



## Seventh G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) Parliaments for People, Planet and Prosperity

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### Statement

We, the Speakers of the Parliaments of the G20 member and guest countries, assembled in Rome on 7-8 October 2021 during the year of the Italian presidency of the G20, following the invitation of the presiding officers of the Italian Parliament, hereby adopt the following joint statement by consensus:

1. We acknowledge that the G20, which gathers the leaders of the world's largest economies, is a key platform for building international consensus on all major global economic and social issues and that it always strives to find coordinated, fair and effective solutions that can lay the foundations of a strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.
2. We acknowledge the priorities of the G20 Agenda, focusing on three interconnected scopes of action: People, Planet, Prosperity. We believe this is the most effective approach for countering the COVID-19 pandemic that has deeply upset our societies and seriously disrupted our economies, employment, health systems, social relations and education, while also jeopardising the future of the world population, especially of the younger generations. Such an emergency has compounded the other great challenges of our time, such as climate change and the fight against inequality.

#### **A - PEOPLE**

**A 1.** We are convinced that only by adopting a sense of common responsibility and promoting international cooperation will we be able to effectively tackle the pandemic and stimulate global recovery. Multilateralism is the most effective tool to address common threats to the international community, such as the spread of COVID-19, bearing in mind the G20 consensus on the role of extensive immunization as a global public good.

**A 2.** The progress of medical research and the intense vaccination campaigns underway need to be quickly translated into a wider success globally to allow us to look to the future with greater confidence. To this end, in a spirit of solidarity, we must speed up fair, universal and timely access to diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines for all, and



strengthen the healthcare systems' ability to react to future public health crises. We hope the G20 can further stimulate an international effort aimed at vaccinating the entire world population, according to a fair, inclusive and no left behind principle, taking due account of the different development levels of countries. The pandemic has highlighted and widened existing gaps in access to health services, both within and among countries, exacerbating inequality in terms of prevention, treatment and assistance. We urge the G20 governments to recognize that health, economic growth and productivity are interconnected, to put people at the centre and to consider healthcare and public health emergencies when drafting their policies.

**A 3.** We are firm in our conviction that people in vulnerable situation, including women, youths, workers and elderly persons should be protected and that it is necessary to promote employment and access to decent work. We support the enhancement of sustainable and comprehensive social safety nets for unemployed, informal workers and small businesses. We also support lifelong training to prepare the workforce for rapidly changing work scenarios. We believe it is crucial to gather expertise and adopt approaches that can secure decent work for persons of all ages, in particular for young adults.

**A 4.** We hope that the G20 will renew its commitment to promoting gender equality, with a special focus on supporting more and better employment opportunities for women and tackling the gender pay gap through endorsing Roadmap Towards and Beyond the Brisbane Target. We also welcome the effort to promote women's access to leadership and entrepreneurship. We strongly support the goal of ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls and gender violence. We are convinced that equal opportunities for women and men can pave the way for greater prosperity and sustainable development. We, as parliamentary leaders, hereby undertake to make sure that our parliaments truly are gender responsive institutions.

**A 5.** We firmly believe that food security is a crucial goal for stemming hunger, reducing inequality and strengthening social cohesion. We urge the G20 to consider food security a priority and to step up its efforts in order to promote sustainable and resilient food systems, ensure safe and adequate nutrition for all, end all forms of malnutrition, protect and restore biodiversity, develop science-based and innovative solutions while taking into account different local conditions, production systems, consumptions patterns and traditions. We reaffirm the importance of international trade for global food security and nutrition, based on an open, transparent, predictable and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system consistent with WTO rules.

## NOTES<sup>1</sup>

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1 Reservations of Turkish Delegation:

"The international community should take more responsibilities on the refugee crisis. Its heavy burden should not be left to just neighbouring countries. For a sustainable prevention of irregular migration flows, policies should be developed to ensure minimum economic, political, and social conditions of living in the countries of origin".



## **B - PLANET**

**B 1.** We call on the G20 to renew its commitment to play a leading role in contributing to the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We reassert that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the most effective way to promote inclusive and sustainable development and recover from the pandemic. We will bolster efforts to improve our parliaments' ability to take concrete and ambitious actions to implement these international commitments at the national level. Parliament should consolidate its position as the frontier during both policy-making and policy implementation, especially in accelerating SDGs. In addition, we shall try to reinforce international cooperation and solidarity for the achievement of these shared global goals. Multilateralism and local implementation of SDGs are two major strategies that can be taken into account in promoting sustainable development. We invite multilateral organizations to consider innovative ways and instruments to address the situation of those countries with good environmental performance but financially indebted or in need to access international credit.

**B 2.** We are convinced that economic growth and increased human activities must always go hand in hand with the balance of nature, ensuring a sustainable future for the planet, consistently with the goals set by Agenda 2030. We advocate for an inclusive and just transition towards sustainable consumption and production patterns including, as appropriate, circular economy that can enhance the balance between the environment, job creation and business opportunities. This will pave the way for a productive model based on an acceleration of clean energy transitions, including renewable energy and clean technologies. We believe it is fundamental – as pointed out by the current G20 Presidency – to evolve and move towards intelligent and sustainable cities and develop new forms of transport and mobility.

**B 3.** We hope that the G20 will lead by example in the fight against climate change – whose consequences can be devastating for the planet's future – and the effort to achieve the goals set by the UNFCCC Paris Agreement concerning mitigation, adaptation and climate finance, in line with common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and in light of different national circumstances. We appreciate that the current G20 Presidency has acknowledged and stressed the climate-energy nexus. The G20 Summit will also be a key moment in preparation for the 26th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26). We believe that Parliaments can play a key role in addressing this global challenge, as will be highlighted at the Pre-COP26 inter-parliamentary meeting, to be held in Rome immediately after this Speakers' Summit.

**B 4.** We acknowledge that technology advancement has pervaded our lives in many sectors including social, economic and cultural. It is imperative for the G20 countries to take further advantages of this technological advancement to help and mitigate the impact of climate change. We call on the leaders of the developed world to fulfill their commitment regarding technology transfer and climate finance. We urge the G20 leaders



to increase multilateral cooperation in technology for better climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

## **C - PROSPERITY**

**C 1.** We urge the G20 leaders to lead the global recovery, overcoming the current crisis and seizing the opportunities for planning and creating a fairer, more sustainable and prosperous global society. We must continue to support economies and devise plans that aim to create employment opportunities, boost infrastructure investments and promote innovation in order to support the most vulnerable countries and marginalized populations, thereby leaving nobody behind. In addition, we will continue to support the multilateral trading system and strive to strengthen the resilience of Global Value Chains.

**C 2.** We reaffirm our commitment to achieve the goal of eradicating global poverty and reducing inequality. There are large portions of the world population that have no access to the benefits of globalisation and, during the pandemic, inequality have deepened further, including in developed countries. We must therefore promote inclusive and sustainable growth where productivity increases go hand in hand with jobs being protected, with people being given due value for their work and with the tax burden being distributed fairly between finance proceeds and labour income.

**C 3.** We are convinced that prosperity, science and the knowledge society are inextricably linked. We hope that schools, universities and research institutions will take centre stage in all recovery programmes and policies. Investing in human capital, ensuring facilitated access to training and the acquisition of expertise are paramount for promoting growth, sustainable development and the integration of societies. Therefore, we promote integration of science and technology with global efforts in enhancing prosperity and global living standard.

**C 4.** Global recovery must leverage the technological revolution and innovation capacities. We must give new momentum to the digitalisation processes, invest in new technologies – which represent development and integration opportunities – and strive to bridge the digital divide. We must fully mobilise the potential of the technological revolution if we want to tangibly improve living standards in all aspects of life. We call for continued efforts to foster an open and fair digital environment and promote the right to privacy. We should also monitor the distorted use of new technologies and their consequent negative impact on human wellbeing, by defining standards and regulatory frameworks to promote people-centred technological development.

## **D - PARLIAMENTS**

**D 1.** We believe Parliaments should substantially contribute to guide the decisions of the G20 and should monitor their implementation. The voices of our Parliaments must be



heeded in multilateral processes. In view of the experience gathered here in Rome and in the previous Parliamentary Speakers' Summits (P20), we hereby confirm our intention to work with the G20 Summit and urge it to acknowledge the P20 as the parliamentary contribution to the G20 process. We, in turn, will communicate this Joint Statement to our relevant Heads of State and Government.

**D 2.** We thank Italy's Senate of the Republic and Chamber of Deputies for hosting the Seventh Summit of Speakers of G20 Parliaments and for their warm hospitality.

**D 3.** In view of the upcoming G20 Presidency, we look forward to and make best wishes for the next P20 meeting that will be hosted by the House of Representatives of Indonesia in 2022.

N.B.: It is recognised that, due to their constitutional position or other factors, certain Speakers cannot directly associate themselves with substantive political statements, and therefore should not be seen as indicating specific support for all sections. Nonetheless, on behalf of their Chambers, they recognise the importance of the issues raised and the intentions of colleagues in proposing particular ways forward.

Reservations of the Russian Federation:

"The Russian Federation states its position that in this document any reference to 'gender' should be considered as a sex-based concept. Therefore, the Russian Federation understands the word combination 'gender violence' as 'violence against women'".