

**Press Release:**

## **International Leaders Call for Effective Follow-Up Mechanisms for Proposed Pact for the Future**

**New York, 17 July 2024:** Over 50 international leaders, including former heads of state, ministers of government, and leaders of intergovernmental and civil society organizations, have signed an open letter ([link](#)) to Heads of State and Government, and United Nations Member States, emphasizing the critical need for effective and accountable follow-up measures to implement the proposed Pact for the Future. The Pact is the main outcome document under negotiation for the upcoming Summit of the Future this September, and is intended to revitalize global governance with the United Nations at the center.

The letter, released during the Ministerial Segment of the 2024 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), highlights the importance of clear benchmarks for implementation to ensure that the over 50 “Action” commitments in the Pact translate into verifiable measures prior to the anticipated review of the Pact two years following its adoption.

One of the signatories to the Open Letter, María Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly, former Foreign Minister of Ecuador, and current Executive Director of GWL – Voices for Change and Inclusion, said, "GWL Voices believes that the Pact for the Future should serve as a promise, commitment, and action-driven pathway toward a revitalized, rejuvenated, and gender-equal United Nations."

Another signatory to the Open Letter, Danilo Türk, former President of Slovenia and current President of the Club de Madrid, said, "The Summit of the Future must serve to rebuild trust in multilateral cooperation, vital for the future of humankind, and lay down a concrete, collective plan that champions the cause of peace, sustainable economic growth, and an environment where individuals can achieve their fullest potential. With wise leadership and determined action, the challenges of our era can be resolved and a new chapter of human development opened."

"Civil Society has demonstrated its capacity and commitment to work toward a successful Summit outcome," the letter states. "Through the introduction of a bold and far-reaching [People's Pact for the Future](#) and at the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Support of the Summit of the Future, held May 9-10 in Nairobi, Kenya, where delegates established some 20 promising 'ImPACT Coalitions' to raise ambition and support follow-up on Pact for the Future Actions and Commitments."

The leaders emphasize the importance of governments delivering on their promises and implementing their commitments. This will require the active and sustained engagement of civil society around the world.

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