 21st century. This includes reforming the Security Council to better reflect the current global landscape by adding additional permanent and non-permanent seats.

In closing, Bulgaria remains firmly dedicated to its commitment to effective multilateralism, recognizing it as essential for addressing global challenges. We are dedicated to fostering international cooperation and working collaboratively to achieve our shared goals. We call to all of us to embrace cooperation and act decisively. Let us not disappoint the youth and the future generations.

Thank you!