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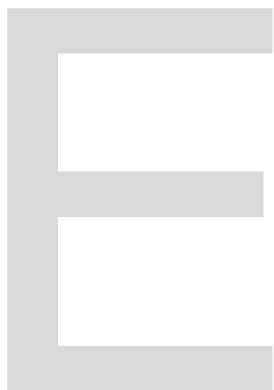
Declaration to mark the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Recognizing that in the 30 years since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (the Convention), the lives of millions of children have been improved through its implementation; that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Convention are inextricably linked and mutually reinforcing; that the twenty-first century has brought forth new challenges; and that there is a pressing need and urgency to accelerate progress and intensify action to ensure that every child enjoys every right, we, parliamentarians, re-affirm our commitment to:

- Upholding and protecting the rights and guiding principles enshrined in the Convention: non-discrimination; the best interests of the child as a primary consideration in all actions concerning children; the child's inherent right to life, survival and development; and the child's right to express his or her views freely in all matters affecting the child, with those views being given due weight;
- Ensuring that our respective countries secure and deploy adequate resources so that all children, including refugee, migrant and internally displaced children, have access to health care services, education and protection from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation;
- Advocating for the protection of all children against all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse, including refugee and migrant children, and, using our role as leaders of public opinion, to break the silence on taboos and to change attitudes, traditions or practices that can be harmful to children;
- Ensuring that national SDGs monitoring frameworks include child-focused indicators;
- Supporting children to learn about and take action on their rights and the SDGs, including in schools and through participatory processes.

We hereby recognize that taking concrete, actionable and time-bound steps towards the full implementation of the Convention, including through policies, laws and budgets in our respective national contexts, constitutes the best and most robust investment we can make to fulfil the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – for children and young people, and for peace, human security and sustainable development.



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