



DECLARATION

High-Level Summit

"Conflict prevention in a multipolar world: Perspective from g7+ countries"

Friday, 23rd September 2022

We, the members of group of seven plus (g7+) countries met during the high-level week of the 77th session of United Nations General Assembly to:

- Reaffirm our commitment to the g7+ cause of achieving lasting peace, stability and development through national dialogue and reconciliations, effective international development cooperation founded on the principles of the *New Deal for engagement in fragile states* and sharing of experiences thereof.
- Share our collective perspective on how disproportionate the adverse impact of global challenges has been on the world's conflict affected countries such as those in the g7+ and how best to address them.
- Collectively call on the United Nations and the international community to support our efforts in pursuing lasting peace, socio-economic development and inclusive democracy in our countries.

We share our solidarity with the people and the vulnerable population of Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea Bissau, South Sudan, Yemen, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso and other conflict affected countries as they are going through sheer difficulties due to regime change, civil war, external influence, insurgency by armed groups and natural disaster. We call on their leaders to pursue dialogue, reconciliation and national unity and conflict prevention by addressing the root causes of conflict and other crisis.

We request the United Nations, regional and other international actors to support country-owned and led pathways towards peace and stability in conflict affected countries. Bound by sense of solidarity, we the members commit to scale up the g7+ efforts to facilitate and promote peaceful and democratic means of resolving conflicts and addressing differences.

We welcome the signing of peace agreement in Chad and call upon all parties to respect the terms of peace and hence maintain stability, harmony and wellbeing of the people.

The world is facing unprecedented challenges, including but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, political fragmentation, economic downturn, conflicts and extreme poverty. While no country, rich or poor is immune from the impact of these challenges, people in countries affected by decades of wars and civil unrest bear the brunt in the form of increasing poverty due to rising inflation, food shortage, energy shocks and uncertainty. Increasing geopolitical tensions has further undermined peace and stability particularly in conflict affected and post conflict context and territories.

Therefore:

- We call for an immediate ceasefire in all the Members States of g7+ and other countries that are experiencing conflicts. We further call for the promotion of an effective disarmament process in all territories with armed groups. We seek assistance from international community including the United Nations thereto.

- We call upon the regional and global powers to give primacy to the need of shared peace over their vested interests.
- We call on the international community to play a positive role and support peace, stability and development in conflict affected countries. Global peace and shared prosperity in the world rest on peace and stability in these countries; the absence of which is as much the legacy of colonization, cold war, supremacy and undue interference of regional and global powers as it is due to lack of national unity and cohesion.
- Support the goals *to halve emissions over the next decade and reach Net Zero emissions as soon as possible before 2050*. While developing countries such as those in the g7+ countries contribute the least to global warming, they suffer the most from its consequences.

We reiterate our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030. In particular, we remain firm advocates for Sustainable Development Goal number 16 on peace, justice, inclusive societies and strong and effective institutions. We reiterate our belief that there is no development without peace and there is no peace without development; that peace cannot be sustained without access to fair and quick justice; and that effective institutions are crucial to sustainable development. We will regularly convene as group in various fora to share our perspectives on the realization of these goals.

We commit to strengthen cooperation and peer learning among the g7+ member countries under the umbrella of “Fragile-to-Fragile Cooperation” that is founded on the principles of solidarity and voluntarism.

The g7+ group is a unique platform that is founded on the pillars of solidarity and cooperation which goes beyond economic and political interests that usually bind countries into alliance. It has the potential to be a global agent of peace as the world is becoming increasingly multipolar. We reiterate our commitment to strengthen the group through even more political buy-in and coordination. We welcome cooperation with like minded countries and organizations to advance the agenda of peace and stability rooted in the collective will and context of ordinary people.

Having an observer status at the United Nations is an important milestone for the g7+, and thus we entrust our Chair and the g7+ secretariat, to optimize the use of this privilege by establishing representation in New York and facilitating coordination among members at the United Nations to highlight the group’s interest in related discourse and sharing of perspectives and lessons from the global south.

We agree to strengthen and intensify the presence of the Member States as global players in the international fora through endorsements of the candidacies of the Member States to positions and functions in the multilateral organizations within the scope of the United Nations system.

We will convene regularly at the highest level during the high-level week of United Nations General Assembly in New York every year to review progress and ensure that our countries are not left behind in debates on related agenda.

We thank the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for its role in chairing and directing the affairs of the Group and also the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for their continued support to the g7+ Secretariat. We also appreciate the assistance from other member countries, partners and organizations.

Finally, we thank the Permanent Mission of Monaco for hosting the Group during this 2022 Summit.