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ABOUT:

The Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future was released on January 26th, 2024, marking the start of formal negotiations in preparation for the Summit of the Future (SOTF) scheduled for September 2024. A chapter-by-chapter first reading in early February led to a compilation text, followed by a paragraph-by-paragraph second reading from late February through April. A revised compilation text was then circulated on April 3rd, 2024. To align with the Membership's goal of making the Pact for the Future more concise and action-oriented, Rev.1 was issued on May 14th. The second revision, Rev.2, was subsequently released on July 17th, 2024, followed by the third revision Rev-3 on August 27th, 2024. This bulletin will focus on the Chapeau, comparing Rev-2 and Rev-3 to provide detailed insights.

METHODOLOGY:

This ICH bulletin has compared Rev.3 of the Pact for the Future with Rev.2. The content from Rev.3 and Rev.2 are included in columns 1 and 2, respectively. The third column on “Observations” was written by the Lead Author based on the revised texts and understanding gained by tracking the SOTF negotiations. Direct quotes from the text drafts have been put in quotation marks.

RESOURCES:

1. [Rev.3 of the Pact for the Future](#)
2. [Rev. 2 of the Pact for the Future](#)
3. [Rev. 1 of the Pact for the Future](#)
4. [Zero draft of the Pact for the Future](#)
5. [Compilation text \(as of 3 April 2024\)](#)
6. [Letter from the co-facilitators](#) (dated 4 April 2024)

HEADLINES:

- In paragraph 10, the language on “adequate finance” for sustainable development in Rev.2 has been expanded upon in Rev.3 to read “and mobilizing significant financing for developing countries, with special attention to opportunities for young people and the needs of those in special situations”.
- In paragraph 11, there has been a new formulation of stronger language on climate change.
- In paragraph 12, the language on peace and security has been strengthened in Rev.3 with the addition of language on “we must abide by international law”, “committing to resolve our disputes peacefully, refraining from the threat or use of force or acts of aggression, respecting each-other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, upholding the principles of political

independence and self-determination”, and a sentence on “With challenges and risks to international peace and security taking on more dangerous forms, in traditional and new domains, our efforts must keep pace”

- In paragraph 13, the language on human rights has been strengthened with the additions of language on “human rights law”, “protections” and “full enjoyment of human rights and dignity”, and the formulation “respect, protect, promote and fulfil” human rights. However, reference to “without discrimination” has been deleted in Rev.3.
- Paragraph 14 is a new addition to Rev.3 on reducing inequalities. It reads: “We recognize that our efforts to redress injustice and to reduce inequalities within and between countries to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies cannot succeed unless we step up our efforts to promote tolerance, embrace diversity and combat all forms of discrimination, including racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their abhorrent and contemporary forms and manifestations.”
- Paragraph 16 with language on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations has been strengthened with the operative phrase “We reaffirm our pledge”.

COMPARISON:

Chapeau		
Rev.3	Rev.2	Observations
1. We, the Heads of State and Government, representing the peoples of the world, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations through the actions in this Pact for the Future.	1. We, the Heads of State and Government, representing the peoples of the world, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations through the actions agreed in this Pact for the Future.	The term “agreed” after actions has been deleted in Rev.3.
2. We are at a time of profound global transformation. We are confronted by rising catastrophic and existential risks, many caused by the choices we make. Fellow human beings are enduring terrible suffering. If we do not change course, we risk tipping into a future of persistent crisis and breakdown.	2. We are at a time of profound global transformation. Too many of our fellow human beings face avoidable suffering. We are confronted by a growing range of catastrophic and existential risks. If we do not change course, we risk tipping irreversibly into a future of persistent crisis and breakdown.	The language has been reformulated. The sentence “Too many of our fellow human beings face avoidable suffering” in Rev.2 has shifted to “Fellow human beings are enduring terrible suffering”.

<p>3. Yet this is also a moment of hope and opportunity. Global transformation is a chance for renewal and progress grounded in our common humanity. Advances in knowledge, science, technology, and innovation could deliver a breakthrough to a better and more sustainable future for all. The choice is ours.</p>	<p>3. Yet this is also a moment of hope and opportunity. Global transformation is a chance for renewal and progress grounded in our common humanity. Advances in knowledge, science, technology, and innovation, if properly and equitably managed, could deliver a breakthrough to a better and more sustainable future for all.</p>	<p>The phrase “if properly and equitably managed” in Rev.2 has been deleted in Rev.3.</p> <p>The phrase “The choice is ours” has been added to Rev.3.</p>
<p>4. We believe there is a path to a brighter future for all of humanity, including those living in poverty and vulnerable situations. Through the actions we take today, we resolve to set ourselves on that path, striving for a world that is safe, peaceful, just, equal, inclusive, sustainable and prosperous, a world in which human wellbeing, security and dignity and a healthy planet are assured.</p>	<p>4. We believe there is a path to a brighter future for all of humanity, including for the most vulnerable. Through the actions we take today, we resolve to set ourselves on that path, striving for a world that is safe, sustainable, peaceful, inclusive, just, equal, orderly, and resilient.</p>	<p>The language on “including for the most vulnerable” in Rev.2 has shifted to “including those living in poverty and vulnerable situations” in Rev.3.</p> <p>The language formulation on striving for a world that is “safe, sustainable, peaceful, inclusive, just, equal, orderly, and resilient” in Rev.2 has shifted to “safe, peaceful, just, equal, inclusive, sustainable and prosperous, a world in which human wellbeing, security and dignity and a healthy planet are assured” in Rev.3.</p>
<p>5. This will require a recommitment to international cooperation based on respect for international law, without which we can neither manage the risks nor seize the opportunities we face. This is not an option but a necessity. Our challenges are deeply interconnected and far exceed the capacity of any single State alone. They can only be addressed collectively, through strong and sustained international cooperation guided by trust and solidarity for the benefit of all and harnessing the power of those who can contribute from all sectors and generations.</p>	<p>5. This will require a recommitment to multilateralism, without which we can neither manage the risks nor seize the opportunities we face. This is not an option but a necessity. Our challenges are deeply interconnected and far exceed the capacity of any single State alone. They can only be addressed collectively, through strong and sustained international cooperation guided by trust and solidarity.</p>	<p>The language of Rev.2 has shifted from “This will require a recommitment to multilateralism” to “This will require a recommitment to international cooperation based on respect for international law” in Rev.3.</p> <p>In Rev.3 the phrase “for the benefit of all and harnessing the power of those who can contribute from all sectors and generations” has been added to the end of the paragraph.</p>
<p>6. We recognize that the multilateral system and its institutions, with the</p>	<p>6. We recognize that the multilateral system and its institutions, with the</p>	<p>The formulation of language has shifted from “effective, prepared,</p>

<p>United Nations and its Charter at the centre, must be strengthened to keep pace with a changing world. They must be fit for the present and the future – effective and capable, prepared for the future, just, democratic, equitable and representative of today’s world, inclusive, interconnected, and financially stable.</p>	<p>United Nations at the centre, must be strengthened to keep pace with a changing world. They must be fit for the present and the future – effective, prepared, representative, inclusive, interconnected, and financially stable.</p>	<p>representative, inclusive, interconnected, and financially stable” in Rev.2 to a more extensive listing of “effective and capable, prepared for the future, just, democratic, equitable and representative of today’s world, inclusive, interconnected, and financially stable” in Rev.3.</p>
<p>7. Today, we pledge a new beginning in multilateralism. The actions in this Pact aim to ensure that the United Nations and other key multilateral institutions can deliver a better future for people and planet, enabling us to fulfil our existing commitments while rising to new and emerging challenges and opportunities.</p>	<p>7. Today, we pledge a new beginning in international cooperation. The actions in this Pact represent meaningful changes to multilateralism so that it delivers a better future for people and planet. This will enable us to fulfil our existing commitments while rising to new and emerging challenges and opportunities.</p>	<p>The language in Rev.3 has been reformulated from “The actions in this Pact represent meaningful changes to multilateralism so that it delivers a better future for people and planet” in Rev.2 to “The actions in this Pact aim to ensure that the United Nations and other key multilateral institutions can deliver a better future for people and planet” in Rev.3.</p>
<p>8. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to act in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles.</p>	<p>8. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles. We also reaffirm that the three pillars of the United Nations – sustainable development in all its dimensions, peace and security, and human rights – are equally important, interlinked and mutually reinforcing. We cannot have one without the others.</p>	<p>The phrase “to act in accordance with” international law has been added to Rev.3.</p>
<p>9. We also reaffirm that the three pillars of the United Nations – sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights – are equally important, interlinked and mutually reinforcing. We cannot have one without the others.</p>	<p>8. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles. We also reaffirm that the three pillars of the United Nations – sustainable development in all its dimensions, peace and security, and human rights – are equally important,</p>	<p>This is a new paragraph which has separated the second sentence of paragraph 8 of Rev.2. The phrase “in all its dimensions” after sustainable development which featured in Rev.2 has been deleted in Rev.3.</p>

	interlinked and mutually reinforcing. We cannot have one without the others.	
<p>10. We recognize that sustainable development in all of its three dimensions is a central goal in itself and that its achievement, leaving no-one behind, is and always will be a central objective of multilateralism. We reaffirm our enduring commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. We will urgently accelerate progress towards achieving the goals, including through concrete political steps and mobilizing significant financing for developing countries, with special attention to opportunities for young people and the needs of those in special situations. Poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, remains the greatest global challenge and its eradication is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.</p>	<p>9. The quest to achieve sustainable development for all, leaving no-one behind, is and will always be a central objective of multilateralism. We reaffirm our enduring commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. We will urgently accelerate progress towards achieving the goals, including through concrete political steps and adequate finance. Poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, remains the greatest global challenge and its eradication is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We are mindful that sustainable development can only be secured if we succeed in drastically mitigating global CO2 emissions in order to keep temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius, and support developing countries to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change.</p>	<p>The opening of the paragraph has shifted from “The quest to achieve sustainable development for all” in Rev.2 to “We recognize that sustainable development in all of its three dimensions is a central goal in itself and that its achievement” in Rev.3.</p> <p>In the second sentence, the phrase “and adequate finance” in Rev.2 has been expanded upon in Rev.3 to read “and mobilizing significant financing for developing countries, with special attention to opportunities for young people and the needs of those in special situations”.</p>
<p>11. Climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation are amongst the greatest challenges of our time with adverse impacts that are disproportionately felt by developing countries and those in vulnerable situations. We commit to accelerate meeting our obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. We reaffirm the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees</p>	<p>9. The quest to achieve sustainable development for all, leaving no-one behind, is and will always be a central objective of multilateralism. We reaffirm our enduring commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. We will urgently accelerate progress towards achieving the goals, including through concrete political steps and adequate finance. Poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, remains the greatest global challenge and its</p>	<p>This is a new paragraph which has separated paragraph 9 of Rev.2 and has strengthened the language on climate change.</p>

<p>Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. We underscore the urgency and importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this critical decade in order to keep global average temperature rise below 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels and support developing countries to adapt and respond to the adverse effects of climate change.</p>	<p>eradication is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We are mindful that sustainable development can only be secured if we succeed in drastically mitigating global CO2 emissions in order to keep temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius, and support developing countries to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change.</p>	
<p>12. To live up to our foundational promise to protect succeeding generations from the scourge of war, we must abide by international law, including the Charter, and make full use of all the instruments and mechanisms set out in the Charter, intensifying our use of diplomacy, committing to resolve our disputes peacefully, refraining from the threat or use of force or acts of aggression, respecting each-other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, upholding the principles of political independence and self-determination, strengthening accountability and ending impunity. With challenges and risks to international peace and security taking on more dangerous forms, in traditional and new domains, our efforts must keep pace.</p>	<p>10. The UN Charter commits to protecting succeeding generations from the scourge of war. With that scourge taking on new and more dangerous forms, our efforts must also evolve. We will comply with our obligations under international law and reverse the erosion of international norms. We will make full use of all the instruments and mechanisms set out in the UN Charter and international law, intensify our use of diplomacy to resolve our disputes peacefully, strengthen accountability and end impunity.</p>	<p>The language of this paragraph in Rev.3 on peace and security has been reformulated and strengthened.</p> <p>Language has been added in Rev.3 on “we must abide by international law” and “committing to resolve our disputes peacefully, refraining from the threat or use of force or acts of aggression, respecting each-other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, upholding the principles of political independence and self-determination”.</p> <p>There has also been the addition of the sentence “With challenges and risks to international peace and security taking on more dangerous forms, in traditional and new domains, our efforts must keep pace” which is based on the Rev.2 sentence in paragraph 10 that reads “With that scourge taking on new and more dangerous forms, our efforts must also evolve”.</p>

<p>13. Every commitment in this Pact is fully consistent and aligned with international law, including human rights law. We reaffirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the fundamental freedoms enshrined therein and we will place the full enjoyment of human rights and dignity at the heart of our actions to implement the Pact. We will respect, protect, promote and fulfil all human rights, recognizing their universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness and we will be unequivocal in what we stand for and uphold: freedom from fear and freedom from want for all.</p>	<p>11. Every commitment in this Pact is fully consistent and aligned with international law. We reaffirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the fundamental freedoms and protections enshrined therein and we will place human rights at the heart of our actions to implement the Pact. We will protect and promote all human rights, recognizing their universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness and we will be unequivocal in what we stand for and uphold: freedom from fear and freedom from want for all without discrimination.</p>	<p>In the first sentence of Rev.3, the phrase “including human rights law” has been added.</p> <p>In the second sentence, the phrase “and protections” after fundamental freedoms which featured in Rev.2 has been deleted in Rev.3. The latter part of this sentence has been strengthened in Rev.3 from just “human rights” in Rev.2 to “full enjoyment of human rights and dignity” in Rev.3.</p> <p>In the third sentence, the formulation “protect and promote” all human rights in Rev.2 has been strengthened to include the listing of “respect, protect, promote and fulfil” in Rev.3.</p> <p>At the end of the paragraph the reference to “without discrimination” in Rev.2 has been deleted in Rev.3.</p>
<p>14. We recognize that our efforts to redress injustice and to reduce inequalities within and between countries to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies cannot succeed unless we step up our efforts to promote tolerance, embrace diversity and combat all forms of discrimination, including racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their abhorrent and contemporary forms and manifestations.</p>		<p>This is a new paragraph with new language in Rev.3 on reducing inequalities. It reads: “We recognize that our efforts to redress injustice and to reduce inequalities within and between countries to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies cannot succeed unless we step up our efforts to promote tolerance, embrace diversity and combat all forms of discrimination, including racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their abhorrent and contemporary forms and manifestations.”</p>
<p>15. None of our goals can be achieved without the full, safe, equal and meaningful participation and representation of all women and girls in political and economic life. We reaffirm</p>	<p>12. None of our goals can be achieved without the full, equal and meaningful participation of all women and girls. We reaffirm our commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,</p>	<p>There has been the addition of “safe” in the listing before meaningful participation in Rev.3.</p>

<p>our commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to accelerating our efforts to achieve gender equality, women’s participation and the empowerment of all women and girls in all domains and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.</p>	<p>and to accelerating our efforts to achieve gender equality, women’s participation and the empowerment of women and girls in all domains and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.</p>	<p>The term “representation” has also been added to Rev.3 in addition to “participation”. There has also been the addition of explicit language on “in political and economic life” in relation to participation and representation in Rev.3.</p>
<p>16. We reaffirm our pledge, made on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, to reinvigorate global action to ensure the future we want and to effectively respond to current and future challenges, in partnership with all relevant stakeholders. We recognize that the well-being of current and future generations and the sustainability of our planet rests on our willingness to take action. To that end, in this Pact we commit to sixty actions in the areas of sustainable development and financing for development, international peace and security, science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation, youth and future generations, and transforming global governance.</p>	<p>13. On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, we pledged to reinvigorate global action to ensure the future we want and to effectively respond to current and future challenges, in partnership with all stakeholders.</p> <p>14. We recognize that the well-being of current and future generations and the sustainability of our planet rests on our willingness to take action. We will review progress on the implementation of the actions in this Pact and its Annexes at the beginning of the eighty-third session through a meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government. In the area of sustainable development and financing for development, we will:</p>	<p>The language on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations has been strengthened in Rev.3.</p> <p>Paragraph 13 of Rev.2 read: “On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, we pledged to reinvigorate global action to ensure the future we want and to effectively respond to current and future challenges, in partnership with all stakeholders.”</p> <p>Paragraph 16 of Rev.3 has added “We reaffirm our pledge” made on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and has added the caveat “relevant” before stakeholders.</p> <p>Rather than listing all of the actions as was done in Rev.2 paragraph 14, in Rev.3 paragraph 16, the language has been streamlined to read: “We recognize that the well-being of current and future generations and the sustainability of our planet rests on our willingness to take action. To that end, in this Pact we commit to sixty actions in the areas of sustainable development and financing for development, international peace and security, science, technology and innovation and</p>

		digital cooperation, youth and future generations, and transforming global governance.”
<p>17. We will advance implementation of these actions through relevant, mandated intergovernmental processes, where they exist. We will review the overall implementation of the Pact at the beginning of the eighty-third session of the General Assembly through a meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government. We are confident that by then, we will be well on course towards the better and more sustainable future we want for ourselves, our children and all the generations who will come after us.</p>	<p>14. We recognize that the well-being of current and future generations and the sustainability of our planet rests on our willingness to take action. We will review progress on the implementation of the actions in this Pact and its Annexes at the beginning of the eighty-third session through a meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government. In the area of sustainable development and financing for development, we will:</p>	<p>In paragraph 17 of Rev.3 on follow-up mechanisms, there has been the addition of the sentence “We will advance implementation of these actions through relevant, mandated intergovernmental processes, where they exist” at the beginning of the paragraph.</p> <p>The language has shifted from Rev.2 which read “We will review progress on the implementation of the actions in this Pact and its Annexes” to “We will review the overall implementation of the Pact” in Rev.3.</p> <p>In Rev.3 there has been the addition of the sentence “We are confident that by then, we will be well on course towards the better and more sustainable future we want for ourselves, our children and all the generations who will come after us” at the end of the paragraph.</p>