



**9<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20)**  
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**New Delhi, India**

**JOINT STATEMENT**

We, the Speakers of Parliaments of the G20 Members met at the 9<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit in New Delhi on 13-14 October 2023.

1. We acknowledge the role of G20 as the premier global forum for international economic cooperation, and for delivering effective policy solutions to address current and future global challenges in order to promote sustainable and inclusive development across the world. We also emphasize the importance of the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) as a multilateral forum for parliamentary diplomacy, and the parliamentary contribution to the G20 process.
2. We welcome the comprehensive and constructive dialogue held during the G20 Leaders' Summit and India's G20 Presidency, focusing on the issues related to accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), technological transformation and inclusive digital economy, global economic recovery, food and energy security, addressing climate change, inclusive energy transition, promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns, reinvigorating multilateralism, peacebuilding, counterterrorism, global skill mapping, disaster risk reduction, and strengthening global health architecture.
3. We underline the importance of achieving the 2030 Agenda and acknowledge the essential role of parliaments in ensuring accountability for the effective implementation of its goals and commitments. Towards this end, we acknowledge the role of international development cooperation, guided by the principles of equal partnerships; country ownership; initiatives tailored to national, regional and local needs and circumstances; and taking into account best practices and guidelines. We also reaffirm the importance of promoting the rules-based, open, transparent, fair, and non-discriminatory trading system, with the WTO at its core leaving no one behind, and appreciate the effort of the Parliamentary Conference on WTO.

4. We recognize the rapid progress made by digital technology in recent years in building an open and interconnected world through transforming conventional ways of conducting business and providing public services, which was especially visible during the COVID 19 pandemic. However, we note the persisting digital divide in technological transformation and call for collective mobilization of resources which is essential for an enabling, inclusive, open, fair, non-discriminatory and secure digital economy. We also acknowledge the role of inclusive public digital platforms in bringing social-economic transformation in people's lives. In this context, we welcome the G20 Framework for Systems of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), a voluntary and suggested framework for the development, deployment and governance of DPI. We recognize that safe, secure, trusted, accountable and inclusive digital public infrastructure, respectful of human rights, personal data, privacy and intellectual property rights can foster resilience, and enable service delivery and innovation. We recognize the need for financing mechanisms which are comprehensive, multistakeholder approach with coordinated and voluntary financing and technical assistance, to support use of digital technology that will enable countries, particularly Low and Middle-Income countries (LMICs), to develop DPI ecosystems suited to their own needs.
5. To harness artificial intelligence (AI) responsibly for good and for all, it is our endeavour to leverage AI for the public good by solving challenges in a responsible, inclusive and human-centric manner, while protecting people's rights and safety. To ensure responsible AI development, deployment and use, the protection of human rights, transparency and explainability, fairness, accountability, regulation, safety, appropriate human oversight, ethics, biases, privacy, and data protection must be addressed.
6. We support the creation of opportunities and enhancement of skills across the globe. We believe in the importance of developing a collaborative framework for labor mobility as well as legal migration and mobility partnerships, while preventing human trafficking. Well-integrated and adequately skilled workers benefit origin and destination countries alike. In this context, we encourage G20 countries to work towards ensuring well-managed, regular and skill-based migration pathways, supported by mapping of global skill gaps and policies to address such gaps, as appropriate.
7. We recognize that Parliaments play an important role in encouraging women-led development, deterring from discrimination and enhancing women's full, equal, effective, and meaningful participation as decision-makers for addressing global challenges inclusively. Acknowledging the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises on women and girls, we recognize their substantial role in economic recovery. We will promote equal access to education and professional opportunities, women's entrepreneurship and leadership, financial and digital inclusion, as well as the enhancement of social, healthcare, and educational services. We commit to eliminating all forms of violence and harassment, both online and offline. Towards

this end, we welcome the development and implementation of initiatives to eliminate gender-based violence against women Parliamentarians.

8. We note with concern that globally women remain significantly under-represented in national Parliaments<sup>1</sup>. As leaders in our Parliaments, we commit to assessing and improving the level of gender-sensitivity of our Parliaments by taking steps to close any gaps identified through this process. In this context, we welcome the adoption of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 by the Parliament of India in September 2023. We also thank the United Nations and the IPU for their efforts and affirm that gender equality and youth participation are essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda.
9. The success, growth and development of our world depends on the future generations. We should ensure that our children, the future of the world, are brought up in a safe, caring and protective environment while benefitting from their right to education, so that they can grow into confident and responsible citizens. In this context, we reaffirm the importance of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including further strengthening international cooperation for improving the living conditions of children worldwide, and eliminating all forms of violence and harassment as well as child labour and trafficking.
10. Democracy is not a phenomenon of modern times only. Democratic traditions and values have long been an integral part of ancient civilizations around the world. These deep-rooted democratic values of rule of law, justice, and people's participation at all levels and in decision-making have been a key to achieving socio-economic progress in all stages of history. We recognize the continuing significance of long-standing democratic traditions in empowering people and fulfilling their developmental aspirations and reaffirm our deep commitment to democratic values.
11. The need for revitalized multilateralism to adequately address contemporary global challenges of the 21st century, and to make global governance more representative, effective, transparent, and accountable has been voiced at multiple fora. In this context, a more inclusive and reinvigorated multilateralism and reform aimed at implementing the 2030 Agenda is essential. We underscore the need for enhancing representation and the voice of developing countries in decision-making in global international economic and financial institutions in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable, and legitimate institutions. We also commit to enhancing global governance by promoting democracy domestically as well as in international relations.
12. We reaffirm our steadfast commitments, in pursuit of the objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to tackle climate change by

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<sup>1</sup> According to the IPU, women represent on average around 27% of all Parliamentarians, as of September 2023.

strengthening the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and its temperature goal, reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances. As Parliaments and Parliamentarians, we will also actively engage in IPU's Parliaments for the Planet Campaign.

13. We emphasize the importance of addressing environmental challenges with a sense of partnership as well as the need for our generation to leave the planet in a better shape than what we inherited. We acknowledge the disproportionate impact of climate change and other environmental challenges on women and girls as well as on vulnerable and marginalized individuals. In this context, we acknowledge the importance of investments in sustainable lifestyles, energy transitions and accelerating progress on SDGs. Sustainable and responsible consumption and production coupled with environment friendly life choices and lifestyles, is key to achieving SDGs, including climate goals, and inclusive growth. We welcome the G20 High-Level Principles on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development (LiFE), which promotes and incentivizes adoption of sustainable lifestyles and sustainable consumption and production patterns at the level of all stakeholders including individual, community, institutions, government, industry.
14. Noting the importance of formulating development plans with climate action in mind, we welcome the Green Development Pact and its elements, as agreed to in the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration. We also note that Parliaments can play a positive role in sustainable transitions, including taking action to make their own institutions greener.
15. We also reaffirm our commitment to Universal Health Coverage, as reflected in the 2019 IPU Resolution on the right to health, and encourage efforts to strengthen global health security, including pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.
16. We underscore the urgency of disaster risk reduction in the face of natural disasters and other emergencies, sometimes with magnitudes beyond the response capacity of affected countries. We affirm that international cooperation among countries at all levels, including Parliaments as well as public and private/philanthropic organizations, is essential to mobilize flexible and sustainable resources, for preparedness and disaster risk reduction, for anticipatory and early action, for rapid response and early recovery activities, as well as for building community-level resilience.
17. We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including those on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, recognizing the commitment of all religions to peace. It constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. We strongly condemn all terrorist acts against critical infrastructure, including critical energy facilities, and

against other vulnerable targets. All acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed. Effective counterterrorism measures, support for the victims of terrorism and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing. A holistic approach on the basis of international law can effectively counter terrorism. Efforts to increase the effectiveness of international cooperation should be strengthened to deny terrorist groups safe haven, freedom of operations, movement and recruitment, as well as financial, material or political support. In the light of our legislative, budgetary and oversight functions, we pledge to play our role in combatting terrorism and violent extremism.

18. We welcome the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 and strongly believe that inclusion of the African Union into the G20 will significantly contribute to addressing the global challenges of our time. In this context, in the framework of P20, we will develop close parliamentary ties with the Pan-African Parliament.

### **For the Planet, People, Peace and Prosperity**

19. We note with deep concern the immense human suffering and the adverse impact of wars and conflicts around the world.
20. Concerning the war in Ukraine, while recalling the discussion in Bali, we reiterated our national positions and resolutions adopted at the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly (A/RES/ES-11/1 and A/RES/ES-11/6) and underscored that all states must act in a manner consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the UN Charter in its entirety. In line with the UN Charter, all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state. The use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible.
21. Reaffirming that the G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, and recognizing that while the G20 is not the platform to resolve geopolitical and security issues, we acknowledge that these issues can have significant consequences for the global economy.
22. We highlighted the human suffering and negative added impacts of the war in Ukraine with regard to global food and energy security, supply chains, macro-financial stability, inflation and growth, which has complicated the policy environment for countries, especially developing and least developed countries which are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic disruption which has derailed progress towards

the SDGs. There were different views and assessments of the situation.

23. We appreciate the efforts of Türkiye and UN-brokered Istanbul Agreements consisting of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat of the United Nations on Promoting Russian Food Products and Fertilizers to the World Markets and the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports (Black Sea Initiative), and call for their full, timely and effective implementation to ensure the immediate and unimpeded deliveries of grain, foodstuffs, and fertilizers/inputs from the Russian Federation and Ukraine. This is necessary to meet the demand in developing and least developed countries, particularly those in Africa.
24. In this context, emphasizing the importance of sustaining food and energy security, we called for the cessation of military destruction or other attacks on relevant infrastructure. We also expressed deep concern about the adverse impact that conflicts have on the security of civilians thereby exacerbating existing socio-economic fragilities and vulnerabilities and hindering an effective humanitarian response.
25. We call on all states to uphold the principles of international law including territorial integrity and sovereignty, international humanitarian law, and the multilateral system that safeguards peace and stability. The peaceful resolution of conflicts, and efforts to address crises as well as diplomacy and dialogue are critical. We will unite in our endeavour to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy and welcome all relevant and constructive initiatives that support a comprehensive, just, and durable peace in Ukraine that will uphold all the Purposes and Principles of the UN Charter for the promotion of peaceful, friendly, and good neighbourly relations among nations in the spirit of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.
26. Today's era must not be of war.

## **Conclusion**

27. In view of the constructive discussions held during the 9<sup>th</sup> P20 and experience gained at the previous P20s, we reaffirm our commitment to continue our joint work to make an effective and meaningful parliamentary contribution to the G20 process, as appreciated by the G20 Leaders. We will continue to engage in parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue in relevant fora as a catalyst for promoting international peace, prosperity and harmony, including supporting the peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes. We will further communicate this Joint Statement to our respective Heads of State and Government and engage in the implementation of our shared commitments.

The P20 Presidency will communicate this Joint Statement to the G20 Presidency, and encourages its broad circulation to the G20 community.

28. We thank the Parliament of India for hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit and for its warm hospitality. We also congratulate India on the inauguration of the new building of its Parliament this year, befitting its ancient traditions of peoples' participation in governance and decision-making.
29. As we look forward to meeting again in 2024 under the G20 Presidency of Brazil, we convey our best wishes to the Parliament of Brazil for the 10<sup>th</sup> P20 Summit.

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*NB 1: It is recognized, that due to their constitutional positions 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 recognize the importance of the issues raised and the intentions of their colleagues in proposing particular ways forward.*

*NB 2: Paragraphs 19-26 are from the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, 9-10 September 2023.*