DECLARATION

High Level Summit during the 81st session of the UNGA

"Charting Concrete Mechanisms for Stability, Self-Reliance, and Resilience"

We, the Heads of State, Government, Ministers, and representatives of the g7+ member countries, met on the margins of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 24 September 2026 to reaffirm our shared resolve to advance peace and stability in g7+ countries and across the globe.

We note with deep concern the escalating conflicts and geopolitical fragmentation, particularly the war in the Middle East. We stand in resolute solidarity with the people and Government of Yemen, a g7+ member, and all other nations inadvertently or directly drawn into these conflicts. We urgently call upon all parties to de-escalate hostilities and resolve differences exclusively through dialogue and diplomatic means.

We express profound concern over the strategic weaponization of vital waterways, transit routes, and international borders as geopolitical chokepoints. Such actions, which contravene international law, including the principles of freedom of navigation and freedom of transit enshrined in international conventions, have imposed disproportionate socio-economic burdens on populations in countries with limited institutional and fiscal capacity. We urge all parties to conflicts to refrain from obstructing trade routes, borders, and maritime passages, and to ensure that these pathways remain safe, open, and secure for international commerce and commercial exchange.

Recognizing that societal divisions often underpin protracted conflicts and create conditions for proxy wars, we reaffirm our commitment to mediation, dialogue, and reconciliation in an era of heightened polarization and uncertainty. To this end, we entrust the g7+ Council of Eminent Persons to lead and expand g7+ efforts to facilitate mediation where needed, fostering cohesion and national unity. We mandate the g7+ Secretariat to develop a mediation and reconciliation framework—anchored in principles of national ownership, inclusivity, and multi-track diplomacy—to guide dialogue processes. We encourage member states and international partners to provide robust backing to this vital initiative.

We note with grave concern the rising tide of hunger and food insecurity driven by conflict, the weaponization of food, the closure of vital borders and waterways, and climate change. Recognizing that contemporary food insecurity stems predominantly from structural barriers to access rather than absolute global food shortages, we call upon the international community, and humanitarian agencies to enforce and uphold robust legal frameworks protecting the right for food. Appreciating initiatives such as our recent membership in the Global Network Against Food Crises, we entrust the g7+ Secretariat to explore policy forums to strengthen discourse and amplify the voices of affected countries in securing food self-reliance.

Climate change compounds these overlapping vulnerabilities, intensifying risks across g7+ nations where conflict, displacement, and constrained fiscal space limit national capacities—exacerbated by the immediate threat of the 2026–2027 El Niño. Recalling our 2024 joint letter, we call for a global climate finance architecture driven by vulnerability over bankability, alongside the full realization of developed nations' obligations under Article 9 of the Paris Agreement. To build lasting resilience, commitments must translate into increased, flexible finances that flow directly to countries most in need.

We observe with regret the mounting pressures facing multilateral institutions and the United Nations, which remain indispensable mechanisms for the Global South. Acknowledging historical disparities in participation, we reaffirm our commitment to a reformed multilateralism that genuinely reflects the aspirations of all nations and effectively addresses global challenges. As a new Secretary-General assumes office in 2027, we urge the incoming leadership to guarantee equitable representation and meaningful participation for g7+ nations in global decision-making processes.

Confronted with diminishing international assistance, we commit to enhancing peer-learning and cooperation among members. We pledge to further empower the g7+ Rapid Response Advisory Centre—launched last year—alongside the proposed Policy Lab to assist members in navigating complex matters of sovereignty and state-building. We entrust the g7+ Foundation and the Secretariat to operationalize and expand these services.

We welcome partnerships with other countries of the Global South wishing to join the g7+ platform.

Commending the dedicated work of the g7+ Secretariat, we welcome its 2025 Progress Report and direct it to intensify advocacy, peer learning, and strategic engagement across the United Nations and regional and international organizations. We extend our deep gratitude to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for its steadfast financial and political support, and we call upon all member states to share this responsibility through financial contributions and the formal ratification of the g7+ Charter.

Finally, we express appreciation to our international partners for their continued support, and we resolve to reconvene in 2027 at the 82nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

ADOPTED BY THE g7+ HEADS OF STATE, GOVERNMENT, AND MINISTERS ON THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 UNHQ, NEW YORK