

INTERVENTION NOTES BY THE PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. EMMERSON DAMBUDZO MNANGAGWA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE - INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE 2: ENHANCING MULTILATERALISM FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY: 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Co-Chairs,

This Dialogue serves as a platform for us to reinvigorate our collective commitment to intergenerational collaboration and to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter for a more peaceful and sustainable future for all.

The spirit of solidarity, which is at the core of multilateralism, is increasingly being discarded in favor of unilateralism and exceptionalism. It is therefore critical that the United Nations remains an anchor, that underpins all our collective efforts to address challenges, that are beyond the capacity of one State or even a group of States.

Mr President

Current global conflicts are stretching our multilateral system to its limit, with the real possibility of implosion. We have to address the pervasive historical imbalances that continue to shape our international system - from the legacies of colonialism and slavery, to the unjust global financial system and outdated peace and security architecture.

The Pact for the Future, the Declaration on Future Generations, as well as the Global Digital Compact, must enjoin us, collectively, to address the multifaceted challenges which transcend all our borders.

A key element of the Pact is the involvement of young people in the shaping of a better tomorrow. In Zimbabwe, we are deliberately facilitating youth participation in decision making processes so that they can actively contribute to shaping policies that impact their future and that of generations. Our youth are innovative and have the zeal to make a difference.

Excellencies,

The discourse on the Pact resonates well with our foreign policy, which is premised on an engagement, re-engagement and reaffirmation philosophy. This has enabled us to broaden the scope of our diplomatic outreach, thereby

cultivating new friendships and partnerships. Zimbabwe is a friend to all and an enemy to none.

Guided by the above principles, Zimbabwe reaffirms our commitment to contribute to reinvigoration of the multilateral system for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development. In that regard, Zimbabwe is bidding to return to the Security Council, following a hiatus of almost three decades.

Excellencies,

Let us all recommit to fostering a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future for all.

I thank you.