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of (a) (e) other rights. It is the cornerstone of social cohesion and democracy, and a determinant of all Sustainable Development Goals. Information access must be included and elevated in future development agendas.

- Open and transparent information flows between governments and people

is intensified by engagement driven algorithms, of expression, eroding trust in democratic and and polarisation. To meet challenges of information ities and other local actors involved in solutions. ncluded as key stakeholders in the Pact for the ers to account, ensuring transparency and integrity

is critical to ensure responsible information al south voices, particularly crisis affected, need to ntentional, dedicated and inclusive outreach.

## Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

- The divide between those that are connected and unconnected is increasingly leaving people behind, exacerbated by the

- In order to protect development gains, understanding increasingly challenging information landscapes is critical. This involves diversifying engagement with a broader range of actors and broadening consideration of actions that increase understanding and responses to evolving information landscapes.
- Women, children, people in remote and rural areas, older people, people with disabilities, illiterate people and speakers of marginalised languages are most risk of inequitable access to information and digital technologies. Solutions must be sought that intentionally include marginalised people.

## Chapter II. International peace and security

- The global rise in misinformation, disinformation and hate speech (MDH) threatens international security through the incitement of violence, discrimination, and fear. Rapid advances in digital technologies and the active production of disinformation campaigns and propaganda have enabled the proliferation of MDH at unprecedented speed and scale. The risks presented by mis/disinformation is exacerbated in fragile contexts without trustworthy information sources or where trust in 'official' sources is low.
- Change and disruption to 'normal' communication and engagement patterns during crises

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expertise of a diverse cross-section of contributors, including communities and the private sector, will ensure that digital communication systems remain resilient, efficient and supportive of international development goals.

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