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Statement by H.E. the Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of Portugal to the United Nations in New York, Mr. Jorge Aranda, on behalf of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

Excellences,

This statement was co-facilitated by the Permanent Missions of Guatemala and Portugal to the United Nations, on behalf of the 46 member states of Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies.

The Pathfinders is a high-ambition, cross-regional and multistakeholder coalition committed to building more peaceful, just, and inclusive societies by accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda targets for peace, justice, equality and inclusion (SDG16+).

This statement, presented on its behalf, is in support of the Summit of the Future and the informal consultations to be held on [9 November](#) on the preparations of the Pact for the Future negotiations. In the words of UN Secretary-General Guterres, [the “world is becoming unhinged”, with multilateral institutions facing a choice between “reform or rupture”](#).

As crises after global crises shake the foundations upon which multilateralism is built, the Pathfinders find commonalities amongst differences, while strengthening the collaboration, commitment and action needed to advance a more peaceful, just, equitable and inclusive world. As such, we add particular support to those elements under consideration for the Pact for the Future that most resonate with our work.



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In bringing together [world leaders to forge a new international consensus on “how” to deliver “a better present and safeguard the future”](#), we support that the Pact for the Future aims to build upon previous agreements, such as the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. We have the roadmaps: we now need to deliver on our commitments and strengthen global governance for the sake of present and future generations.

As such, we must recommit to multilateralism, act on concrete solutions to global challenges, and deliver on promises made, including to leave no one behind. We must also demonstrate our conviction in the mutually-reinforcing nature of development, peace and security, and human rights. In the face of extraordinary crises, it is only through such actions and commitments that we can hope to restore trust between member states and between people and institutions.

Building on the 2023 SDG Summit, this means accelerating action to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as an integrated and indivisible agenda. It also calls for mainstreaming the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, reinforcing the outcomes of recent UN high-level meetings related to sustainable development and financing for development, supporting International Financial Architecture reform that addresses inequality within and between countries, and measure progress on sustainable development beyond GDP. Policies and promises can only go as far as the financing and data that back them.

Finally, we reinforce our strong support for building more peaceful, just and inclusive societies, as critical to realizing the 2030 Agenda, as integral to realizing human rights for all, and as imperative to achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, a priority for the world today and tomorrow.

Equal access to justice strengthens our social contract, anchored in human rights, and builds trust. The social, economic and political inclusion of all,



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irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status, is enshrined in the 2030 Agenda.

And at a time where member states are justifiably turning their attention to armed conflict, we must also recommit to the 2030 Agenda's goal of addressing all forms of violence. Halving global violence is indeed an achievable goal through the adoption of evidence-based violence prevention and reduction strategies.

In order to meet existing international commitments and respond to emerging challenges and opportunities, we support peace, justice, equality and inclusion as elements to be fully integrated throughout the Pact for the Future.

I thank you.