

Explanatory Note on the REV1 of the Declaration on Future Generations

The Co-Facilitators of the intergovernmental process for the Declaration on Future Generations prepared the present document to assist Member States and Observers in their consideration of the REV1, in advance of the informal consultations on 10th June 2024.

The REV1 builds on the written inputs to the zero draft of the Declaration on Future Generations, submitted on 19th April 2024, which provided a diverse array of general comments and recommendations, textual amendments, and new language proposals. Additionally, the oral interventions made during the first reading of the zero-draft held on 14th and 17th May, allowed for greater understanding of the critical priorities and concerns of delegations, and have been instrumental in shaping this document.

Following member states' guidance, in preparing the REV1 of the Declaration on Future Generations, the Co-Facilitators continued to aim for a succinct, action-oriented document following a three-pronged approach.

First, following suggestions by member states, adjustments were made to the text to reflect language and phraseology common to the UN system. As an example, words used in the zero draft such as "the elderly" were replaced by "older persons" and "the principles and purposes of" were added to references to "the UN Charter". In addition, new language was introduced by the Co-Facilitators as a factual correction in paragraph 3.

Second, in relation to proposed amendments to the text in the zero draft, the co-facilitators prioritized identifying areas of clear consensus among delegations regarding priorities, actions and language, ensuring that these shared viewpoints were well represented in the REV1.