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## Chapeau

x  The right to reliable information needs to be included in future development agendas. Multilateral collaboration is built on well-informed, critical, and resilient citizens who have unimpeded access to accurate, high-quality information.

x  The challenges that the international community is facing today can be addressed only through stronger international cooperation. Cooperation requires trust and the exchange of fact-based information. Successful communication is critical to achieve the SDGs and the goals anchored in the Pact for the Future.

x  Viable public interest media ecosystems enable a public sphere that is freely accessible, protected against manipulation and censorship, based on the right of freedom of expression. This is crucial to facilitate meaningful public participation for all and bring in diverse voices. Therefore, nurturing viable public interest media

x   Connecting the unconnected and reconnecting the disconnected is not just about infrastructure and access to the internet. Meaningful connectivity also requires content that is reliable and accessible. Media can play an important role in creating and maintaining an enabling environment in which locally relevant, local language content is created. This supports the achievement of all SDGs.

x   Internet governance is critical for economic, social, and environmental development. It is a crucial enabler of sustainable development, ensuring that the internet is used in a responsible and inclusive manner, and can contribute to promoting access to information, communication, and innovation.

- x Regulation is necessary to ensure that content moderation decisions on digital platforms do not adversely affect journalists and minority groups, particularly in the Global South.
- x Artificial intelligence is a transformative type of technology as powerful as the internet in terms of how it restructures our society. The international community needs to start initiatives to prevent a new digital divide caused by artificial intelligence.
- x Generative AI poses an urgent threat to the integrity of the public sphere. There is a risk of pollution from an infinite volume of untrustworthy, AI-generated content. There is also a risk of a takeover of the public sphere by well-resources actors with access to AI tools that are pushing out independent media. The international community is called upon to ensure globally applicable, human rights-based regulation of AI.
- x The media and technology sector should promote open-source solutions, accompanied by a code of conduct rooted in local collaboration, to encourage transparency and inclusivity.

## Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

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x   National governments and the international community should strengthen mechanisms and structures that provide reliable information to crisis-affected people. Crises hit the poorest and most vulnerable hardest. Local and community media are key to reaching marginalized communities; they are trusted sources of information and offer direct participation.