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We propose an action-oriented approach for the Summit of the Future, emphasizing the pivotal role of youth as agents of positive change and guardians of integrity. Recognizing the urgent need to address corruption as a barrier to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our proposal aims to harness the power of youth in transforming global governance and fostering a better future for all.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

1.1 Youth-led Initiatives for Sustainable Development: Encourage the establishment of youth-led initiatives that promote sustainable development, focusing on education, employment, and entrepreneurship. Provide financial support and resources for innovative projects led by young individuals committed to integrity and transparency.

1.2 Integrity in Financial Systems: Advocate for youth involvement in financial decision-making processes to ensure transparency and accountability. Promote financial literacy programs among young people to equip them with the knowledge needed to combat corruption in financial systems. Transparency portals and oversight mechanisms should also be at the center of the initiatives.

1.3 Sustainable Youth Entrepreneurship Grants: We propose a grant program supporting young entrepreneurs in sustainable and ethical business practices. This initiative will foster transparency and integrity, with collaboration from the financial industry to integrate microfinancing, financial education, and green finance. The aim is to tailor financial instruments for young, integrity-focused entrepreneurs, bridging gaps in existing financial resources.

Chapter II. International peace and security

2.1 Youth Diplomacy for Peace: Support youth-led diplomatic efforts and peace-building initiatives. Engage young leaders in corruption prevention, ethical leadership, and peacekeeping. These are very closely related. Without a holistic approach we won't have effective and sustainable peace-keeping strategies.

4.1 Youth as Anti-Corruption Advocates: Empower young individuals as advocates against corruption in their communities. Establish youth-led awareness campaigns, workshops, and educational programs that highlight the detrimental effects of corruption and the importance of integrity in achieving a sustainable future. We, the youth, are the leaders of tomorrow and if we want to live in a better future, we need ethical leaders committed to integrity. Corruption is a cross-cutting issue that can be an obstacle for effectively implementing other measures aimed at promoting human rights and sustainable development. Without tackling corruption, we won't be able to achieve other goals and leave a better world for present and future generations.

4.2 Inclusive Decision-Making: Ensure meaningful youth engagement in decision-making processes at all levels. Create platforms for young leaders to voice their concerns, ideas, and solutions, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility in building a corruption-free future.

4.3 Global Youth Day for Future Generations: We propose the creation of "Global Youth Day for Future Generations," an annual event dedicated to inspiring hope and reflection among

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5.3 Global Youth Empowerment in Governance: We propose a comprehensive program that includes leadership training, mentorship, and opportunities for active participation in global governance discussions. This program aims to empower young leaders to organize grassroots anti-corruption initiatives and effectively contribute to policy-making processes. A central feature of this proposal is the International Youth Governance Shadowing Program, which would allow young leaders to shadow senior officials in global governance settings, providing young leaders with the opportunity to gain practical