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- d. Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for social protection systems as one of the enablers for eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and fostering social inclusion, as well as investing in programs for poverty eradication, including the feminization of poverty, to address underlying causes of inequality by promoting sustainable economy for the wellbeing of all.
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n. Reinforcing investment in universal, inclusive and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of sustainable and inclusive growth.

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13. We welcome the progress made towards the full implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action through concerted action at the national, regional and global levels. The global wealth of nations has grown significantly since 1995 and international trade has grown even more. Global labour productivity has increased, and the global unemployment rate has reached a historic low. Extreme poverty has been reduced and access to education, health and social protection has improved considerably.

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 extreme poverty. Despite significant global progress in **gradually** expanding social protection coverage, **including** social protection floors, **over three** billion people still lack access to any form of social protection, **including more than 1 billion children**.

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 extreme and multidimensional poverty, address the disproportionate impact of poverty on people in vulnerable situations and combat the feminization of poverty while ensuring that the focus is to build resilience to **shocks and** challenges, rise above the poverty line sustainably and avoid relapsing back into poverty. In this regard we commit to:

c. Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for social protection systems as one of the enablers for eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and fostering social inclusion, particularly for all women and girls, as well as investing in programs for poverty eradication to address underlying causes of inequality by promoting sustainable

economy for the wellbeing of all.

d. **Taking effective measures, including policies and programmes, to address** the root causes of poverty and underlying causes of inequality, providing for the basic needs of all and increasing resilience for interconnected **crises**. These efforts should include the elimination of hunger and malnutrition; the provision of social protection, food security, education, employment, livelihood **and decent work for all, clean** water and sanitation, adequate shelter **and reliable health systems**; and participation in social and cultural life, with special priority given to the needs and rights of women and children **and persons in vulnerable situations**, who often bear the greatest burden of poverty.

g. Strengthening **investment in** social protection systems and measures, including social protection floors, **in line with International Labour Organization recommendations and intergovernmentally agreed standards**, and **progressively achieve** universal coverage, including by extending social protection coverage by at least two percentage points per year, taking into account national circumstances, capacities, and priorities and providing capacity building to developing countries **upon their request**.

h. Promoting child-sensitive poverty eradication strategies within social protection programmes that deliver an integrated package of essential services, including investments in nutrition, early childhood development and universal child benefits.

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:

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**.

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.

m. Reinforcing investment in universal, inclusive and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of **sustainable and** inclusive growth.

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.

r. **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 equal pay for work of equal value, ensuring** equal opportunities and working conditions for women **workers and entrepreneurs** by eliminating 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 promoting the work-life balance, **taking into account national strategies**.

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:

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 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.

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:

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:

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 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:

a. **Increasing** 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 on appropriate terms of social protection and other essential social spending during shocks and crises.**

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(20 references to social protection)

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14. Yet, 30 years after the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, progress **remains** slow and uneven, and major gaps **persist**.

c. In addition, while millions have been lifted out of poverty, vulnerability remains high: billions of people live close to the poverty line and face a constant risk of falling into extreme poverty. Despite significant global progress in expanding social protection coverage and implementing social protection floors, over one billion people still lack access to any form of social protection.

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 extreme and multidimensional poverty**, address the disproportionate impact of poverty on people in vulnerable situations and combat the feminization of poverty while **ensuring** that the focus is **to build resilience to 4 challenges and vulnerabilities and sustainably rise above the poverty line, avoiding exiting and relapsing back into poverty**. In this regard we commit to:

b. Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing for social protection **systems** as **one of the** enablers for eradicating poverty, **reducing inequality** and fostering social inclusion, particularly for all women and girls, as well as investing in programs for poverty eradication to address underlying causes of inequality by promoting sustainable economy for the wellbeing of all.

c. **Focusing our efforts and policies on addressing the root causes of poverty and underlying causes of inequality, providing for the basic needs of all and increasing resilience for interconnected shocks. These efforts should include the elimination of hunger and malnutrition; the provision of social protection, food security, education, employment and livelihood, primary health-care services including reproductive health care, safe drinking water and sanitation, and adequate shelter; and participation in social and cultural life, with special priority given to the needs and rights of women and children, who often bear the greatest burden of poverty, and to the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and persons.**

f. **Strengthening social protection systems and measures, including social protection floors, and universal coverage, including by extending social protection coverage by at least two percentage points of the population covered by at least one social protection benefit per year, taking into account national circumstances, capacities, and priorities and providing capacity building to developing countries.**

g. **Promoting child-sensitive poverty eradication strategies within social protection programmes that deliver an integrated package of essential services, including investments in nutrition, early childhood development and universal child benefits.**

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:

f. **Encouraging to consider supporting 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 the implementation of the relevant recommendations to its work.**

g. **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, vocational training, lifelong learning, entrepreneurship and ensure young people's access to 6 universal, adequate, comprehensive, sustainable and nationally owned social protection systems.**

l. **Reinforcing investment in universal, inclusive and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of inclusive growth.**

q. **Considering the multiplier effects of the care economy in terms of increasing labour participation, facilitating the transition from informal to formal work and decent working conditions in the care sector, investing in social infrastructure and strengthening social protection, as well as the returns on the investments in care policies and systems.**

III- Social Integration.

4. We reaffirm our collective commitment to promoting social integration **by** fostering inclusive, **just, stable, safe**, equitable and cohesive societies **based on the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as on** dignity, **non-discrimination, equal opportunity**, solidarity, tolerance, and full **and equal** participation for all. In this regard, we commit to:

c. Taking action to combat inequalities within and among countries and pursue policies that stem the tide of rising inequalities and ensuring fair and equitable income **and wealth** distribution, and universal access to basic services **including healthcare, education, water, 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 older persons and youth, through strengthened social protection systems, access to healthcare, long-term care, 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, and women, particularly young women.**

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 8 in the design of social protection schemes, and enhance responsive support and 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 adverse impacts of disasters pose serious challenges to social development, particularly in developing countries. In this regard, we commit to:

a. Strengthening adaptive social protection systems 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.

14. We reaffirm that the realization of social development requires ambitious, sustained, and inclusive financing. In this regard, we commit to:

- a. Increasing investment in social policies, including social protection systems, inclusive education, healthcare and housing.

Zero Draft of the Political Declaration – 24 April 2025

Draft Political Declaration of the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development” – 24 April 2025

(12 references to social protection)

- i) Globally, two billion women and girls remain without any access to social protection, compared to 1.8 billion men and boys. If current trends continue, by 2030, an estimated 8 % of the world’s female population – 342.4 million women and girls – will still be living on less than \$2.15 a day.
- k) While efforts have been made to increase social protection coverage, 3.8 billion people lack any kind of social safety net, including 1.8 billion children worldwide.

I- Eradication of Poverty:

- a) Reinforce the necessary measures to upscale investment in social protection as an enabler for eradicating poverty and fostering social inclusion.
- b) Advance the transition to formal employment whilst enhancing resilience to interconnected shocks like pandemics, conflicts, and climate change, including through the funding of social protection floors, with particular attention to the needs of people in impoverished and vulnerable situations.
- c) Strengthen social protection systems to guarantee universal coverage including by extending social protection coverage by at least two percentage points per year.

II- Full and productive employment and Decent work for all:

- e) Encourage to consider supporting the implementation of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions. f) Take the necessary measures to address youth unemployment and to support older workers and their employment opportunities.
- i) Reinforce investment in universal and sustainable social protection systems, as a critical enabler of inclusive growth and social resilience
- l) Consider the multiplier effects of the care economy in terms of increasing labour participation, facilitating the transition from informal to formal work and decent working conditions in the care sector, investing in social infrastructure and strengthening social protection, as well as the returns on the investments in care policies and systems.

III- Social Integration.

- d) Respond to demographic shifts and their implications for social integration: - For older persons: strengthen social protection systems, access to healthcare, long term care, lifelong learning, and digital inclusion. For youth: promote access to quality education and skills in science, job markets, employment opportunities, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and digital literacy.

· Climate Resilience, Just Transition and DRR:

- b) Strengthen adaptive social protection systems by enhancing social safety nets, improving access to essential services, and developing targeted support programs to safeguard vulnerable populations against climate change and climate-related disasters

Financing for Social Development:

- a) Increase investment in social policies, including social protection systems, inclusive education, health, and housing.

Document synthesizing the key messages on the “three pillars of social development”

- Social Inclusion
- Eradicating Poverty
- Full Employment and Decent Work for All
- Synthesis of mandates outlining follow-up to implementation and review from selected United Nations summits and conferences

Food for Thought Paper - 7 March 2025

(8 references to social protection)

IV. Call for action to close the gaps in the commitments of Copenhagen and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 agenda.

Poverty Eradication

- Upscaling investment in social protection is necessary to eradicate poverty and fostering social inclusion and promoting the transition to formal employment whilst enhancing resilience to interconnected shocks like pandemics, conflicts, and climate change. This including through the funding of social protection floors, with particular attention to the needs of people in impoverished and vulnerable situations and strengthening social protection systems to guarantee universal coverage, providing stability and security across the life course. Member States may wish to consider a realistic target to extend social protection coverage by at least two percentage points per year.

Full and productive employment and decent work for all:

- Upscaling investment in social protection [see above section].

Social Integration:

- Reducing inequalities within and among countries, ensuring fair income distribution and expanding access to basic services. Considering the demographic changes and their variety of impacts on social integration. For older persons, need for strengthening social protection systems, access to healthcare, long-term care, employment opportunities, policies supporting older workers, lifelong learning, and digital inclusion. For youth, ensuring access to quality education, STEM and digital skills. Investing in early childhood development, ensuring access to education, health, nutrition and protection of children against violence, exploitation and abuse and combating child labour.

Climate Resilience, Just Transition and DRR:

- Strengthening adaptive social protection systems for vulnerable populations to climate change, climate-related disasters.

V. Implementation, follow-up, and Review of the political declaration.

* Accelerating the Implementation of UN Global Accelerator for Jobs & Social Protection.