

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 inclusive and effective tax cooperation.

Norway will continue to engage in an active and constructive manner to develop a UN framework convention on international tax cooperation.

We must work towards an inclusive, open and secure digital future for all.

Accessibility is key, particularly for the least developed countries. Some 2.6 billion people remain excluded from our digital world.

Norway is committed to bridging this digital divide. Our efforts include advancing digital public goods and ensuring digital ID access for all.

Third; Sustainable development cannot be achieved without peace and security.

Preventive diplomacy and peacebuilding must be at the centre of our efforts.

It is essential to ensure women's participation in all aspects of the peace and security agenda.

We need a more transparent, inclusive and effective Security Council with greater limitations on the use of the veto.

We need to address the historical injustice against Africa, and improve the representation of underrepresented regions

The General Assembly plays a vital role in maintaining international peace and security, in close coordination with the Security Council.

As member states, we must all acknowledge our part in the global challenges we face.

The solutions can only be found in close partnership with other stakeholders.

Friends and colleagues,

The Pact for the Future is a commitment to one another and to future generations, providing a roadmap for building a better world.

Now the work of putting the Pact into action begins. Norway is eager to get started.

Thank you.