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Chapeau

Embarking on a journey through the chapters of sustainable development, international peace, science and technology, youth empowerment, and global governance, this comprehensive exploration underscores the imperative need for addressing racial disparities and fostering true equity. From recognizing racial inequality as a barrier to sustainable development goals to advocating for inclusive digital cooperation and empowering future generations, each chapter unveils a critical facet of the collective pursuit of a global society that leaves no one behind. In this narrative, the call for racial equity resonates as a unifying thread, weaving together the varied chapters of our shared commitment to a just and inclusive world.

Text proposal for the Pact of the Future

We commit to stepping up our efforts to fight against racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigmatization, hate speech, through cooperation, partnership and inclusion and respect for diversity. (as per the 2023 political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development - A/HLPF/2023/L.1)

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

In the pursuit of global sustainable development, it is imperative to address racial disparities, recognizing that equitable access to financial resources plays a crucial role in this process. Concerning people of African descent, it is essential to focus attention and resources to ensure fair and meaningful participation in the path to sustainability. We explicitly recommend recognizing racial inequality as a barrier to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing the need for measures to ensure active inclusion of the people of African descent in all decisions and development processes. Furthermore, urgent measures are required against systemic racism, addressing disparities in access to financial resources, education, and employment opportunities. To promote more equitable economic inclusion, we propose the creation of specific funding lines, incentive programs, and partnerships aimed at strengthening enterprises led by people of African descent . These actions, coupled with monitoring and accountability mechanisms disaggregated by race and ethnicity, aim to ensure that sustainable development is genuinely inclusive. We underscore the critical importance of funding for the economic empowerment of the people of African descent, a crucial step toward a sustainable future that leaves no one behind.

We urge States in their national efforts, and in cooperation with other States, regional and international organizations and financial institutions, to promote the use of public and private investment in consultation with the affected communities in order to eradicate poverty, particularly in those areas in which victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance predominantly live; (as per Durban Declaration and Programme of Action - DDPA, para. 1)

We encourage States, regional and international organizations, including financial institutions, as well as civil society, to address within existing mechanisms, or where necessary to put in place and/or develop mechanisms, to address those aspects of globalization which may lead to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; (as per the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action - DDPA para. 152)

We urge States and encourage all sectors of society to empower women and girls who are victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, so that they can fully exercise their rights in all spheres of public and private life, and to ensure the full, equal and effective participation of women in decision-making at all levels, in particular in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies and measures which affect their lives. (as per Durban Declaration and Programme of Action - DDPA, para. 53)

prioritizing policies that address the specific needs of this population, we can aspire to a tomorrow where future generations benefit from a truly egalitarian and inclusive society.

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We urge States to encourage the full and active participation of, as well as involve more closely, youth in the elaboration, planning and implementation of activities to fight racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and calls upon States, in partnership with non-governmental organizations and other sectors of society, to facilitate both national and international youth dialogue on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, through the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system and through the use of new technologies, exchanges and other means. (as per Durban Declaration and Programme of Action - DDPA, para. 216)

