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Chapeau

Notes and recommendations

We recommend that the chapeau includes a renewed *commitment to democracy and human rights* as an overarching and cross

Regarding a) DWB has published a study on the underlying proposal of a UN Parliamentary Assembly consulted for detailed recommendations.³ The longstanding proposal enjoys strong support among civil society, experts and individual parliamentarians.⁴ b) and d) are demands of the “We The Peoples” campaign for inclusive global governance that is endorsed by +200 civil society groups and networks well as the Interim People’s Pact for the Future developed and published by the Coalition for the UN We Need.⁶ Most recently, the proposals were endorsed in a report of the Climate Governance Commission and b) were referenced as proposals most frequently mentioned in the UN75 consultations in 2020 in the field of UN renewal.⁸ Regarding c), a self-organized Global Citizens’ Assembly on climate in 2021 was endorsed by the Secretary-General.⁹

None of the proposals requires Charter amendments. We recommend that the chapter ~~reopen and~~ ***inclusive consultations*** in the commitments it includes.

Finally, in line with the Interim People’s Pact mentioned before, we recommend that the document includes a reference to the need ~~to~~ ***reviewing the UN Charter*** as a next step of upgrading the United Nations.

Proposed language

We recognize that a transformation of global governance is required to deliver the future we want.

We note that upgrading the United Nations and a reform of its three principal organs needs to enhance the realization of a democratic and equitable international order.

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We commit to establishing subsidiary consultative parliamentary body of General Assembly that includes elected representatives from Member States

We commit to creating the mechanism of citizens' initiative that allows groups of individuals from across Member States to put forward proposals for consideration by the General Assembly.

We commit to establishing the mechanism of citizens' assembly that gathers randomly selected individuals to seek recommendations on matters of global concern.

We encourage the Secretary-General to establish, in consultation with Member States the General Assembly the office of civil society envoy as a focal point that helps coordinate, facilitate and strengthen the organization's interaction with non-governmental organizations.