

Summit of the Future – Plenary statement by the Prime Minister of Norway, H.E. Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre

President, Excellencies, colleagues and friends,

Today, we are faced with multiple, parallel challenges. Tackling these will require more, not less, multilateral cooperation.

To successfully deliver on the SDGs, we must transform global governance.

The multilateral system must be more effective, transparent, and representative.

The Pact for the Future provides a vision for this, across all the UN's three main pillars.

Let me highlight three points:

First: We have reaffirmed our commitment to international law, including human rights.

The disregard for human life and international law that we are seeing today must not be allowed to continue.

Universally agreed rules and rights remain an indispensable foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and just world.

Second: We urgently need to address climate change, cut emissions, transform our energy systems and protect the environment.

We stand firmly by agreed commitments and keep our ambitions high.

We need to close the extensive financing gap to achieve the SDGs - leaving no one behind. This includes increasing climate finance and investments.

Together with Mexico, Nepal and Zambia, Norway will serve as co-facilitator for the next conference on financing for development.

We are committed to working with all member states to achieve an ambitious outcome in Seville next year.

The Pact rightly addresses the need to provide sufficient and timely debt relief to countries in debt distress, to reform the multilateral development banks, and to promote more