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ECE-RCEM is a platform with official status of MGoS aimed to enable stronger cross constituency coordination and ensure that voices of Economic Commission for Europe sub-regions are heard in all stages of follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDG implementation. Against this background, ECE-RCEM makes the following inputs and recommendations for the Pact for the Future:

Chapeau

ambiguity of the II, the ECE Regional Civil Society Mechanism (RCEM) calls attention to the extremely worrying shrinking space for civil society. This is a global concern, but very prevalent in the ECE region. It undermines government commitments to human rights and imperils the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

Recommendation:

The chapeau in the 'zero draft' should recognize the dangers inherent to peace and the sustainability of shrinking space for civil society and include a clear recognition of, and commitment to, the full involvement of civil society in all its diversity, across all ages, in all countries, in all areas for the effective implementation of the Pact for the Future.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

investments in social protection. The repercussions disproportionately affect women, girls, individuals with disabilities, youth, and older persons, and those in the care economy often unrecognized for the vital work they do. Gender equality and human rights must be highlighted as cross-cutting issues for the development of the Pact for the Future.

Recommendations:

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impacting public participation and the shrinking space of civil society; and through promoting social dialogue and ICT education.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

(i) Civil society organizations in the UNECE region welcome the elaboration of a Declaration on Future Generations. Ageing is very prevalent with a high percentage of the population in the region over the age of 70 and with life expectancy of 90 plus for women and men.

face challenges due to rising economic, civil and social inequalities in and between countries.
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