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- i. **Statement of the Challenge:** The global challenges we currently face highlight the limitations of existing approaches in addressing them. The failure to identify and resolve the root cause of this inadequacy is evident in the prevailing win-lose mindset, where stakeholders vie to limit each other's access to perceived finite resources. This mindset contradicts the principles of sustainable development and fails to embrace the richness of diversity and plurality.
- ii. **Statement of the Solution:** A transformative shift from a win-lose mentality to a win-win paradigm is the key to overcoming these challenges. Embracing synergy and recognizing the potential for mutual prosperity is paramount. In this new belief system, resources are not fixed, but rather, their value is created through collaboration and innovation. A commitment to a positive, inclusive self-image of humanity becomes the foundation for leadership, policy-making, and action, fostering a mindset that views all problems as opportunities for collaborative solutions.
- iii. **Statement of Stakeholders' Benefits:** Any viable solution must bring tangible benefits to stakeholders. National governments, for instance, find success measured by their legitimacy both domestically and internationally. Governments adopting a pluralistic and diverse outlook tend to enjoy higher legitimacy than those adhering to a rigid win-lose

ideology. Moreover, on a global scale, embracing elements of a synergistic worldview proves to be more effective for competitiveness than narrow-minded approaches.

iv. **Action Steps:**

- Rename the United Nations to the United Humanity Organization (UHO), reflecting a commitment to a collaborative and inclusive global perspective.
- Amend the preamble of the UN Charter, transforming it into an actionable declaration rooted in synergy and transformation rather than win-lose dynamics.
- Condition full membership status at the UN, with its accompanying benefits, on adherence to the principles of the new collaborative declaration.
- Extend the same conditionality to media accreditation and organizational affiliation at the UN, fostering a diverse and pluralistic representation.
- Designate an oversight office, such as the International Court of Justice, to monitor and enforce compliance with the collaborative principles outlined in the new declaration. This ensures accountability, transparency, and global commitment to win-win cooperation.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

- v. **Statement of the Challenge:** The prevailing development model, heavily reliant on fossil fuels, is inherently unsustainable. To avert global stagnation, resource conflicts, and the looming threat of civilization collapse, a scalable alternative to fossil fuels is imperative within the coming decades. Despite numerous attempts, finding a viable solution has remained elusive. While speculative options like space-based solar and fusion hold promise, immediate attention must be directed towards two tangible alternatives: terrestrial solar and thorium-based fission. Despite solar's unparalleled scalability, the current approach to addressing its intermittency through local storage has failed: after five decades of investment, mere 1.5% of energy used worldwide is supplied by solar, while fossil fuels still dominate at 82%. Amidst the impending energy crisis, other pressing global issues, including fresh water, phosphate, lithium, plastics, and satellite orbits, also demand urgent resolution.
- vi. **Statement of the Solution:** half the globe is illuminated by the Sun at any given time. A global electric grid – demonstrably feasible financially, socially and environmentally - would integrate the global energy market, sellers and buyers switching their roles every 12 hours. By integrating the global energy market, this grid would eliminate the need for costly local storage and fossil backup. This will provide 100% renewable energy within a few decades, averting the risk of civilization collapse.
- vii. **Statement of Stakeholders' Benefits:** this win-win solution would, besides resolving the energy and climate crises, catalyze massive investment of finance and technology in the global South, produce a productive and profitable outlet for the capital and know-how of

the global North, and create billions of well-paid jobs worldwide. Geopolitical rivalries will be transformed into cooperation, constructive competition and interdependence. The political endorsement of this solution by the two most populous nations on Earth significantly enhances its global acceptability.

viii. **Action Item(s):**

- Take an assertive role in guiding ECOSOC, WTO, World Bank, IMF, and other UN-affiliated economic bodies to prioritize and accelerate funding, support, and coordination specifically for the global solar energy grid.
- Collaborate with relevant organizations, including UNOOSA, UNEP, UNDP, ITU, to advance technologies and frameworks supporting the development of the global solar energy grid.
- Establish a regulatory body to establish and enforce standards and protocols for planning, development, deployment, operation, maintenance and upgrades of the global electric grid, ensuring seamless and effective implementation.

Chapter II. International peace and security

- ix. **Statement of the Problem:** The prevailing zero-sum-game mentality confines nations to a narrow perspective, where enhancing one nation's access to a "resource" necessitates diminishing other nations' access, inevitably leading to conflicts with temporary accommodations.
- x. **Statement of the solution:** Replacing this zero-sum-game mindset with a win-win approach redirects stakeholders towards more constructive endeavors, prioritizing collaboration over conflict. Immediate opportunities for positive change include cooperative development of the global power grid, fostering global cultural and educational exchanges, opening borders for students, and promoting tourism. These avenues offer short-term solutions broadening the long-term opportunities.
- xi. **Statement of stakeholders' benefits:** This win-win solution redirects our most precious resource, human talent and ambition, towards addressing real security challenges rather than exacerbating them.
- xii. **Action Item(s):**
- Urgently establish an international World Wide Web Court to prevent the spread of anti-human, hateful, xenophobic, intolerant, bigoted, and disparaging libel regarding humanity and its diverse parts.
 - Massively increase opportunities for constructive international engagement, as outlined in Action items for Chapters I and III-V.

- Mandate WTO, World Bank, IMF, and other economic bodies affiliated with the UN to provide high-priority restoration and economic development assistance to all sides in any military conflict, immediately available once the conflict is halted.
- Charge UNDSS with providing worldwide, lifelong, and status-independent security services to all officials of all sides in a conflict, starting immediately upon the signing of a peace and cooperation treaty between warring parties.
- Charge UNWTO with keeping borders open for cultural exchanges, fostering understanding and collaboration among diverse societies.
- Charge UNESCO with keeping borders open for students, facilitating international education and knowledge-sharing.
- Make the enjoyment of UN full membership benefits conditional upon compliance with these principles.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

- xiii. **Statement of the Challenge:** Within the existing belief system, there is a prevailing notion that the risks associated with international cooperation outweigh the benefits. This results in an inherent burden on project proponents to prove their initiatives as risk-free to control authorities established to restrict projects deemed inherently risky. Such dynamics stifle cooperation, hinder productive competition, limit investment, and impede scientific progress. Student exchanges and international technology labor markets face protectionism and resource hoarding, leading to wastage of human talent, ambition, and curiosity—the most valuable resource for global civilization.
- xiv. **Statement of the Solution:** Embrace international cooperation and constructive competition, as exemplified in Chapters I and II. Establish a globally accessible, UHO-led, curated and cataloged depository of depoliticized objective scientific knowledge via the World Wide Web with AI-powered information retrieval and presentation mechanisms for enhanced accessibility. Establish a program of UN-funded utilization of developed countries' educational infrastructure to train students from the developing world. Extend this approach to research infrastructure to foster collaborative global scientific endeavors.
- xv. **Statement of stakeholders' benefits:** Access to a global labor pool. Exposure of the international community to and promotion of local achievements and culture. Generation of goodwill and connections across various domains, including business, culture, science, and art. Mitigation of demonization by rivals, thereby reducing tension and conflict.
- xvi. **Action Item(s):**
 - Mandate the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) to create the knowledge depository as outlined in the "Statement of the Solution."

- Direct UNESCO, ILO, and WTO to develop, enact, and sustain student and researcher exchange programs, fostering global collaboration and understanding.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

- xvii. **Statement of the Problem:** The prevailing win-lose worldview disproportionately impacts the youth. Recent graduates face challenges securing full-time employment commensurate with their education, encountering average salaries well below expectations. This hampers student loan repayment and contributes to a decline in marriages and fertility. The outlook for young individuals in developing countries with demand-constrained economies is equally daunting, as reflected in the rise of concepts like "lying flat" or "tang ping" in Chinese culture. Globally, there is a noticeable decline in young people's willingness to bet on a better future, as evidenced by their hesitancy to raise the next generation and contribute to the continuity of human civilization.
- xviii. **Statement of the Solution:** The solution lies in a decisive and unwavering commitment to long-term investment in human development, grounded in a win-win outlook to benefit humanity as a whole and ensure its long-term future. This approach not only facilitates the creation of educational and economic opportunities for the youth but also assures them that investing their time, energy, and talent in pursuing these opportunities is a mutually beneficial decision.
- xix. **Statement of Stakeholders' benefits:** Motivating the young generation to invest in themselves and their future offspring stands as the most compelling evidence of stakeholders' legitimacy. Fostering a sense of purpose and optimism among the youth contributes to the overall well-being of societies, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for all.
- xx. **Action item(s):**
 - Charge the United Nations Youth Office (UNYO) with overseeing strategic investments by WTO, World Bank, IMF, and other UN-affiliated economic bodies into global infrastructure projects with long-term horizons.
 - Establish a minimum annual investment threshold, subject to reconsideration every 30 years, ensuring sustained commitment to future-oriented initiatives.
 - Initiate UN-supported global entrepreneurship programs to empower young individuals to create their economic opportunities, fostering innovation and self-sustainability.
 - Implement widespread skills development programs accessible to youth globally, tailored to current market demands, ensuring better alignment between education and employment opportunities.

- Establish International Mentorship Networks connecting experienced professionals with young talents across borders, providing guidance and opening up global networking opportunities.
- Develop culturally sensitive mental health support programs to address the increasing psychological challenges faced by the youth, promoting well-being and resilience.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

- xxi. **Statement of the problem:** Global challenges resist localized solutions, and an adversarial approach to governance hinders progress. The Security Council's five permanent members, representing only 20% of the world's population, wield veto power over any attempted UN decision. This exclusive group lacks representation from the most populous country on the planet (India) and any country from the continent with the youngest population (Africa). This discriminatory setup undermines the efficiency and legitimacy of the United Nations, hindering the establishment of globally applicable and enforceable rules.
- xxii. **Statement of the solution:** Establishing the supremacy of international law based on principles of fairness and cooperation in clearly defined areas of global impact. Implementing proportional representation, adopting a one-person-one-vote system to ensure fair and inclusive decision-making. Utilizing successful agency models (ICAO, WTO, WIPO, ITU, etc.) as benchmarks for crafting effective international governance in various domains. Comprehensively amending to the UN Charter under Article 109, incorporating the proposed governance model and allowing for adaptability via continuous feedback from all stakeholders.
- xxiii. **Statement of stakeholders' benefits:** averting civilization collapse and global resource war. Permanent legacy as leaders of the transition to United Humanity. Garnering goodwill in recognition of their critical contribution to the process.
- xxiv. **Action item(s):**
- Refer the matter of reforming the UN Charter to the Security Council under UN Charter Article 99, emphasizing the urgency posed by the inefficiencies in global governance that may threaten international peace and security.
 - Form a specialized body to monitor and enforce the proposed governance model's implementation.
 - Engage with global civil society organizations to ensure diverse perspectives and inclusivity in shaping the new governance framework.
 - Convene an international summit dedicated to discussing and gaining consensus on the proposed UN Charter amendment and governance reforms.

- Launch a global public awareness campaign to inform citizens about the proposed changes, encouraging engagement and support.