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We are grateful for the opportunity to provide input on the Pact for the Future. Our comments will focus on the Chapeau and Chapters 1-4.

We strongly support a chapeau that reaffirms the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Agenda 2030, and the three pillars of the UN. With regard to poverty in particular, we would like to highlight that poverty is both physically and psychologically harmful (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2019), associated with higher rates of mental illness (Patel & Kleinman, 2003) and other negative psychological outcomes (Haushofer, 2013). Additionally, psychological science indicates the importance of understanding the cognitive and emotional effects of financial scarcity: We all have limited "mental bandwidth," or brainpower, which restricts how much we can focus on at any one time. When we don't have enough of something, such as money, worrying about this scarcity takes up most of our bandwidth, reducing our ability to focus on other tasks (Shah, Mullainathan, & Shafir, 2012, Haushofer, 2013). These kinds of findings have implications for poverty alleviation interventions that take into account human factors (World Bank Group, 2015).

Psychology can make concrete and impactful contributions to the eradication of poverty in all its forms, based on the applications of (g.)-4r1 (h)2.2 (e)-3 (7-1.3 (c)-1.9(ic)-1.9.2 (a) (l)10.6 (s)-1.3rain)2.2 (h)2.2 (p)2.

Psychology can make concrete contributions to understanding root causes and means to prevent and address conflict through the application of research findings to:

1. Explain the origin and manifestations of identity-based conflict (e.g., Allport, 1954, Tajfel, 1979) and the important role of inequitable distribution of resources (Sherif and Sherif, 1954);
2. Transfer and share evidence-based techniques underlying success in conflict resolution including tension reduction, common social change projects, dialogue, and mediation (Deutsch, Coleman, & Marcus, 2006); and
3. Suggest means to scale up successful conflict prevention and resolution to contribute to international peace and security (UN Department of Political Affairs, 2018).

As a discipline, psychology embraces all aspects of the human experience — from the biological bases of behavior, to political negotiations, to learning and cognition, to care for the aging, and much more (APA,

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