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EU AGENDA FOR A RENEWED MULTILATERALISM



In today's world marked by major geopolitical and economic power shifts, multilateralism is the most effective mean to govern global relations in a way that benefits all. Growing global challenges, such as COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, conflicts and extreme poverty in many parts of the world, make all too evident the need for multilateral cooperation grounded on basic principles of international law and universal values.

In light of these challenges and opportunities, the European Commission and the High Representative are putting forward a set of policy proposals for a new multilateral agenda to deliver for all in today's complex world.

WHAT THE EU WANTS

- » Work for a **renewed rules-based multilateralism fit for the 21st century that serves global governance** as well as EU and global interests and values.
- » Defend **universal values and international law**, including human rights, and promote global agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.
- » Make the most out of its political, diplomatic, and economic leverage.
- » Promote **reform, effectiveness and efficiency of the multilateral system** and a **truly inclusive multilateralism** where governments, civil society, the private sector, academia and other stakeholders work together.
- » Step up EU **leadership** and make better use the ability to act as a convenor, honest broker and bridge-builder.
- » Deepen **partnerships and alliances** with third countries, multilateral and regional organisations, and reinforce coalitions on key priorities.
- » Be **the best ally of multilateral partners**, but demand transformation and truly strategic relationships.
- » Ensure greater **consistency** between multilateral and bilateral diplomacy.
- » Act together with Member States to **deliver with one voice**.

WHAT THE EU WILL DO TO ACHIEVE IT



Promote and defend human rights, make the world a safer place to live

- » Prevent and **end conflicts**
- » Uphold **universal norms** and values, democracy and human rights for all
- » Protect **human rights defenders**, ensure civil society has a strong voice

The EU puts its full weight behind the **UN Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire** and reinforced support for peace processes around the world.

The EU supports the implementation of the UN Secretary General "Call for Action" to advance and **protect the human rights** of all human beings.



Ensure universal access to COVID-19 vaccines

- » Boost **funding for research**, production and **delivery** of safe vaccines worldwide
- » Ensure that **vaccines** are accessible in all countries
- » Strengthen the **global health** system

The EU and its Member States have committed more than **EUR 850 million to COVAX** to purchase and deliver vaccines to low and middle-income countries, as part of the collective objective to **buy 2 billion vaccine doses** by the end of 2021.

The EU is **leading the WHO reform** in Geneva to reinforce its international preparedness and response capacity to health emergencies.



Strengthen global recovery and tackle inequalities

- » Respond to the pandemic's socio-economic impacts **leaving no one behind**
- » Build **just and inclusive societies**, place women at the centre
- » Boost **economic growth and jobs**

"**Team Europe**" approach has mobilised around EUR **38.5 billion** to support the most vulnerable in the fight against the pandemic and its socio-economic consequences.

The EU has proposed a **Global Recovery Initiative** linking investment and debt relief to the 2030 Agenda to secure a truly transformative, post-COVID-19 path.



Win the race against climate change and restore our relationship with nature

- » Achieve **climate neutrality** by mid-century
- » Prevent **biodiversity** loss
- » **Preserve ecosystems** and natural resources

The EU will be **climate neutral** in 2050 in line with the ambition set out in the European Green Deal.

The EU is encouraging others to raise their climate ambitions, meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement and other agreements such as the Convention on Biodiversity.



Establish global rules for new digital technologies

- » Support the development of **normative frameworks for Artificial Intelligence**
- » Promote the **protection of personal data**
- » Protect **human rights online**

The EU will continue to build strategic partnerships to **shape the global digital agenda**.

The EU supports the **UN Secretary General's Roadmap on Digital Cooperation**.



Modernise global institutions

- » Reinvigorate the United Nations to **address effectively the challenges** of the 21st century
- » Lead the **reform of other international institutions, such as the World Trade Organisation**

The EU will continue engaging actively in the reflection process in the follow-up to the **UN75 declaration**, to support efforts to reinvigorate an effective and inclusive multilateralism.

The EU has provided **€30 million** for the UN's 2030 Agenda Fund to support the Development System reform and will pay **€27 million** to the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund over three years.



Build Partnerships and Alliances

- » Boost the EU's relationship with the **United Nations, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund**
- » **Cooperate with like-minded partners** to defend universal principles and international rules-based order
- » Promote targeted **issue-based cooperation** and common initiatives

The **International Platform on Sustainable Finance**, initialised by the EU and other partners already regroups over half of global CO2 emitters and key international institutions.

The EU is shaping **innovative new formats and coalitions** for inclusive multilateralism engaging with civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders, such as the Paris Peace Forum and the Finance in Common Summit.