Statement by H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan at the Summit of the Future
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Your Excellency Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the United Nations General
Assembly,
Heads of State and Delegations,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentleman,

 Around eighty years ago, learning from the two world wars and a global
pandemic, we came together in San Francisco to collectively embrace peace,
security and development and pledged to pursue them through institutionalized
dialogue and cooperation. The global pact that we forged then through the
adoption of the UN Charter and its principles gave almost uninterrupted peace
and prosperity to our successive generations for decades. That compact is
clearly under stress today.
More recently the global pandemic reminded us afresh of our
interconnectedness and interdependence and the merits of collaboration, while
also exposing our shared vulnerabilities.
Beyond interstate relations where we are definitely facing a crisis, we are
also challenged in how our societies are organized and individual consumption
patterns prioritized. This has produced a crisis of trust and confidence both in
our interpersonal and interstate relations.
Technologies, while offering us the hope and the tools to realize a safer,
better resourced and equal opportunity future also give us the unprecedented
power to harm each other.
As the theme of the Summit and ensuing discussions aptly highlight, many
of the old-established multilateral structures have become weak and are getting
irrelevant, failing to meet the expectations heaped upon them. Luckily this
summit gave us a unique opportunity to reflect on the past and chart a new
course for better future. The choices are clear. We can either have a
breakthrough or a breakdown.
By successfully negotiating and adopting “The Pact for the Future,”
“Global Digital Pact,” and “Declaration on Future Generations” we have not only

threats to create a better future. Besides, through this summit we are also
reaffirming the UN Charter, committing to reinvigorating multilateralism,
boosting implementation of our commitments, and restoring trust among
member states. We are happy to see that the Summit has also prioritized
technology through the digital compact. Technologies remain the big equalizer
and force multiplier for many in the developing world.
While these renewed commitments echo past promises, it is crucial that
we fulfill our obligations and bring these commitments to fruition in a timely
manner. We firmly believe that the time to act is now.
In an era where multilateralism often falls short of delivering effectively,
where our ability to reach common ground to tackle pressing challenges is
getting constrained, where optimism for win-win solutions seems to wane,
cooperative regionalism is the way forward as a building block for an inclusive
and more effective multilateralism.
UN is and must remain at the center of all our efforts in pursuing stronger

Recognizing the interconnectedness of global challenges and the
necessity for effective governance and stronger multilateral cooperation, ECO is
committed to enhancing regional collaboration and positioning itself as an