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SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

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- 12. Cambodia strongly supports efforts to intensify international cooperation to ensure that the proliferation of science, technologies and innovation enhances human development. We must work together to overcome growing digital divides and fight against the misuse of digital technologies. To these ends, Cambodia endorses the Global Digital Compact as a common framework to build an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that will drive the digital transformation of our economies and societies.
- 13. Fourth: It is our shared responsibility to safeguard the needs and interests of our youth and future generations.
- 14. Cambodia, fully recognizing the importance of intergenerational partnerships, commits to the letter and the spirit of the Declaration for Future Generations. Cambodia already has in place a long-term development plan, called the Pentagonal Strategy. It is designed to ensure that our youth are engaged in, and well equipped for, long-term development that harmonizes economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. We also note the progress in mainstreaming youth into the UN-wide system.
- 15. Finally: Transforming global governance for today's challenges is crucial if peace and stability are to prevail and if the Sustainable Development Goals are to be achieved.
- 16. Cambodia is confident that the Pact for the Future will bring about the reforms needed to create a strong multilateral system that embodies inclusive governance, technological equity and fair access to financial resources for development. The Summit of the Future should be remembered as a turning point in international cooperation—one that helped build a sustainable future