



Outcome Statement

Meeting of the g7+ Ministers of Foreign Affairs **Safeguarding Peace and Stability in a Changing Global Arena** **75th Session of UNGA, 30 September 2020**

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the g7+ member states, have met virtually on the margins of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

We share our profound solidarity with the victims of COVID-19 pandemic. We reiterate the g7+ joint *Statement of Solidarity and Cooperation; A call for concerted support in our efforts to curb COVID19* issued in May 2020.

We observe in our countries, who are already challenged by being in conflict situations, emerging from conflict or experiencing degrees of fragility, the direct and indirect dire impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which includes, in addition to loss of precious lives, the weakening of basic services delivery, loss of income due to lockdowns and closure of borders, falls in commodity prices, reduction in aid, disruption of trade and investment and increasing unemployment. Therefore, we call upon the international community including the UN agencies, multilateral organizations, International Financial Institutions and regional actors to recognize the specific needs of conflict-affected countries in their efforts to curb the pandemic.

We appreciate the recent briefing by the UN Under-Secretary General of Humanitarian Affairs' to the UN Security Council where he highlighted that the pandemic's indirect consequences will disproportionately impact fragile contexts with threats of increased poverty, child deaths, conflict, forced displacement and starvation. We call on other senior UN leaders and entities to maintain a spotlight on the plight of fragile contexts and work closely with g7+ member states to support our resources for resilience.

We are encouraged to see the development of a vaccine for COVID-19. Cognizant of the economic and social stress in conflict-affected countries, we call for the vaccine to be declared a global public good that should be accessible to every individual, free of cost. Believing in the notion of "*no one is safe until everyone is safe*", ensuring universal access to the vaccine will ensure the safety of all and also ensure that our citizens are not left behind.

We join the UN Secretary General in his continued call for a global ceasefire. Welcoming the ongoing peace process in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Yemen and elsewhere we call upon parties to conflicts to observe a complete and permanent ceasefire. We remain committed to supporting country-owned dialogue and reconciliation, including through concerted advocacy and peer learning.

We express our sincere appreciation to the member states of the United Nations, for granting the g7+ observer status in the General Assembly. We believe that our observer status will contribute to and inform global discourse in matters related to peace, the prevention of conflict, development and stability. Therefore, we commit to optimize the use of this opportunity through increased coordination to advance our collective cause at the UN. We commit our Permanent Missions to the UN in New York to work together and help the g7+ Secretariat to ensure visibility and representation of the g7+ at the UN.

We register our appreciation to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for its continued support to the g7+. We commit and encourage fellow members to join hands and provide the necessary support for a robust and well resourced g7+ Secretariat.

We commit to continue to convene on the margins of the High Level Segment of the United Nations General Assembly to be preceded by regular meetings of our Permanent Missions, to review our progress, consolidate our membership and identify priorities for consideration at the UN.

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