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16. Yet, 30 years after the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, progress remains slow and uneven, and major gaps and inequalities persist within and among countries. With only five years remaining until the 2030 deadline, progress towards achieving most of the Sustainable Development Goals has been far too slow, with some goals stalled or even regressing despite notable advances in a few areas. (Agreed ad ref) b. In addition, while millions have been lifted out of poverty, billions of people live close to the poverty line and face a constant risk of falling into	14. Yet, 30 years after the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, progress remains slow and uneven, and major gaps and inequalities persist within and among countries . With only five years remaining until the 2030 deadline, progress towards achieving most of the Sustainable Development Goals has been far too slow, with some goals stalled or even regressing despite notable advances in a few areas. b. In addition, while millions have been lifted out of poverty billions of people live close to the poverty line and face a constant risk of falling into
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A Call to Action	A Call to Action to close the gaps in the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. I- Eradication of Poverty:
2. We will adopt a holistic approach towards the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including through addressing the challenges of extreme poverty and multidimensional poverty, address their	2. We will adopt a holistic approach towards the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme and multidimensional poverty, address the disproportionate impact of poverty on people in

disproportionate impact on countries in special situations and people in vulnerable situations and combat the feminization of poverty while vulnerable situations and combat the feminization of poverty while ensuring that the focus is to build resilience to **shocks and** challenges. ensuring that the focus is on building resilience to shocks and challenges, rise above the poverty line sustainably and avoid relapsing back into accelerating actions to eradicate poverty and avoiding relapsing back into poverty. In this regard we commit to: it. In this regard we commit to: a. Taking effective measures, including policies and programmes, to d. Taking effective measures, including policies and address the root causes of poverty and underlying causes of inequality, **programmes, to address** the root causes of poverty and underlying causes of inequality, providing for the basic needs of all and increasing providing for the basic needs of all and increasing resilience for interconnected crises. These efforts should include the elimination of resilience for interconnected **crises**. These efforts should include the hunger and malnutrition; the provision of social protection, food security, elimination of hunger and malnutrition; the provision of social education, livelihood, employment, decent work for all, clean water and protection, food security, education, employment, livelihood and decent sanitation, adequate shelter and reliable health systems; and work for all, clean water and sanitation, adequate shelter and participation in social and cultural life, with special priority given to the reliable health systems; and participation in social and cultural life, needs and rights of women and children and persons in vulnerable with special priority given to the needs and rights of women and children situations, who often bear the greatest burden of poverty. and persons in vulnerable situations, who often bear the greatest burden of poverty. d. Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for social protection c. Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for social protection systems as one of the enablers for eradicating poverty, reducing systems as one of the enablers for eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and fostering social inclusion, as well as investing in programs inequality and fostering social inclusion, particularly for all women and for poverty eradication, including the feminization of poverty, to address girls, as well as investing in programs for poverty eradication to address underlying causes of inequality by promoting sustainable economy for the underlying causes of inequality by promoting sustainable economy for the wellbeing of all. wellbeing of all. g. Strengthening social protection systems and reinforcing investment in g. Strengthening **investment in** social protection systems and measures, measures, including social protection floors, and integrating financing of social protection systems and policies, including floors and policies in line including social protection floors, in line with International Labour with International Labour Organization recommendations and Organization recommendations and intergovernmentally intergovernmental agreed standards, into country-led plans and agreed standards, and progressively achieve universal coverage, including by extending social protection coverage by at least two strategies while providing support to developing countries that aim to increase social protection coverage, including those that aim to do so by percentage points per year, taking into account national circumstances. capacities, and priorities and providing capacity building to developing at least two percentage points per year. countries upon their request. h. Promoting the integration of child-sensitive policies and programmes in national poverty eradication strategies, including social protection h. Promoting child-sensitive poverty eradication strategies within social

programmes that deliver an integrated package of essential services,

including investments in nutrition, early childhood development and

universal child benefits. (agreed ad ref)

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and universal child benefits.

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	II- Full and productive employment and Decent work for all:
3. We reaffirm our commitment to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. To this end, we commit to: (agreed ad ref)	3. We reaffirm our commitment to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. To this end, we commit to:
h. Considering to support the implementation of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social protection for Just Transitions and acknowledging the work and contribution of the Global Coalition for Social Justice to contribute to full and productive employment and Decent work for all.	g. Considering to support the implementation of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social protection for Just Transitions and acknowledging the work and contribution of the Global Coalition for Social Justice to contribute to full and productive employment and Decent work for all.
i. Taking all necessary measures to tackle high rates of youth unemployment and address their integration in the labour market, including through creating decent work and opportunities for productive employment, promoting policies for ensuring equal access to inclusive quality education, skills and vocational training, lifelong learning, digital literacy, entrepreneurship and ensure young people's access to universal, adequate, comprehensive, sustainable and nationally owned social protection systems.	h. Taking all necessary measures to tackle high rates of youth unemployment and address their integration in the labour market, including through creating decent jobs, promoting policies for quality education, skills and vocational training, lifelong learning, digital literacy , entrepreneurship and ensure young people's access to universal, adequate, comprehensive, sustainable and nationally owned social protection systems.
n. Reinforcing investment in universal, inclusive and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of sustainable and inclusive growth. (agreed ad ref)	m. Reinforcing investment in universal, inclusive and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of sustainable and inclusive growth.
r. Considering the multiplier effects of care and support systems in terms of increasing labour participation, facilitating the transition from informal to formal work and decent working conditions in the care and support sector, ensuring access to social protection for caregivers and care receivers, throughout the life course, investing in social infrastructure and strengthening social protection, as well as the returns on the investments in care and support policies and systems.	q. Considering the multiplier effects of the care and support economy in terms of increasing labour participation, facilitating the transition from informal to formal work and decent working conditions in the care and support sector, ensuring access to social protection for caregivers investing in social infrastructure and strengthening social protection throughout the life course, as well as the returns on the investments in care and support policies and systems.

s. Implementing policies that ensure women's economic empowerment		
by, inter alia, gender responsive budgeting, enhancing women's full		
access to decent work and equal opportunities in the labour market and		
promoting equal pay for work of equal value, ensuring equal		
opportunities and decent working conditions for women workers and		
entrepreneurs, including in rural areas, by eliminating violence and		
harassment in the world of work and discrimination in access to job		
markets, social protection, financial assets and services, productive		
resources, decision making, and providing and increasing, family benefits		
and social support, health care and affordable and quality childcare and		
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III- Social Integration.

- 4. We reaffirm our collective commitment to promoting social integration by fostering sustainable, inclusive, just, stable, safe, equitable and cohesive societies based on the respect for human dignity, promotion and protection of human rights and principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunity, solidarity, tolerance and full and equal participation for all. In this regard, we commit to: (agreed ad ref)
- 4. We reaffirm our collective commitment to promoting social integration by fostering sustainable, inclusive, just, stable, safe, equitable and cohesive societies based on the **respect for human dignity**, promotion and protection of human rights **and principles of** non-discrimination, equal opportunity, solidarity, tolerance and full and equal participation for all. In this regard, we commit to:
- c. Reducing inequalities within and among countries, promoting gender equality, combatting systemic racism and pursuing policies that reinforce social justice, stemming the tide of rising inequalities and ensuring fair and equitable distribution of income and wealth of economic growth and universal access to basic services including healthcare, education, access to safe and affordable drinking water and adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene, adequate housing, electricity, digital infrastructure and connectivity, and social protection.
- c. Reducing inequalities within and among countries, promoting gender equality, combatting systemic racism and pursuing policies that reinforce social justice, stemming the tide of rising inequalities and ensuring fair and equitable distribution of income and wealth of economic growth and universal access to basic services including healthcare, education, access to safe and affordable drinking water and equitable sanitation and hygiene, adequate housing, electricity, digital infrastructure and connectivity, and social protection.
- d. Responding to demographic shifts, including declining fertility rates, rapid population growth and population ageing, and their implications for social integration, including by social policies adapted to all people at all ages, particularly older persons and youth, through strengthened
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social protection systems, inclusion in decision making processes, access to healthcare, lifelong learning, skills development, and digital inclusion and financial and digital literacy, access to inclusive and equitable quality education and promote employment opportunities and skills development, including in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) with the special focus on people in rural and remote areas, persons with disabilities and women and girls.	at all ages particularly older persons and youth, through strengthened social protection systems, inclusion in decision making processes, access to healthcare, lifelong learning, skills development, and digital inclusion and financial and digital literacy access to free inclusive and equitable quality education and promote employment opportunities and skills development, including in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) with the special focus on people in rural and remote areas, persons with disabilities and women and girls.
g. Ensuring that social development policies and programmes integrate persons with disabilities as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development and equal access for persons with disabilities to social protection floors and safety nets, address additional disability-related costs in the design of social protection schemes, and enhance responsive support and accessible services to persons with disabilities which are critical to promoting inclusive development for all. (agreed ad ref)	g. Ensuring that social development policies and programmes integrate persons with disabilities as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development and equal access for persons with disabilities to social protection floors and safety nets, address additional disability-related costs in the design of social protection schemes, and enhance responsive support and accessible services to persons with disabilities which are critical to promoting inclusive development for all.
	IV- Cross-cutting issues in the context of social development.
	Disaster Risk Reduction
10. We recognize that the impacts of disasters caused by human-made or natural hazards pose serious challenges to social development, particularly in developing countries. In this regard, we commit to: (agreed ad ref)	10. We recognize that the impacts of disasters caused by human-made or natural hazards pose serious challenges to social development, particularly in developing countries. In this regard, we commit to:
a. Strengthening adaptive social protection systems, including by enhancing social safety nets and protection floors, improving access to essential services, and developing targeted support programs to safeguard those disproportionately affected by the adverse impact of climate change and disasters caused by human-made or natural hazards.	a. Strengthening adaptive social protection systems, including by enhancing social safety nets, improving access to essential services, and developing targeted support programs to safeguard those in vulnerable situations against the adverse impact of climate change and disasters.
	Gender equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls:

11. We reaffirm the need to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all women and girls throughout their life course and that all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment are removed. We commit to:	11. We reaffirm the need to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all women and girls throughout their life course and that all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment are removed. We commit to:
c. Recognizing, reducing and redistributing women's disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work including through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and programmes and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.	c. Recognizing, reducing and redistributing women's disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.
	Financing for Social Development:
14. We welcome the ambitious package of reforms and actions under the Sevilla Commitment to close the financing gap with urgency and catalyse sustainable development investments at scale, in which we committed to take concrete actions to enhance fiscal space, address debt challenges of developing countries and lower the cost of capital and to provide and mobilize additional, innovative, adequate, affordable, predictable and accessible financing from all sources, recognizing the comparative advantages of public and private finance. In this regard, we commit to:	14. We reaffirm that the realization of social development requires additional, innovative, adequate, affordable, predictable, and accessible financing from all sources, recognizing the comparative advantages of public and private finance. In this regard, we commit to:
b. Increasing investment in social policies, including social protection systems, inclusive education, healthcare and housing.	a. Increas ing investment in social policies, including social protection systems, inclusive education, healthcare and housing.
h. Strengthening multilateral cooperation to enhance fiscal space for social spending and supporting developing countries in ensuring predictable, adequate and uninterrupted funding of social protection and other essential social spending during shocks and crises.	h. Strengthening multilateral cooperation to enhance fiscal space for social spending and supporting developing countries in ensuring predictable, adequate and uninterrupted funding on appropriate terms of social protection and other essential social spending during shocks and crises.