

## **ICH Special Bulletin on the Pact for The Future – Chapeau**

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**BACKGROUND:** The Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future was released on January 26, 2024. Following consultations with member states, Rev. 1 was published on May 14, 2024. This was followed by Rev. 2, which emerged after the second reading and was released on July 17, 2024. The third revision (Rev. 3) followed on August 27, 2024, and shortly thereafter, the fourth revision (Rev. 4) was released on September 13, 2024. The most recent update, Rev. 5, was disseminated on September 19, 2024. The Pact for the Future and its Annexes were adopted on September 22, 2024. This bulletin will highlight the key topics addressed in the Chapeau and summarize the evolution of the revisions of the Pact for the Future.

#### **KEY TOPICS:**

- A recommitment to international cooperation based on respect for and in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles.
- 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.
- The United Nations, and its Charter at the centre, 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.
- Reaffirming that the three pillars of the United Nations – sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights – are equally important, interlinked and mutually reinforcing.
- Reaffirming an enduring commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.
- 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.
- Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time with adverse impacts that are disproportionately felt by developing countries. We commit to accelerate meeting our obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.
  - *The language on climate change in the Chapeau had been streamlined due to duplications in the climate cluster of Chapter 1.*
- Making full use of all the instruments and mechanisms set out in the Charter, intensifying the 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.
- Every commitment in the 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. The implementation of the Pact will enhance the full enjoyment of human rights and dignity for all, which is a key goal.
- Redressing injustice and reducing 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.
- Reaffirming commitments 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.
- Advancing the implementation of the actions of the Pact through relevant, mandated intergovernmental processes, where they exist. Member States 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.

**RESOURCES:**

1. [Summit of the Future](#)
2. [ICH Bulletins - Pact for the Future](#)