

At the Summit of the Future on 22 September 2024, world leaders adopted a Pact for the Future that includes a Global Digital Compact and a Declaration on Future Generations. This Pact is the culmination of a years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow. The hard work of implementation begins immediately.

The adoption of the Pact demonstrates that countries are committed to an international system with the United Nations at its center. Leaders set out a clear vision of a multilateralism that can deliver on its promises, is more representative of today's world and draws on the engagement and expertise of governments, civil society and other key partners.

The Pact is the most wide-ranging international [United Nations] agreement in many years, covering both new areas and issues on which agreement has not been possible in decades. Above all, it aims to ensure that that international institutions can deliver in the face of a world that has changed dramatically since they were created. It makes **clear commitments and achieves concrete deliverables** on a range of issues, with **strong attention to human rights, gender and sustainable development**.

Global leaders vowed to intensify diplomacy to settle conflicts and disputes peacefully, supported by the UN and the UN Secretary-General's good offices.

The Pact promotes the need for national **whole-of-society sustaining peace** efforts through the development and implementation of voluntary national prevention strategies. Strengthened resilience through implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and the importance of ensuring that military spending does not compromise sustainable development investments. Stronger alignment of international financial institutions' funding with countries' efforts to address root causes of instability.

The Pact commits to **protecting civilians** in armed conflict by complying with the laws of war. It also includes a pledge to refrain from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, and to strengthen accountability for serious crimes and gross violations, such as gender-based violence and starvation as a weapon of war. It agrees to scale-up **humanitarian assistance** and increase the use of **innovative and anticipatory financing mechanisms**, including to eliminate famine.

Leaders also agreed to accelerate the implementation of commitments on **Women and Peace and Security** and **Youth, Peace and Security**

The Pact asks for a review of United Nations peace operations to recommend how they can adapt to new and emerging challenges and promotes **counter-terrorism** efforts that address all drivers and enablers of terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, including in the digital sphere. It also affirms the need to prevent and combat **transnational organized crime**, including cybercrime.

One of the Pact's most significant achievements is the first recommitment to **nuclear disarmament** in nearly 15 years, through a clear commitment to the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons, as well as concrete steps on all aspects of disarmament.

The Pact also advanced steps to avoid the weaponization of **emerging domains and technologies**

- a commitment to prevent an arms race in **outer space**
- discussions on an instrument to govern the use and development **lethal autonomous weapon systems**
- continued assessment of risks around the **military applications of AI**.

The Pact introduces measures to **reduce global disparities in science, technology and innovation**, including through scaling-up means of implementation. It addresses barriers to the access, participation and leadership of women and girls in these areas and agrees on the importance of human rights and ethical principles in the development and use of new technologies.

Leaders also committed to the increased use of **science in policy-making** to address complex challenges, and to more funding for SDG-related research and innovation. They decided to strengthen capacities at the UN to leverage STI in the work of the organization, including to support developing countries in achieving the SDGs.

