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Chapeau

In the line what was agreed in the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly, the Chapeau should set the basis for the Pact for the Future by underlining the commitment to **core principles of the UN Charter** stressing the linkages to the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, the **Agenda 2030** and reaffirming the interlinkages of the **three pillars of United Nations** development, peace and security, and human rights. Furthermore, the Chapeau should acknowledge the need for gender transformative, **intersectional approach** in the Pact, that recognizes and addresses underlying structural causes of inequality, such as norms and power relations. Chapeau should encourage in adopting **inclusive approaches across all Chapters** themes

Moreover, the Chapeau should clarify the interlinkages between the Pact and the **Paris agreement** and efforts in resolving the **climate crisis** that jeopardizes the realization of human rights and the sustainable development goals and hence, is the **challenge** to consider in all future related considerations. Finally, the Chapeau should **support the path for locally led responses** and strengthening

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

The Political Declaration adopted at the 2023 SDG Summit included much needed recommitment to SDGs and offered means to accelerate the implementation of the goals. The Pact of the Future should emphasize and elaborate **connections between the SDGs and the Addis Abeba Action Agenda and the Pact itself** and present **concrete measures** the materialization of the Political Declaration.

There is a great risk that the Sustainable Development Goals **achieved by 2030, and the delay will produce new, more difficult development challenges**. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated poverty, which is interlinked with the rising levels of hunger. Through its work, Felm has witnessed the consequences of different shocks. **only** during the past year, Felm has supported

its partners with 14 additional food security projects. Food security is directly linked and impacted by climate crisis which challenges and jeopardizes the living conditions particularly of the most marginalized groups. Often women and girls are in the most vulnerable position encourages to put special attention in finding concrete means to support **poverty eradication and food security** particularly of the most marginalized groups, and invest in tackling **the inequalities** within societies that hinder the possibilities to achieve development goals.

The negative development trends may accelerate intensity conflicts at the local level. Felm has observed that in some developing countries, radicalization is growing, causing worrying scenarios. In Africa, democratic development seems to be in decline as military coups and authoritarian regimes take control. Local civil society organizations report of signs of shrinking civic space.

their views and take part in the political processes. The role of civil society and local actors needs to be clearly drafted into the operational recommendations of the final document of the summit.

Felm welcomes action 5 on transforming gender power dynamics in peace and security. We want to also emphasise that women's economic and political empowerment, education, better legal protection, sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as respect for their human rights lay a foundation for stability, security, sustainable development and peace.

Globally, there is much discussion and **growing acceptance** by civil society organisations and philanthropy but also by several institutional donors **the need to decolonize aid and international cooperation, including peacebuilding**. The UN's sustaining peace agenda has

Furthermore, it is vital, when reassessing the financial architecture and models of international aid, to address the old unequal power structures and develop more equal partnerships. The reformation of the financial architecture should include the creation of funding tools and mechanisms that address the multidimensional challenges that countries are facing. Finally, it is necessary to take steps to enforce systematic change to the terms of loans, particularly of the least developed countries, and improvement of international debt mechanisms. These acts alone would have the potential of providing increased