



# 2021 G20 Rome Summit Final Compliance Report

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## 11. Development: Inclusive Recovery

“[we reaffirm our commitment to] ... support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies (development)”

*G20 Rome Summit Leaders' Declaration*

### Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.90 (95%)	

### Background

On 31 October 2021, the G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration reaffirmed their commitment to “support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.”<sup>1912</sup>

The international community, including G20 leaders, has long been concerned with sustainable, inclusive development. On 25 September 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit.<sup>1913</sup> This Agenda included 17 SDGs and 169 targets that seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and complete what they did not achieve. These goals and targets recognize that poverty is the greatest challenge facing the international community and the eradication of poverty is a requirement to achieving sustainable development.

<sup>1912</sup> G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1913</sup> Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

At the 2008 Washington, D.C. Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed the importance of the MDGs and “urged both developed and emerging economies to undertake commitments consistent with their capacities and roles in the global economy” amid the economic crisis which occurred that same year.<sup>1914</sup>

At the 2009 London Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the MDGs and to lay the foundation for a “fair and sustainable” world economy. At the same summit, G20 leaders recognized that the economic crisis at the time had a “disproportionate impact on the vulnerable in the poorest countries” and the G20’s collective responsibility to “mitigate the social impacts [of the crisis] to minimize long-lasting damage to global potential.”<sup>1915</sup>

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the MDGs and launched the Framework for Strong, Sustainable, and Balanced Growth, to “promote balanced and sustainable economic development in order to narrow development imbalances and reduce poverty.”<sup>1916</sup>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders identified actions needed to achieve the MDGs by 2015 through the September 2010 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) High Level Plenary. G20 leaders also highlighted that “narrowing the development gap and reducing poverty are integral to [the G20’s] broader objective of achieving strong, sustainable and balanced growth and ensuring a more robust and resilient global economy.”<sup>1917</sup>

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, G20 leaders committed to making a “tangible and significant difference in people’s lives, including through the development of infrastructure in developing countries” by reaffirming the continued commitment to MDGs and the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth.<sup>1918</sup>

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders committed to “mobilizing the political will needed to reinsert sustainable development at the heart of the international agenda” through the “Rio +20” Conference.<sup>1919</sup>

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working with developing countries to support them in “implementing the nationally driven policies and priorities which are needed to fulfill internationally agreed development goals, particularly the MDGs.”<sup>1920</sup>

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Saint Petersburg Development Outlook, which built on the 2010 Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth, and reaffirmed their

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<sup>1914</sup> Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>

<sup>1915</sup> G20 Action Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.pdf>

<sup>1916</sup> The Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, including the Annex: Core Values for Sustainable Economic Activity and the Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

<sup>1917</sup> G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2010toronto.html>

<sup>1918</sup> G20 Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.pdf>

<sup>1919</sup> Final Declaration: Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

<sup>1920</sup> G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

commitment to achieving the MDGs, particularly through “promoting strong, sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth.”<sup>1921</sup>

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to development by “ensur[ing] our actions contribute to inclusive and sustainable growth in low-income and developing countries.”<sup>1922</sup>

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders adopted the G20 and Low-Income Developing Countries Framework and committed to developing an action plan in 2016 to “further align [their] work with the 2030 Agenda.”<sup>1923</sup>

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders pledged to “enhance policy coherence on sustainable development” and reaffirmed their commitment to align their work with the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.<sup>1924</sup>

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to align their work with the 2030 Agenda and “called on countries to work with stakeholders to strive towards [the Agenda’s] ambitious and integrated implementation and timely realisation in accordance with national circumstances.”<sup>1925</sup>

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “leading the transformation towards sustainable development” and support the 2030 Agenda as the framework for advancing this goal and the G20 Action Plan.<sup>1926</sup>

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda through “collective and concrete actions [...] to ensure that no one is left behind.”<sup>1927</sup>

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the G20 Support to COVID-19 Response and Recovery in Developing Countries, the G20 Guidelines on Quality Infrastructure for Regional Connectivity, and the Financing for Sustainable Development Framework.<sup>1928</sup> The leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to “play a leading role in contributing to the timely implementation” of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda

### **Commitment Features**

At the 2021 Rome summit, leaders committed to “support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance

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<sup>1921</sup> G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

<sup>1922</sup> G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communiqu.html>

<sup>1923</sup> G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communiqu.html>

<sup>1924</sup> G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqu.html>

<sup>1925</sup> G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1926</sup> G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1927</sup> G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1928</sup> Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

of nationally owned strategies.”<sup>1929</sup> This commitment can be interpreted as having two main goals: supporting recovery and accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals. The former target includes four main dimensions to support: “sustainable,” “inclusive,” “resilient” and “equitable.”

“Support” is understood to mean give strength to, encourage, give help or countenance to, back up, further, be actively interested in, and assist.<sup>1930</sup> In the context of the commitment, members can “support” inclusive recovery by taking concrete action towards the maintenance of the commitment’s aforementioned dimensions.

“Sustainable” is understood to mean development where the pattern of resource use aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment; where this pursuit expands from domestic policy to the broader scope of international cooperation.<sup>1931</sup> In the context of the commitment, it refers to development that meets the needs of the current recovery period while preserving the environment and potential for repetition of an action.

“Inclusive” is understood to mean all parties are included in the discussion and decision-making process taking into account relative capabilities.<sup>1932</sup> In the context of development, it refers to strengthening the involvement and opportunity of all peoples regardless of background, and ensuring the incorporation of various parties in discussion and development decision making.

“Resilient” is understood to mean able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad occurs.<sup>1933</sup> In the context of the commitment, it refers to recovery being made to withstand crisis situations, such as pandemics, and the promotion of safeguards to protect future development.

“Equity” is understood to mean fairness or justice in the way people are treated and freedom from bias or favouritism.<sup>1934</sup> In the context of this commitment, it refers to practices that aid all groups; this can include, but is not limited to, prioritization of gender equity and racial equity in development.

“Accelerate” is understood to mean the hastening of progress or development of a goal.<sup>1935</sup> “Accelerating” the progress of this commitment can include the creation of programs, money allocation, changes in legislation and other support methods that will contribute to the catalyzation of SDGs.

“Progress” is understood as the process of improving or developing something over a period of time.<sup>1936</sup> In this commitment, progress entails any concrete action towards the betterment of SDGs.

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<sup>1929</sup> G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1930</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1931</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1932</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020 [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1933</sup> Resilient, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resilient>

<sup>1934</sup> Equity, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/equity>

<sup>1935</sup> Accelerate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

<sup>1936</sup> Progress, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/progress>

“SDGs” is understood to mean the Sustainable Development Goals that were outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.<sup>1937</sup> There are 17 SDGs that this commitment refers to: 1) end poverty; 2) end hunger; 3) good health and well-being; 4) quality education; 5) gender equality; 6) clean water and sanitation; 7) affordable and clean energy; 8) decent work and economic growth; 9) industry, innovation and infrastructure; 10) reduced inequalities; 11) sustainable cities and communities; 12) responsible consumption and production; 13) climate action; 14) life below water; 15) life on land; 16) peace, justice and strong institutions; and 17) partnerships for the goals.<sup>1938</sup>

“Nationally owned strategies” is understood to mean well-designed, transparent, and country-led financing frameworks that implement development strategies.<sup>1939</sup> In this commitment, as sustainable development goals are being accelerated, they should recognize the importance of strategies that emphasize subnational and national ownership.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that show strong action in at least three of the four dimensions of recovery and work towards the progress of the SDGs. This can include both domestic and international actions that work towards inclusive recovery but focuses on nationally owned strategies. Strong actions may include but are not limited to policy action or changing legislation, money allocation, infrastructure changes, or enforcement of policy; all of which act to promote sustainable, inclusive, resilient and equitable recovery and the advancement of SDGs. On the international level, strong action can include, but is not limited to, joining or participating actively in international organizations that work to advance SDGs, providing financial support to communities that are struggling to meet targets for SDGs, or providing equitable and inclusive opportunity for communities that face barriers to development through government programs or financing.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members who exemplify demonstrable action in two of the four dimensions to recovery and work towards the progress of SDGs. These actions can include both strong and weak forms of compliance in the international and domestic sphere. Examples of weak actions include but are not limited to attending meetings on SDGs; reaffirming commitments to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and equitable recovery; denouncing action that works against an inclusive recovery or SDGs; or sharing information on prospective changes in development methods with other G20 members. If a G20 member takes partial action on three dimensions of recovery, it would still be considered partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member solely takes demonstrable action in one or zero of the four dimensions to recovery nor has not worked towards the progress of SDGs. For example, if they solely took weak actions to advance SDGs, implement legislation that address only one of the four aforementioned dimensions of recovery, or are made aware of threats to the progress or retrogression of SDGs and do not take action to combat this.

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<sup>1937</sup> Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

<sup>1938</sup> The 17 Goals, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 21 January 2022. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

<sup>1939</sup> G20 Development Ministers Meeting, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 June 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international\\_relations-relations\\_internationales/g20/2021-06-29-communique-development.aspx?lang=eng](https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g20/2021-06-29-communique-development.aspx?lang=eng)

**Scoring Guidelines**

-1	The G20 member has NOT taken action to support a sustainable, inclusive, equitable, and resilient recovery or accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) OR has taken action in only one of the aforementioned four dimensions.
0	The G20 member has taken action to support TWO of the four dimensions of recovery and worked to accelerate progress on SDGs.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action to support THREE to FOUR dimensions of recovery: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) equity, 4) resilience AND accelerated progress on SDGs.

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**Argentina: +1**

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 19 November 2021, General Trustee of the Nation Carlos Antonio Montero and President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies (CNCPS) Marisol Merquel held a meeting analyzing compliance with the SDGs in organizations that make up the National Public Sector.<sup>1940</sup> During this meeting, Deputy General Trustee of the Nation Miranda and Deputy General Trustee Borzi de Lucía signed a collaboration agreement between the General Syndicate of the Nation and the United Nations to promote the design of public policies that allow effective progress to be made in relation to the goals proposed by the UN action plan.

On 25 November 2021, President of the CNCPS Merquel participated with Governor Gustavo Melella in the presentation of the UN mission in Tierra del Fuego, an initiative that aims to promote joint actions between national and provincial governments in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.<sup>1941</sup> According to President Merquel, the mission “is the product of an articulated and coordinated work between the Nation, Province, local governments and the UN to advance jointly in the development and effective fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, to which we adhere as a Member State of the United Nations.”

On 20 December 2021, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero presented the 2021 country report for monitoring progress towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>1942</sup> CNCPS President Merquel stated that the objective of the report is to evaluate the situation of each province in Argentina in conversation with municipalities, with the provincial government and the national ministries, to have concrete actions.

<sup>1940</sup> SIGEN strengthens its commitment to meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 19 November 2021. Access Date: 21 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/sigen-afianza-su-compromiso-con-el-cumplimiento-de-los-objetivos-de-desarrollo-sostenible>

<sup>1941</sup> Merquel and Governor Melella Initiate their UN Mission to Tierra del Fuego, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 27 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. [https://www.argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-el-gobernador-melella-dieron-inicio-la-mision-de-la-onu-en-tierra-del-fuego-0?\\_x\\_tr\\_sl=es&\\_x\\_tr\\_tl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_hl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_pto=sc](https://www.argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-el-gobernador-melella-dieron-inicio-la-mision-de-la-onu-en-tierra-del-fuego-0?_x_tr_sl=es&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc)

<sup>1942</sup> Argentina Commits to Continue Advancing a Development Agenda based on Social Justice, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-argentina-se-comprometio-en-seguir-avanzando-en-una-agenda-de-desarrollo-con>

On 5 January 2022, CNCPS President Merquel and UN Coordinator in Latin America and the Caribbean Roberto Valente signed a letter of intent to advance and articulate joint actions for the implementation of the Objectives of Sustainable Development of the 2030 Agenda at the national level.<sup>1943</sup> With the signing, the CNCPS and UN Argentina renewed their commitment to the 2030 Agenda.

On 10 January 2022, the Embassy of Argentina in Chile and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean's Department of Natural Resources organized a thematic panel exploring innovation, technological development and value addition to lithium exploitation in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile.<sup>1944</sup> The objective of this workshop was to analyze the possibilities of technological exchange, industrialization, innovation and value addition in the lithium chain for electric batteries.

On 31 January 2022, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development passed Resolution 2/2022 which approved the creation of the Inclusive Conservation Program to be developed within the scope of the National Directorate of Biodiversity.<sup>1945</sup> The program's objective is to implement technical and financial support systems for Indigenous communities and other community locals who wish to conserve the natural ecosystems that exist on their land and use natural resources in a sustainable manner.

On 26 January 2022, Coordinator of the Democratic Governance Area of the United Nations Development Program in Argentina Nora Luzi met with Director General of Political and Electoral Reform Javier Tejerizo to evaluate the progress of joint work and set new goals to further the Sustainable Development Goals established by the 2030 Agenda.<sup>1946</sup>

On 17 March 2022, the National Inter-Institutional Commission for the Implementation and Monitoring of the SDGs held a plenary meeting which focused on the drafting of the III National Voluntary Report that Argentina will present at the High-Level Conference on Sustainable Development in New York.<sup>1947</sup> At the meeting, attendees discussed the central components that will be included in the report including other lines of work that CNCPS has carried out in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda including a new urban agenda.

On 9 May 2022, representatives of the Argentine Global Compact Network held a meeting to advance a cooperation agenda with the CNCPS to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to develop joint actions that are in keeping with the 2022 Voluntary National Report.<sup>1948</sup>

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<sup>1943</sup> Merquel and UN Authorities Renew their Commitment to the 2030 Agenda, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2022. Access Date: 2 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. [https://www-argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-autoridades-de-onu-argentina-renovaron-su-compromiso-con-la-agenda-2030-0?\\_x\\_tr\\_sl=es&\\_x\\_tr\\_tl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_hl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_pto=sc](https://www-argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-autoridades-de-onu-argentina-renovaron-su-compromiso-con-la-agenda-2030-0?_x_tr_sl=es&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc)

<sup>1944</sup> Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: ECLAC'S DNR Organizes a Thematic Panel on Innovation, Technological Development and Value addition to lithium exploitation in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 10 January 2022. Access date: 11 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.cepal.org/es/notas/la-drn-la-cepal-organizo-panel-tematico-innovacion-desarrollo-tecnologico-agregacion-valor-la>

<sup>1945</sup> Legislation and Official Notices: Resolution 2/2022, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 31 January 2022. Access date: 8 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/257031/20220203>

<sup>1946</sup> Productive Working Day with UNDP Argentina, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2022. Access date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.buenosaires.gob.ar/gobierno/noticias/productiva-jornada-de-trabajo-con-el-pnud-argentina>

<sup>1947</sup> Plenary Meeting of the National Inter-institutional Commission for the Implementation and Monitoring of the SDGs, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/reunion-plenaria-de-comision-nacional-interinstitucional-de-implementacion-y-seguimiento-de>

<sup>1948</sup> Working meeting with representatives of the United Nations and the Argentine Global Compact Network, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/reunion-de-trabajo-con-representantes-de-naciones-unidas-y-la-red-argentina-pacto-global>

On 11 May 2022, Minister of Education Jaime Perczyk announced that the government will be investing more than ARP9 billion in 36,000 scholarships to promote undergraduate and graduate studies in strategic areas for the nation's economic development.<sup>1949</sup>

On 16 May 2022, National Director of Aquaculture Guillermo Abdala announced that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries will invest more than ARP19 million to equip the marine toxins laboratory in Ushuaia with the capacities for monitoring mussel production in the province.<sup>1950</sup> Undersecretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture Carlos Liberman stated that the initiative “will complement the investments of entrepreneurs of different sizes, so that the projected production for 2025 would reach between 3,500 and 4,500 tons per year, adding 250 jobs to the formal scheme, with more than 12,000,000 dollars in foreign currency.”

On 18 May 2022, Secretary of University Policies Oscar Alpa participated in the III World Conference on Higher Education in Barcelona, Spain.<sup>1951</sup> The conference aimed at defining and preparing a new roadmap that tackles the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic on educational systems. During the ‘Internationalization of Solidarity’ panel, Secretary Alpa stated that “the common understanding that exists among our regions on the perspective of higher education as a human right and a public good must be valued. Under this premise, academic and solidarity cooperation is necessary to promote the formation of citizens and professionals respectful of cultural diversity, committed to intercultural understanding, the culture of peace and with the capacity to live together and work in a local and global community.”

On 27 May 2022, the CNCPS held a plenary meeting headed by President Merquel and UN Resident Coordinator in Argentina Claudia Mojica for the implementation and monitoring of SDGs.<sup>1952</sup> At the meeting, parties shared a preliminary version of the National Voluntary Report regarding the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 2021, which will be presented at the High Level Political Forum in July 2022. This report summarizes the progress, challenges and commitments of Argentina's implementation of the 2030 Agenda thus far.

On 3 June 2022, the Ministry of Education announced an Integral Environmental Education policy to complement the previously introduced Comprehensive Environmental Education in the Argentine Republic policy.<sup>1953</sup> According to the press release, the new policy “includes different lines of action, focused on the complexity of environmental problems, from a rights perspective: the development of teaching proposals for the approach of this anniversary at all educational levels, the production of educational materials and the proposal of a Teacher Training Section of the National Institute of Teacher Training which begins on 7 June 2022.”

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On 15 June 2022, the expansion of water treatment plants in Santa Fe and Granadero Baigorria began.<sup>1955</sup> These projects will benefit 1,317,799 people and is supported by a National State investment of ARP7.2 million. At the event that signalled the start of construction, President Alberto Fernández stated that, “as a state we must facilitate everything that is necessary for the management of the construction of those works that are not seen and that bring water to Argentines who need it.”

On 12 July 2022, Argentina’s United Nations delegation presented the Third National Voluntary Report on Sustainable Development Goals at the United Nations High Level Political Forum in New York.<sup>1956</sup> Following the presentation of the report, Argentina’s delegation participated in bilateral meetings with representatives from India, Spain and the Ecumenical Council with the aim of strengthening common strategies for meeting the sustainable development goals.

On 14 August 2022, the Foreign Ministry announced that three batches of humanitarian aid would be sent to Cuba to alleviate the devastating effects of an oil fire in the city of Matanzas.<sup>1957</sup> On 19 August 2022, the Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Foreign Ministry and Ministry of Health, supplied more than seven tons of health supplies to the Matanzas Hospital in response to the devastating oil storage facility explosion in Cuba.<sup>1958</sup>

On 24 August 2022, Minister Cafiero met with German Secretary of State of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tobias Lindner where they agreed to promote renewable energy development projects, such as green hydrogen, and “reiterated the strong commitment of Germany and Argentina to

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multilateralism, the promotion and protection of human rights, the protection of the environment and the impact of climate change and biodiversity.”<sup>1959</sup>

From 8 September to 9 September 2022, Argentina and the United Kingdom co-chaired the 2022 conference of the Coalition for Equal Rights in Buenos Aires, where 42 Member States of the Equal Rights Coalition and more than 140 civil society organizations will jointly commit to defend the human rights of LGBTI+ people.<sup>1960</sup>

On 12 September 2022, Minister Cafiero met with Assistant Secretary General for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix and reaffirmed Argentina’s commitment to participating in peacekeeping operations.<sup>1961</sup>

On 20 September 2022, President Fernández addressed member states at the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City during which he highlighted the need for the international community to “work on global agreements that ensure democratic stability, peace and coexistence.”<sup>1962</sup>

On 22 September 2022, Argentina offered humanitarian aid to Honduras to support the response to the landslides, floods and related damages that occurred after heavy rainfall.<sup>1963</sup>

On 30 September 2022, Argentina participated in the XIV Ministerial Forum on the Development of Latin America and the Caribbean during which participants “shared experiences on public policies in the field of development in the social, economic and environmental dimensions, to strengthen regional ties and debate overcoming proposals in the face of current challenges.”<sup>1964</sup>

Argentina took strong actions to support the equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by signing resolutions that evaluate the progress of SDGs nationally and accelerate the progress of sustainable land usage. Additionally, Argentina has created financial support systems for Indigenous communities in line with SDG targets.

Thus, Argentina has received a score of +1.

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### **Australia: +1**

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 1 November 2021, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne announced an investment of AUD500 million to support Southeast Asian countries in adapting to climate change.<sup>1965</sup> This initiative aimed to sustain climate, biodiversity and livelihood through better forestry, land and agricultural management.

On 10 November 2021, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) announced it would invest in the Indo-Pacific region's health security by delivering 2.7 million COVID-19 vaccine doses and AUD60 million worth of vaccine storage and access to Vietnam.<sup>1966</sup>

On 10 November 2021, DFAT committed to sharing 7.5 million COVID-19 vaccine doses with Indonesia.<sup>1967</sup>

On 17 November 2021, Minister Payne announced AUD460,000 would be granted to 13 projects that strengthen cooperation between Australia and Indonesia's COVID-19 response through the 2021-22 Australia-Indonesia Institute grants program.<sup>1968</sup> The selected projects included the development of an online education program, a business resilience hub and a training program to construct local capacity in renewable energy.

On 3 December 2021, DFAT announced AUD492 million in funding to protect the health of all Australians through programs such as the Aged Care Preparedness Support Measures Extension, Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19 Program and COVID-19 Indigenous and Remote Response Measures.<sup>1969</sup>

On 3 December 2021, Minister for Regional Health David Gillespie committed to ensuring equal access to health services of rural communities, aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.<sup>1970</sup> He also announced the extension of the Remote Point of Care Testing Programme and COVID-19 vaccine distribution to rural areas.

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On 7 December 2021, Public Service Commissioner Peter Woolcott and Secretary of Prime Minister and Cabinet Philip Gaetjens launched The Australian Public Service Gender Equality Strategy 2021-26.<sup>1971</sup> This strategy provided targeted actions on ensuring gender equality in workplaces, shifting stereotypes and creating equal opportunities to succeed.

On 14 December 2021, DFAT announced AUD85 million to support Fiji's economic recovery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1972</sup> This initiative reflected "Australia and Fiji's shared commitment to economic resilience, health security and stability" in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 13 December 2021, Minister Payne pledged AUD5 million to aid the Philippines in recovering from the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Rai.<sup>1973</sup>

On 16 January 2022, Minister Payne committed AUD3 million to provide immediate humanitarian aid to Tonga in the aftermath of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption and tsunami.<sup>1974</sup> On 20 January 2022, the first emergency relief supplies were delivered which included shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene kits to Tonga.

On 26 January 2022, Minister Payne further committed additional AUD2 million in relief aid to Tonga and continued to coordinate its aid with other countries under the FRANZ Pacific humanitarian response partnership.<sup>1975</sup>

On 20 January 2022, Minister for Science and Technology Melissa Price announced AUD13 million to support women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).<sup>1976</sup> The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources also announced the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering would deliver AUD41.2 million scholarships to help female university students in STEM.

On 21 January 2022, Minister Payne, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Zed Seselija pledged AUD580 million to repair and upgrade several key Papua New Guinea ports.<sup>1977</sup> This initiative will improve Papua New Guinea's commercial capacity and local community access to healthcare and education.

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On 21 January 2022, Australia and the United Kingdom reaffirmed the importance of constructing more secure, resilient and sustainable supply chains of critical, rare earth and battery minerals in the Australia-UK Ministerial Consultations (AUKMIN).<sup>1978</sup> They agreed to link their countries' private sectors to bolster bilateral trade and investment.

On 21 January 2022, Australia and the UK reaffirmed their commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 through cooperation in developing technologies essential in AUKMIN.<sup>1979</sup> The most significant measure is to join the Glasgow Breakthroughs to deliver affordable and accessible clean technologies of hydrogen, steel, power and road transport for polluting sectors.<sup>1980</sup>

On 29 January 2022, Australia sent an eight-person Australian Medical Assistance Team and 37,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to further assist the Solomon Islands' response to the pandemic.<sup>1981</sup>

On 1 February 2022, Australia, France and New Zealand committed to supporting Tonga in recovering from the eruption of the volcano under the FRANZ mechanism by delivering relief supplies which included desalination, telecommunications and medical equipment, as well as food and drinking water.<sup>1982</sup>

On 14 February 2022, Australia made a further five-year, AUD375 million strategic investment in the Indo-Pacific region's health security.<sup>1983</sup> This initiative targeted the avoidance and containment of infectious disease outbreaks and the advancement of healthcare systems in partner countries.

On 14 February 2022, Australia deployed two aircraft to the Solomon Islands to convey 19 tonnes of emergency medical supplies and 300,800 COVID-19 vaccines.<sup>1984</sup>

On 18 February 2022, Prime Minister Morrison launched an AUD21.9 million Indigenous leadership and governance package to support young Indigenous Australians to take on leadership roles, further education and employment.<sup>1985</sup>

On 21 February 2022, Prime Minister Morrison agreed to invest an extra AUD86 million over five years to establish new plantations for future wood supply and manage forestry resources.<sup>1986</sup>

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On 21 March 2022, Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston launched the RecruitAble pilot.<sup>1988</sup> The initiative was designed and delivered by the disabled people to mitigate bias and misconceptions about people with disability and promote inclusive recruitment.

On 24 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison committed to further invest AUD206.5 million to ensure young people with severe and complex mental illnesses have access to treatment services and support.<sup>1989</sup>

On 27 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison pledged to invest AUD365.3 million to support an extra 35,000 apprentices and trainees who are working to become trades people, plumbers, tilers or chefs.<sup>1990</sup> This facility was targeted to bolster the skilled sector and thus the economic recovery.

On 29 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison announced an AUD2.1 million budget package to further support women and girls by raising women's workforce participation, narrowing the gender pay gap, improving women's safety and economic security and funding for women's health and wellbeing.<sup>1991</sup>

On 1 April 2022, Australia committed to contributing AUD85 million and a minimum of 10 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to COVAX to accelerate global vaccination rate and guard the health security of Australia's region.<sup>1992</sup>

On 2 April 2022, Australia signed the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement with India, which eliminated tariffs on wine, sheep meat, wool, as well as other products.<sup>1993</sup> Prime Minister Morrison stated that this agreement will create trade diversification opportunities, valued at up to AUD14.8 billion a year.

On 2 April 2022, Minister Tehan committed to providing 1,000 places for young Indians in participating working holiday programmes in Australia to boost tourism.<sup>1994</sup>

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On 2 April 2022, Minister Tehan agreed to extend the length of stay from two to three years for first-class-honour Indian graduates in the STEM and information and communication technology (ICT) workplace.<sup>1995</sup> This prolongation aimed to enhance STEM and ICT workforces.

On 4 April 2022, Prime Minister Morrison approved an AUD1.25 billion loan to develop Australia's first integrated rare earth refinery that will produce separated rare earth oxide products used in electric vehicles and clean energy generation.<sup>1996</sup>

On 4 April 2022, Prime Minister Morrison committed to providing AUD23 million to innovate and support local manufacturing of life-saving medicines.<sup>1997</sup> This initiative will “directly support 42 jobs with 105 additional along the supply chain.”

On 4 April 2022, Australia introduced the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme that improves workers' protection while easing employers' access to labour.<sup>1998</sup> The reform removed restrictions on seasonal recruitment in regional and rural Australia, gave single visas to foreign workers and established a red tape reduction working group.

On 8 April 2022, DFAT announced AUD2.5 million in funding to “support child nutrition, strengthen productivity for smallholder farmers and improve livelihoods in rural areas” in Sri Lanka through the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization.<sup>1999</sup>

On 23 May 2022, Australia, the United States, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.<sup>2000</sup> This framework was intended to create more transparent, diverse, secured and sustainable supply chains, deepen cooperation in the development of clean energy technologies and combat corruption in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 24 May 2022, Australia, India, Japan and the United States established the Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package.<sup>2001</sup> This package aimed to strengthen clean energy supply chains, boost new cooperation in clean fuel ammonia and Carbon Recycling and welcome information services for disaster risk reduction.

On 1 June 2022, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the creation of a new Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and a new Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for better government delivery; both will take effect on 1 July 2022.<sup>2002</sup>

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On 11 June 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong announced that AUD2.9 million would be allocated to the Standards and Trade Development Facility to fulfill Australia’s World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations.<sup>2004</sup>

On 12 June 2022, Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell reaffirmed Australia’s willingness to approve the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement quickly in parliament and committed to “move rapidly to commence negotiations on the full Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement and capitalize on the enormous potential for closer economic ties between Australia and India” at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12).<sup>2005</sup>

On 13 June 2022, Minister Farrell and United States Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai stated their intention to work closely on policy approaches addressing the challenges around climate, energy and supply chains at the MC12.<sup>2006</sup>

On 15 June 2022, Minister Farrell co-hosted a meeting with Pacific Island counterparts attending MC12, including representatives of New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and the Solomon Islands.<sup>2007</sup> Australia reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Pacific region’s economic recovery through deepening its participation in the multilateral rules-based trading system.

On 16 June 2022, Minister Farrell announced that Australia’s market access negotiations with Timor-Leste had concluded at MC12, during which Australia committed to continue to accelerate Timor-Leste’s integration into the regional and global economy and facilitate its sustainable growth and economic resilience as part of its accession to the WTO.<sup>2008</sup>

On 16 June 2022, Minister Wong and Minister of Aotearoa New Zealand Foreign Affairs Nanaia Mahuta met to discuss the trans-Tasman relationship.<sup>2009</sup> They agreed on the need to tackle climate

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change, support the economic recovery from COVID-19, strengthen gender equality and empower women in the region.

On 16 June 2022, Minister Wong and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy pledged to provide an initial AUD675,000 and 100 solar distillation units to convert well water into safe drinking water to assist Kiribati in responding to the severe drought.<sup>2010</sup>

On 16 June 2022, Prime Minister Albanese and Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen released Australia's updated Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>2011</sup> The new policies included a AUD20 billion investment in Australia's electricity grid, a further AUD300 million to deliver community batteries and solar banks across the nation, a maximum of AUD3 billion investment from the new National Reconstruction Fund to promote renewables manufacturing and low emissions technologies, a AUD100 million to train 10,000 new energy apprentices in combination with a AUD10 million New Energy Skills Program to provide additional training pathways and an investment up to AUD500 million in electric vehicle charging and the establishment of hydrogen refueling infrastructure. They also committed to reducing the emissions of Commonwealth Government agencies to net zero by 2030.

On 17 June 2022, Minister Wong announced Australia would support the Solomon Islands' vaccination campaign for children five to 11 years of age and return-to-school plan with its delivery of up to 200,000 paediatric COVID-19 vaccine doses at its request.<sup>2012</sup>

On 20 June 2022, Minister Wong Australia announced AUD50 million funding in Official Development Assistance to aid Sri Lanka's need in urgent food and healthcare, with an immediate AUD22 million to the World Food Programme for emergency food assistance in Sri Lanka.<sup>2013</sup>

On 25 June 2022, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States introduced a new mechanism supporting Pacific priorities: the Partners in the Blue Pacific.<sup>2014</sup> This initiative encourages greater engagement inclusively, expanded opportunities and thus will help to facilitate development in the Pacific region.

On 25 June 2022, Minister Wong and Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek announced AUD80 million over four years to provide "critical support for developing countries on climate action, restoration of land, plastic pollution, protection of international waters, the elimination of harmful chemicals, sustainable cities and strengthening biodiversity conservation."<sup>2015</sup>

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<sup>2015</sup> Support for developing countries to tackle environment and climate change challenges, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 25 June 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/support-developing-countries-tackle-environment-and-climate-change-challenges>

On 26 June 2022, Minister Wong pledged AUD1 million to assist Afghanistan in recovering from the earthquake which occurred on 22 June 2022.<sup>2016</sup>

On 4 July 2022, Minister Farrell eliminated tariffs on imports to Australia from Ukraine to further deepen Australia-Ukraine bilateral trade and investment relationship.<sup>2017</sup>

On 11 July 2022, Minister Conroy announced an additional AUD2 million to support Kiribati in tackling its drinking water supply shortage as a result of the drought.<sup>2018</sup>

On 12 July 2022, Minister for Resources Madeleine King and Minister Farrell announced Australia's accession to the Minerals Security Partnership along with the United States, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the European Commission.<sup>2019</sup> This initiative sought to “develop and secure global supply chains for critical minerals that are crucial to clean energy technology and the global transition to clean energy.”<sup>2020</sup>

On 12 July 2022, Australia co-hosted the two-day Sydney Energy Forum with the International Energy Agency to discuss the securing of clean energy supply chains in the region and support to the global energy transformation with Indo-Pacific Ministers and business leaders.<sup>2021</sup>

On 14 July 2022, Australia launched the cooperative construction, the new Maritime Essential Services Centre, in Fiji.<sup>2022</sup> This infrastructure project aimed to “boost Fiji's leadership in responding to natural disasters, protect local fishing industries, and increase naval and coastal rescue capabilities.”<sup>2023</sup>

On 14 July 2022, Australia pledged to offer Indonesia AUD1.5 million to combat its recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease with the inclusion of one million FMD vaccine doses.<sup>2024</sup>

On 27 July 2022, Prime Minister Albanese, Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler and Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells introduced the Aged Care Amendment Bill 2022 which required at least one qualified registered nurse to be on site in every residential aged care home 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure the provision of immediate care when needed.<sup>2025</sup>

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<sup>2016</sup> Australia's response to the Afghanistan earthquake, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/australias-response-afghanistan-earthquake>

<sup>2017</sup> Trade assistance to Ukraine, Minister for Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 4 July 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/trade-assistance-ukraine>

<sup>2018</sup> Drought assistance for Kiribati, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/drought-assistance-kiribati-0>

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<sup>2023</sup> Enhancing Fiji's Maritime Domain Awareness, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/enhancing-fijis-maritime-domain-awareness>

<sup>2024</sup> Australia supports Indonesia's response to Foot and Mouth outbreak, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 8 September 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/australia-supports-indonesias-response-foot-and-mouth-outbreak>

<sup>2025</sup> Delivering Labor's Plan To Fix Aged Care, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/delivering-labors-plan-fix-aged-care>

On 4 August 2022, the Australian House of Representatives passed the Climate Change Bill 2022 which enshrined the target of reducing emissions by 43 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.<sup>2026</sup>

On 26 August 2022, Prime Minister Albanese and Minister Plibersek announced the establishment of a biodiversity certificates scheme that aimed to construct paths for carbon offsetting, provide habitat for native species, reduce erosion, improve drought resilience and create shelter for livestock.<sup>2027</sup>

On 30 August 2022, Australia announced AUD31.5 million from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) to support medical researchers “to drive, and contribute to, global efforts to understand and treat COVID-19.”<sup>2028</sup>

On 2 September 2022, Prime Minister Albanese and Minister for Social Services Amanda Rishworth granted Age and Veterans Pensioners additional funding of AUD4,000 to give older Australians the opportunity to continue working and earning.<sup>2029</sup>

On 6 September 2022, Minister Rishworth and Minister Farrell announced AUD3.3 million to establish a Visitor Economy Disability Pilot to support the employment of people with disabilities in the tourism industry.<sup>2030</sup>

On 7 September 2022, the government introduced legislation that aims to lower the maximum cost of general scripts under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme by approximately 30 per cent, which will take effect on 1 January 2023.<sup>2031</sup>

On 19 September 2022, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Milton Dick launched the ‘Parliament in Schools’ program which aims to make civics education accessible to students regardless of their location.<sup>2032</sup> Students will learn about federation, democracy and the parliament.

On 21 September 2022, Prime Minister Albanese announced that Australia would join other nations in endorsing the Leaders Pledge for Nature and highlighted Australia’s “reinvigorated approach to protecting [the] environment and climate leadership and signals [Australia’s] solidarity with other world leaders in [the] commitment to taking strong action on the dual crises of biodiversity loss and climate change.”<sup>2033</sup>

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<sup>2026</sup> Albanese Government Passes Climate Change Bill in House of Representatives, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/albanese-government-passes-climate-change-bill-house-representatives>

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<sup>2030</sup> Creating job opportunities for people living with disability in the visitor economy, Minister for Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 6 September 2022. Access Date: 8 September 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/creating-job-opportunities-people-living-disability-visitor-economy>

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<sup>2033</sup> Australia to Join Leaders Pledge for Nature, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/australia-join-leaders-pledge-nature>

On 30 September 2022, Australia announced AUD56.7 million would be invested through the MRFF in 93 innovative medical research projects that aim to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians, including AUD33.6 million to help “reduce the number of Australians affected by heart disease and stroke.”<sup>2034</sup>

Australia has taken strong actions to support an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery across the globe with foreign assistance in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and climate change. Australia has also accelerated progress on all SDGs and the promotion of equity through financing and launching programs that achieve gender and social equality, develop clean energy and strengthen global partnership.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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### **Brazil: +1**

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 11 November 2021, Brazil joined the new negotiating group on climate change made up of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay at the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland (COP26).<sup>2035</sup> Brazil further announced its strong, continuous commitment to climate action and reaffirmed the importance of science and agriculture for global food security and ecosystems.

On 8 December 2021, the government signed a cooperation agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank to contract a 10-year credit line of BRL1.2 billion for federal and state agents to support the “sustainable development of agricultural production chains in the country.”<sup>2036</sup>

On 16 December 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos França alongside MERCOSUR members agreed with the Minister of Commerce of the Republic of Indonesia Muhammad Lutfi to initiate negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (APEA) between MERCOSUR and Indonesia.<sup>2037</sup> The APEA seeks to create jobs, support long-term economic growth and lower business and consuming costs by strengthening rules-based trade, increasing commercial and cultural ties and opening more markets.

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<sup>2034</sup> \$156 million to support innovative medical research, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/156-million-to-support-innovative-medical-research>

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<sup>2036</sup> Brazil to Boost Agricultural Sector Sustainability with IDB Support, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington, D.C.) 8 December 2021. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/brazil-boost-agricultural-sector-sustainability-idb-support>

<sup>2037</sup> Joint Ministerial Declaration on Launching Negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between MERCOSUR and Indonesia. Government of Brazil (Brasília) 16 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais\\_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-ministerial-conjunta-sobre-o-lancamento-de-negociacoes-para-um-acordo-de-parceria-economica-abrangente-entre-o-mercosul-e-a-indonesia?fbclid=IwAR2aA7C7VDDT3Mxcst9UaKILQioXqgbCB6k6bHjR\\_17xf76HY3j2jKK7vaA](https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-ministerial-conjunta-sobre-o-lancamento-de-negociacoes-para-um-acordo-de-parceria-economica-abrangente-entre-o-mercosul-e-a-indonesia?fbclid=IwAR2aA7C7VDDT3Mxcst9UaKILQioXqgbCB6k6bHjR_17xf76HY3j2jKK7vaA)

On 6 January 2022, the Ministry of Health launched the Cuida Mais Brasil programme to make care for women and children in the country's Unified Health System more accessible.<sup>2038</sup> The federal government announced that it will provide BRL194 million for the works of “pediatricians and gynecologists-obstetricians together with the Family Health and Primary Care teams.”

On 25 January 2022, President Jair Bolsonaro, in an open letter to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), announced the country's readiness to initiate its OECD accession process with other OECD members to support sustainable economic growth with inclusivity, the respect to the rule of law and the protection of the environment in mind.<sup>2039</sup>

On 3 February 2022, President Bolsonaro and President of Peru José Pedro Castillo Terrones endorsed a joint declaration announcing a bilateral agenda to increase cooperation on SDG goals of economic growth and strengthening the means for sustainable development between the two countries.<sup>2040</sup>

On 17 March 2022, Brazil launched the Income and Opportunity program which aims to generate income and increase the purchasing power of Brazilians, especially among those with lower incomes.<sup>2041</sup> This program includes a BRL165 billion stimulus package which provides the public with an early payment of “some public pension checks,” as well as “a new microcredit program and an expansion of payroll deductible loans.”<sup>2042</sup>

On 21 March 2022, Brazil launched a measure to promote the research, the production of and the sustainable use of biomethane under the decree that established the Federal Strategy for Incentive to the Sustainable Use of Biogas and Biomethane.<sup>2043</sup> The government will invest more than BRL7 billion to build 25 new biofuel plants, which will generate 6,500 jobs. This initiative seeks to contribute to the methane emissions reduction target of 30 per cent by 2030 which was highlighted during COP26.

On 25 March 2022, Brazil launched additional actions through the Income and Opportunity Program, offering a series of measures to stabilize the employment rate and the economy by creating more

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<sup>2038</sup> Federal Government launches Cuida Mais Brasil to strengthen maternal and child care in the SUS, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 6 January 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/saude-e-vigilancia-sanitaria/2022/01/governo-federal-lanca-cuida-mais-brasil-para-fortalecer-atendimento-materno-infantil-no-sus>

<sup>2039</sup> Letter from the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Government of Brazil (Brasília) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/content-centers/speeches-articles-and-interviews/president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil/documents/letter-from-the-president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil-to-the-secretary-general-of-the-organisation-for-economic-co-operation-and-development-oecd>

<sup>2040</sup> Joint Presidential Statement by the Presidents of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Jair Messias Bolsonaro, and of the Republic of Peru, José Pedro Castillo Terrones, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 3 February 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais\\_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-presidencial-conjunta-dos-presidentes-da-republica-federativa-do-brasil-jair-messias-bolsonaro-e-da-republica-do-peru-jose-pedro-castillo-terrones](https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-presidencial-conjunta-dos-presidentes-da-republica-federativa-do-brasil-jair-messias-bolsonaro-e-da-republica-do-peru-jose-pedro-castillo-terrones)

<sup>2041</sup> Federal Government launches Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/institucionais/ministerio-do-trabalho-e-previdencia-lanca-programa-renda-e-oportunidade>

<sup>2042</sup> Brazil government readies \$32 billion of economic stimulus -sources, Reuters 14 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/brazil-government-readies-32-billion-economic-stimulus-sources-2022-03-14/>

<sup>2043</sup> Federal Government launches measures to encourage the production and sustainable use of biomethane, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 21 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-lanca-medidas-de-incentivo-a-producao-e-ao-uso-sustentavel-do-biometano>

income and increasing the purchasing power of Brazilians.<sup>2044</sup> The program will increase payroll loans, offer new and free training for workers and protect workers' income and companies' interests.<sup>2045</sup>

On 25 March 2022, Brazil pledged to invest BRL18.5 million and the Ministry of Regional Development pledged an additional BRL39 million in the Ilhas do Caribe residential project.<sup>2046</sup> This project aims to build 496 homes to benefit 2000 low-income people in the city of Potiguar.

On 2 April 2022, Brazil announced the investment of BRL278 billion in public housing and urbanization works by 2025.<sup>2047</sup> This investment aims to provide 2.5 million housing contracts with reduced interest rates for marginalized populations.

On 4 April 2022, Brazil announced the release of BRL9 billion from the National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development for clean energy and sustainable development in the sector of automotive to decarbonize transportation in Brazil.<sup>2048</sup>

On 9 April 2022, Brazil signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation which secured a USD875,000 investment for “sustainable sanitation services in rural areas and traditional communities.”<sup>2049</sup> This agreement is a part of the Rural Brazil Sanitation Program, a federal initiative with the goal of providing universal sanitation services to rural regions which will benefit 40 million people in 20 years.

On 13 April 2022, Brazil announced the National Solid Waste Plan which provides “guidelines, strategies, actions and targets to improve the management of solid waste in the country.”<sup>2050</sup> The Plan reinforces Brazil's commitment to close all garbage dump sites by 2024 and aims to increase waste recovery to about 50 per cent in 20 years.

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<sup>2044</sup> Federal Government launches more actions of the Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 24 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022 Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/institucionais/governo-federal-lanca-mais-aco-es-do-programa-renda-e-oportunidade>

<sup>2045</sup> Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/assuntos/rendaeoportunidade#regulamenta--o-do-teletrabalho-e-regula--o-do-aux-lio-alimenta--o>

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<sup>2048</sup> The Brazilian government decided to elaborate a research and development plan to decarbonize transportation in Brazil, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/the-brazilian-government-decided-to-elaborate-a-research-and-development-plan-to-decarbonize-transportation-in-brazil>

<sup>2049</sup> Cooperation Agreement destines US\$ 875,000 for basic sanitation in rural areas, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 9 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/technical-cooperation-agreement-guarantees-investments-and-development-in-rural-areas>

<sup>2050</sup> Federal Government ends the wait of more than 10 years and publishes decree on the National Solid Waste Plan, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 14 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-acaba-com-a-espera-de-mais-de-10-anos-e-publica-decreto-do-plano-nacional-de-residuos-solidos>

On 13 April 2022, the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of the Economy launched the Recycling Credit Certificate, or the Recicla+ Program.<sup>2051</sup> This program aims to reduce the generation of waste, improve the value of wastes in their lifecycle by encouraging the use and reuse of waste, provide collaboration between different actors on different ends of the reverse waste logistic systems, protect the environment from excessive, unrecycled wastes and facilitate the consumption of products that have been recycled or use recyclable materials.

On 21 April 2022, Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil Bento Albuquerque and India's Minister of Oil and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri issued a joint statement on cooperation between Brazil and India in the energy sector and bioenergy and biofuels.<sup>2052</sup> The statement recognized their "bilateral coordination within G-20 on Climate and Energy, BRICS Energy Ministerial, Biofuture Platform, Clean Energy Ministerial, Mission Innovation initiative and IBSA joint Working Group on energy and the work carried out in the context of the United Nations High-Level Dialogue on Energy." Minister Albuquerque and Minister Puri also agreed to a collaborative effort to make sustainable bioenergy and biofuels as an integral part of the future global energy transition.<sup>2053</sup>

On 4 May 2022, Minister of Regional Development Rogério Simonetti Marinho announced that the federal government will transfer more than BRL5.9 million to expand "the sewage system, integrated sanitation, water supply and rainwater management" in the following states: Ceará, Goiás, Minas Gerais, Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Sergipe and São Paulo.<sup>2054</sup>

On 4 May 2022, President Bolsonaro signed a Provisional Measure that announced the formulation of a program to empower women and youth in the labour force.<sup>2055</sup> The new program initiates a range of measures to promote good practices in women's employability, such as "flexible work arrangements, qualification in strategic areas for professional advancement and support for women to return to work after maternity leave," as well as measures supporting families such as daycare reimbursement and subsidies for early childhood education. The program also sets out to create 100,000 new job opportunities for professional apprenticeships and to improve young people's qualifications and employment opportunities.

On 5 May 2022, Minister of Women, Family and Human Rights Cristiane Britto announced the expansion of the Qualifica Mulher Project.<sup>2056</sup> The Project aims to achieve gender equality by offering women professional training through which women can enter the labour force and gradually become

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<sup>2051</sup> Brazilian Government Institutes Recicla+ Program, Mayer Brown 27 April 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022.

<https://www.mayerbrown.com/en/perspectives-events/publications/2022/04/governo-instituiu-o-programa-recicla>

<sup>2052</sup> Brazil and India will forge alliance to promote bioenergy and biofuels, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 22 April 2022.

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<sup>2053</sup> Joint Statement between Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India and Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil on Cooperation between India and Brazil in the Energy Sector, Bioenergy and Biofuels, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022. [https://www.gov.br/mme/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-india-forjarao-](https://www.gov.br/mme/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-india-forjarao-alianca-para-a-promocao-da-bioenergia-e-dos-biocombustiveis/final-joint-statement-brazil-april-2022.pdf)

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<sup>2054</sup> Federal Government transfers more than R\$ 5.9 million for the continuity of sanitation works in 10 states, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022.

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<sup>2055</sup> Government launches measures to boost the insertion and maintenance of women and young people in the labor market, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. [https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/trabalho/2022/maio/governo-lanca-](https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/trabalho/2022/maio/governo-lanca-medidas-para-impulsionar-a-insercao-e-manutencao-de-mulheres-e-jovens-no-mercado-de-trabalho)

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<sup>2056</sup> Federal Government takes professional training to 1,500 women in Mato Grosso, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 5 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2022. [https://www.gov.br/mdh/pt-](https://www.gov.br/mdh/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/maio/governo-federal-leva-capacitacao-profissional-a-15-mil-mulheres-do-mato-grosso)

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economically independent. Minister Britto also announced that she had signed a protocol of intent with the Federal University of Mato Grosso and the Federal University of Rondonópolis to offer free courses for participants of the Qualifica Mulher Project.

On 5 May 2022, Brazil opened a Basic Health Unit to serve the people of Gurinhém, Paraíba to help strengthen services provided by the city's Unified Health System.<sup>2057</sup> Brazil invested BRL326,400 of federal funding to complete this project and will transfer an additional BRL81,000 to the unit.

On 6 May 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development pledged BRL7.5 million to invest in water security and regional development in the state of Sergipe.<sup>2058</sup> This investment will provide the state with 454 cisterns and will continue to renovate the channels in the Propriá and Bitume irrigation perimeters.

On 13 May 2022, Brazil launched the National Malaria Elimination Plan that will be carried out through the Unified Health System.<sup>2059</sup> The Plan aims to reduce local malaria cases to less than 68,00 by 2025 and reduce mortality to zero by 2030, as well as eradicate malaria in Brazil by 2035.

On 19 May 2022, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to delivering food baskets to more than 200,000 indigenous families throughout Brazil with a BRL32 million investment which will benefit 38,000 people.<sup>2060</sup>

On 31 May 2022, Brazil deployed more than 400 military personnel as well as implemented the Unified Social Assistance System, which guarantees access to BRL1 billion “budget earmarked for emergencies and disasters,” in response to regions affected by floods.<sup>2061</sup>

On 2 June 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development delivered the Vacacaí Sewage Treatment Station in the city of São Gabriel, in Rio Grande do Sul.<sup>2062</sup> This development seeks to achieve “universalization of basic sanitation services by 2033, ensuring that 99 per cent of the Brazilian population has access to drinking water and 90 per cent to sewage treatment and collection.”<sup>2063</sup>

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<sup>2057</sup> Federal Government delivers Basic Health Unit in Gurinhém (PB), Government of Brazil (Brasília) 5 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/maio/governo-federal-entrega-unidade-basica-de-saude-em-gurinhem-pb>

<sup>2058</sup> Federal Government announces R\$ 7.5 million in investments for water security in Sergipe, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-anuncia-r-7-5-milhoes-em-investimentos-para-seguranca-hidrica-de-sergipe-1>

<sup>2059</sup> The Brazilian Government launches National Plan for the Elimination of Malaria, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/the-brazilian-government-launches-national-plan-for-the-elimination-of-malaria>

<sup>2060</sup> Brazil guarantees food security to 200k indigenous families during the pandemic, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 19 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/brazil-guarantees-food-security-to-200k-indigenous-families-during-the-pandemic-1>

<sup>2061</sup> Federal government coordinates assistance actions for the population affected by the floods, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 31 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/federal-government-coordinates-assistance-actions-for-the-population-affected-by-the-floods>

<sup>2062</sup> Federal Government delivers sewage treatment plant and announces investments for sanitation works in Rio Grande do Sul, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 2 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-entrega-estacao-de-tratamento-de-esgoto-e-anuncia-investimentos-para-obras-de-saneamento-no-rio-grande-do-sul>

<sup>2063</sup> Federal Government delivers sewage treatment plant and announces investments for sanitation works in Rio Grande do Sul, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 2 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-entrega-estacao-de-tratamento-de-esgoto-e-anuncia-investimentos-para-obras-de-saneamento-no-rio-grande-do-sul>

On 6 June 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development authorized the transfer of more than BRL3.2 million to six Brazilian cities affected by natural disasters in the states of Pernambuco, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina.<sup>2064</sup>

On 7 June 2022, the Ministries of Regional Development and Economy launched the Aproxima Program, which will offer low-income families the opportunity to access housing through unoccupied federal public real estate in urban areas.<sup>2065</sup> The Aproxima Program aims to reduce the costs of the Federal Government with the production of popular housing for “families with gross incomes of up to five minimum wages, facilitating access to decent housing, places of employment and urban services.”

On 29 July 2022, Brazil launched the provisional measure that would provide a credit of BRL10.9 billion as payment assistance to autonomous cargo carriers and taxi drivers to help alleviate pressure on supply chains.<sup>2066</sup>

On 1 August 2022, Brazil announced they would broaden the scope of emergency credit lines to relieve entrepreneurs, farmers and rural producers’ businesses negatively affected by natural disasters that occurred from November 2021 to July 2022.<sup>2067</sup>

On 7 August 2022, the Ministry of Health launched the National Vaccination Campaign against Poliomyelitis and Autovaccination with the aim of reaching vaccine coverage to 95 per cent or greater for the polio vaccine in the age group from one to five years old.<sup>2068</sup>

On 18 August 2022, the government’s BRL6.9 million revitalization project of the BR-060 highway was completed in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul.<sup>2069</sup> This “bioceanic” highway is part of the route that connects to the port of Santos to Chilean ports and the Paraguay border, which will serve as a part of the “future Latin American Integration Route.”<sup>2070</sup>

On 23 August 2022, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations issued a public call with BRL10 million in available funding that focuses on integrated management of water resources in the

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<sup>2064</sup> Federal Government releases more than R \$ 3.2 million to six cities hit by disasters, Ministry of Regional Development (Brasília) 6 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-libera-mais-de-r-3-2-milhoes-a-seis-cidades-atingidas-por-desastres>

<sup>2065</sup> Federal Government launches Aproxima Program, which provides unoccupied public properties for social housing, Ministry of Regional Development (Brasília) 7 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-lanca-programa-aproxima-que-disponibiliza-imoveis-publicos-desocupados-para-habitacao-social>

<sup>2066</sup> Provisional Measure opens extraordinary credit of R\$ 10.9 billion, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/economia-e-gestao-publica/07/medida-provisoria-abre-credito-extraordinario-de-r-10-9-bilhoes>

<sup>2067</sup> Emergency lines of credit approved for those affected by rains, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/economia-e-gestao-publica/08/aprovadas-linhas-emergenciais-de-credito-para-atingidos-por-chuvas>

<sup>2068</sup> Ministry of Health launched National Vaccination Campaign against Poliomyelitis and Multivaccination on Sunday (07/08), Government of Brazil (Brasília) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/saude/08/ministerio-da-saude-lancou-campanha-nacional-de-vacinacao-contra-a-poliomielite-e-multivacinacao-no-domingo-07-08>

<sup>2069</sup> Revitalization is completed on a 29 km stretch of the BR-060/MS, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 7 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/infraestrutura/08/revitalizacao-e-concluida-em-trecho-de-29-km-da-br-060-ms>

<sup>2070</sup> Revitalization is completed on a 29 km stretch of the BR-060/MS, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 7 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/infraestrutura/08/revitalizacao-e-concluida-em-trecho-de-29-km-da-br-060-ms>

Brazilian coastal zone.<sup>2071</sup> This investment seeks scientific and technological research and development project proposals that best address and investigates alternative ways of adapting to climate change which pertains to food, water and energy security while simultaneously aligning to relevant SDGs commitments.

On 14 September 2022, the Ministry of Education announced an investment of up to BRL300 million for the +Green Schools to stimulate sustainable actions in education, including projects aimed at “recycling, reuse and efficiency in the use of water, clean energy and reduction of schools without treated sewage.”<sup>2072</sup>

On 22 September 2022, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply participated in the second segment of the Telebrasil Talks 2022 Panel, which addressed the “topic of transformations in agribusiness with connectivity.”<sup>2073</sup> Director of the Department of Innovation Support for Agriculture Sibelle Silva shared that the Ministry has a team “dedicated to rural connectivity, stressing that agro-connectivity is a democratizing mechanism for innovation in the agricultural sector, since connectivity opens up a universe for rural producer.”<sup>2074</sup>

On 27 September 2022, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation signed an agreement with Softex, a non-profit private institution that focuses on Brazil’s digital transformation, to initiate a pilot project that will train 120 visually impaired people as programmers in Fortaleza.<sup>2075</sup> The BRL3 million project also involves Instituto Iracema which will be responsible for developing the methodology and helping to reduce the production costs of keyboards, mice and printers.

On 29 September 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply announced the Harvest Guarantee Program for 2022-2023 wherein financial benefits are paid to farmers residing in regions with crop loss due to drought or flooding.<sup>2076</sup> The program outlines that “farmers with monthly income of up to one and a half minimum wages are entitled to receive the benefit, when they have production losses in their municipalities equal to or greater than 50 per cent.”<sup>2077</sup>

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<sup>2071</sup> Integrated management of water resources in the Brazilian coastal zone is the focus of a Public Call worth R\$10 million, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 7 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/noticias/gestao-integrada-de-recursos-hidricos-na-zona-costeira-brasileira-e-foco-de-chamada-publica-no-valor-de-r-10-milhoes>

<sup>2072</sup> +Green Schools will stimulate sustainable actions in education, Ministry of Education (Brasilia) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/escolas-verdes-estimularao-acoessustentaveis-na-educacao>

<sup>2073</sup> Telebrasil Talks Panel Meeting addresses the importance of connectivity in Brazilian agriculture Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Brasilia) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-2022/encontro-do-painel-telebrasil-talks-aborda-a-importancia-da-conectividade-no-agro-brasileiro>

<sup>2074</sup> Telebrasil Talks Panel Meeting addresses the importance of connectivity in Brazilian agriculture Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Brasilia) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-2022/encontro-do-painel-telebrasil-talks-aborda-a-importancia-da-conectividade-no-agro-brasileiro>

<sup>2075</sup> In Fortaleza (CE), MCTI signs an agreement to train blind and low vision people, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations (Brasilia) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mcti/pt-br/acompanhe-o-mcti/noticias/2022/09/em-fortaleza-ce-mcti-assina-acordo-para-capacitacao-de-pessoas-cegas-e-com-baixa-visao>

<sup>2076</sup> Resolution brings rules of the Harvest Guarantee Program for 2022/2023, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Brasilia) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-2022/resolucao-traz-regras-do-programa-garantia-safra-para-2022-2023>

<sup>2077</sup> Resolution brings rules of the Harvest Guarantee Program for 2022/2023, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Brasilia) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-2022/resolucao-traz-regras-do-programa-garantia-safra-para-2022-2023>

Brazil took strong actions to support the inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by supporting APEA, joining partnerships aimed to address climate change, deepening its cooperation with Peru and India in support of the realization of SDGs, investing in environmental security, launching new programs to support gender equality and facilitate professional training for youth, protecting indigenous communities, preventing malaria, aiding flooded regions, investing in their green economy, strengthening waste management mechanisms and initiating economic recovery programs.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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### **Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced funding of CAD10 million to the National Adaptation Plan Global Network to accelerate developing countries' adaptation to climate change.<sup>2078</sup> This contribution will disseminate expertise to build resilience towards climate change and encourage participation of civil society in adaptation planning, particularly in Small Island Developing States and least-developed countries. This initiative supplemented the CAD4 million previously committed to promoting gender equality in developing countries, therefore empowering peer support communities for women.

On 3 November 2021, the Government of Canada affirmed that “it would match the CAD9.676 million donated by Canadians to the #GiveAVax Fund through UNICEF Canada,” which aims to provide 3.8 million people with vaccines worldwide.<sup>2079</sup> The goal is to cover the costs of vaccines' shipment, maintenance in adequate conditions and health care workers' professional and safety training.

On 4 November 2021, the Government of Canada signed the Statement on International Public Support for the Clean Energy Transition at the COP26 conference to divert away public support from the international fossil fuel sector towards clean energy by the end of 2022.<sup>2080</sup> The aim is to reaffirm their commitment to the Paris Agreement and accelerate the transition towards a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

On 8 and 9 November 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly and Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development Mary Ng endorsed the 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial Meeting Joint Ministerial Statement 2021.<sup>2081</sup> The

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<sup>2078</sup> Canada Announces CAD10 million In Funding To Accelerate Climate Adaptation Planning and Action in Developing Countries, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022.

<https://www.iisd.org/articles/canada-funding-nap-global-network>

<sup>2079</sup> Canada Announces Results of Matching Fund with UNICEF Canada, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/11/canada-announces-results-of-matching-fund-with-unicef-canada.html>

<sup>2080</sup> Canada Announces Commitment To End New Direct Public Support For the International Unabated Fossil Fuel Sector by the End of 2022, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2021/11/canada-announces-commitment-to-end-new-direct-public-support-for-the-international-unabated-fossil-fuel-sector-by-the-end-of-2022.html>

<sup>2081</sup> Minister Joly and Ng Highlight International Cooperation as Key to Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery From Pandemic at APEC Ministerial Meeting, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/11/ministers-joly-and-ng-highlight-international-cooperation-as-key-to-sustainable-and-inclusive-recovery-from-pandemic-at-apec-ministerial-meeting.html>

intent is to reaffirm Canada's commitment to collaborate in the fight against COVID-19 through science and accelerate economic recovery through the promotion of international trade and the "long-term, sustainable and inclusive growth in the Asia-Pacific region."

On 17 December 2021, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan announced that "Canada will increase its pledge to the International Fund for Agricultural Development to CAD112.5 million over three years (2022 to 2024)," a 50 per cent increase over its previous pledge, specifically to support small-scale farmers in developing countries.<sup>2082</sup> The goal is to reduce food insecurity and rural poverty by aiding small businesses, especially those owned by women, to recover from the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus and adapt to climate change.

On 14 February 2022, Canada announced "a loan of up to CAD500 million to the Government of Ukraine through the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act."<sup>2083</sup> This funding supplements the CAD120 million loan announced on 21 January 2022 through the Sovereign Loans Program, to support Ukraine's economic resilience and governance reforms, and the CAD6 million to facilitate the loan's implementation.

On 25 February 2022, Canada committed to matching contributions of "individual Canadians to the Canadian Red Cross's Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis up to a maximum of CAD10 million."<sup>2084</sup>

On 1 March 2022, Minister Sajjan committed an additional CAD100 million for established partners to deliver humanitarian services including health care, protection, mobility aid and essential services in Ukraine and the neighbouring region.<sup>2085</sup>

On 10 March 2022, the Government of Canada announced a CAD20 million top-up to match individual donations to the Canadian Red Cross, increasing Canada's total matched funds as part of this initiative to CAD30 million.<sup>2086</sup> The funds contribute to ongoing humanitarian relief efforts including the distribution of items including blankets, tarps, and cooking supplies in Ukraine and surrounding countries.<sup>2087</sup>

On 31 March 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD50 million to support humanitarian needs including food security, healthcare, clean water and protection services in Afghanistan and peripheral

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<sup>2082</sup> Canada Announces Additional Funding to Help Small-scale Farmers in Developing Countries Adapt to Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 December 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/12/canada-announces-additional-funding-to-help-small-scale-farmers-in-developing-countries-adapt-to-climate-change.html>

<sup>2083</sup> How Canada Is Helping – Russian Invasion of Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues\\_developpement-enjeux\\_developpement/response\\_conflict-reponse\\_conflits/crisis-crises/ukraine-canada-helping-aide.aspx?lang=eng](https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_developpement-enjeux_developpement/response_conflict-reponse_conflits/crisis-crises/ukraine-canada-helping-aide.aspx?lang=eng)

<sup>2084</sup> Canada's Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine (Ottawa) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

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<sup>2085</sup> Canada Announces CAD100 Million Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-100-million-humanitarian-assistance-to-ukraine.html>

<sup>2086</sup> Canadian Red Cross Helping People Affected by Ukraine Conflict, Canadian Red Cross (Ottawa) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. Canada Announces CAD100 Million Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-100-million-humanitarian-assistance-to-ukraine.html>

<sup>2087</sup> Canada To Match Up To CAD10 Million in Donations from Canadians in Response to Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/02/canada-to-match-up-to-10-million-in-donations-from-canadians-in-response-to-humanitarian-crisis-in-ukraine.html>

countries.<sup>2088</sup> This grant supplements the CAD143 million allocated in Canada's budget throughout 2022 to the region in response to the increasing demand for humanitarian assistance.

On 25 April 2022, Minister Ng implemented and launched the Inclusive Women Venture Capital Initiative endowed with CAD15 million as part of the CAD6 billion Women Entrepreneurship Strategy.<sup>2089</sup> This three-year program aims to build a more inclusive venture capital landscape in Canada by funding not-for-profit organizations that facilitate access to venture capital funding for women entrepreneurs, increase the representation of women or reduce unconscious gender bias in the industry.

On 12 May 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a contribution of CAD732 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools-Accelerator during the second virtual Global COVID-19 Summit.<sup>2090</sup> The goal is to strengthen control of COVID-19 worldwide, particularly for high-risk populations, by facilitating access to tests, treatments, vaccines and personal protective equipment in low- and middle-income countries.

On 19 May 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD9 million in humanitarian funding for vulnerable groups affected by the war in Ukraine during the G7 Development Ministers' Meeting.<sup>2091</sup> Canada allocated CAD7 million to strengthen a prevention and response system for women and girls subject to sexual and gender-based violence through the UN Population Fund and CAD2 million to meet the essential needs of conflict-affected populations, specifically displaced persons, refugees and people with disabilities through the Humanity and Inclusion program.<sup>2092</sup>

On 19 May 2022, Canada committed CAD2 million to build a cooperative-managed dairy processing plant in western Ukraine and support local farmers.<sup>2093</sup> The goal is to create economic opportunities and enhance food security in the region.<sup>2094</sup>

On 20 May 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland committed an additional CAD250 million, on top of its previously pledged CAD1 billion, to the International

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<sup>2088</sup> Canada Announces Additional CAD50 million in Humanitarian Assistance for Afghanistan, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-additional-50-million-in-humanitarian-assistance-for-afghanistan.html>

<sup>2089</sup> Minister Ng Launches Call for Applications To Deliver The Inclusive Women Venture Capital Initiative, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 25 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/04/minister-ng-launches-call-for-applications-to-deliver-the-inclusive-women-venture-capital-initiative.html>

<sup>2090</sup> Prime Minister Attends Second Global COVID-19 Summit to Contribute To A Global Solution, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/05/12/prime-minister-attends-second-global-covid-19-summit-contribute>

<sup>2091</sup> G7 Development Ministers Conclude Successful Meeting and Issue Statement on Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/g7-development-ministers-conclude-successful-meeting-and-issue-statement-on-ukraine.html>

<sup>2092</sup> Background: Canada Announces International Assistance to Support People Affected by the War in Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/backgrounder-canada-announces-international-assistance-to-support-people-affected-by-the-war-in-ukraine.html>

<sup>2093</sup> Background: Canada Announces International Assistance to Support People Affected by the War in Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/backgrounder-canada-announces-international-assistance-to-support-people-affected-by-the-war-in-ukraine.html>

<sup>2094</sup> G7 Development Ministers Conclude Successful Meeting and Issue Statement on Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/g7-development-ministers-conclude-successful-meeting-and-issue-statement-on-ukraine.html>

Monetary Fund's Administered Account for Ukraine to meet its balance of payments and budgetary needs and stabilize its economy.<sup>2095</sup>

On 26 May 2022, Minister Sajjan committed CAD68 million to promote inclusivity, sustainability and resilience in Rwanda and Kenya during his visit to discuss the Vancouver Principles on Peacekeeping, Prevention on the Recruitment and Use of Child Soldiers and Canadian development and humanitarian priorities in the region.<sup>2096</sup> CAD25 million of the funding is earmarked for “technical and vocational education and training in Kenya’s emerging blue economy sector” to advance development cooperation priorities. CAD37 million is set to fund four projects to promote women empowerment, especially in politics. Minister Sajjan also announced CAD6 million in “humanitarian funding for crisis-affected people, including refugees, in East Africa” to promote local solutions to notably drought, food security and conflict prevention.

On 2 June 2022, Canada announced that they had donated over 14.8 million surplus vaccine doses through the COVAX Facility and 762,080 AstraZeneca doses through direct, bilateral arrangements with Latin American and Caribbean countries to uphold equitable vaccine allocation and “ensure everyone may be immunized against COVID-19.”<sup>2097</sup> Canada delivered almost 3 million total surplus vaccines to date in 2022, specifically to the Middle Eastern, African, and Caribbean regions. Canada is on track to meet its donation commitment of at least 200 million doses to COVAX by the end of 2022.

On 6 June 2022, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien signed the Canada-Chile memorandum of understanding on ‘Cooperation in Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.’<sup>2098</sup> The memorandum sets out a framework for both governments to “cooperate on the advancement, design, implementation and monitoring of public policies for the promotion of gender equality and women’s empowerment as well as for developing joint programs and policies.”

On 8 June 2022, Canada launched its Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System to support a green economy.<sup>2099</sup> The offset system will give municipalities, foresters, farmers, Indigenous communities and others a market-based incentive to undertake innovative projects that reduce greenhouse gases.

On 10 June 2022, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Helena Jaczek announced an investment of nearly CAD2 million for Bioenterprise Canada to “deliver the FoodShift program; a green initiative that will help southern Ontario agri-business and

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<sup>2095</sup> Canada Provides Additional Financial Support to Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Bonn) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/05/canada-provides-additional-financial-support-to-ukraine.html>

<sup>2096</sup> Minister Sajjan Announced CAD68 Million in International Assistance funding on Trip to Rwanda and Kenya, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/minister-sajjan-announces-68-million-in-international-assistance-funding-on-trip-to-rwanda-and-kenya.html>

<sup>2097</sup> Canada’s COVID-19 Vaccine Supply and Donation Strategy, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/supply-donation.html>

<sup>2098</sup> Canada and Chile sign Memorandum of Understanding to advance gender equality, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Ottawa) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/06/canada-and-chile-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-to-advance-gender-equality.html>

<sup>2099</sup> Canada launches Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System to support a clean, green economy, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/06/canada-launches-greenhouse-gas-offset-credit-system-to-support-a-clean-green-economy.html>

food processors adopt net-zero technologies.”<sup>2100</sup> The project aims to connect agri-business and food processors, who are looking to adopt clean technologies, with cleantech entrepreneurs, who are developing technologies that are ready for market.

On 10 June 2022, Minister Blair announced an advanced payment of CAD207 million to the Government of British Columbia through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements to fund wildfire recovery efforts and climate resilience.<sup>2101</sup> This initiative supplements the ongoing financial support from Indigenous Services Canada for assessing flood risks and resolving land issues in the communities of Nooaitch and Shackan.

On 10 June 2022, at the Ninth Summit of the Americas, Prime Minister Trudeau announced over CAD145 million that would be allocated to several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to address immigration, health and disinformation issues and promote gender equality, democratic governance and digital access.<sup>2102</sup> The funds will mainly be distributed to marginalized communities through partners with an aim to advance socioeconomic development, sustainability, health response, democracy and technological capabilities.

On 26 June 2022, Canada, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2103</sup>

On 28 June 2022, Canada announced a number of financial initiatives that focus on Ukraine at the 2022 G7 Summit at Schloss Elmau, Germany.<sup>2104</sup> These measures include CAD200 million through the IMF Administered Account, which will provide Ukraine with additional control of these funds and reduce administrative burdens; CAD75 million in humanitarian aid to Ukraine and neighbouring countries, which includes the delivery of in-kind food assistance, emergency cash, protection as well as shelter and health services; CAD52 million worth of agricultural solutions to support grain storage and accelerate the export certification process; and, CAD9.7 million to raise accountability for human rights violations. Prime Minister Trudeau also announced that CAD73 million of the CAD100 million in humanitarian assistance that was previously announced at the Stand Up for Ukraine event in April 2022 would be allocated to humanitarian partners that will administer emergency health and protection services.

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<sup>2100</sup> Government of Canada invests nearly \$2 million to help food processors and agri businesses accelerate adoption of clean technologies, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (Guelph) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2022/06/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-2-million-to-help-food-processors-and-agri-businesses-accelerate-adoption-of-clean-technologies.html>

<sup>2101</sup> Minister Blair Announces Over CAD200 million to Support Disaster Recovery and Climate Resilience in British Columbia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/intergovernmental-affairs/news/2022/06/minister-blair-announces-over-200-million-to-support-disaster-recovery-and-climate-resilience-in-british-columbia.html>

<sup>2102</sup> Canada’s New Investments and Assistance in Latin America and the Caribbean, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2022/06/10/canadas-new-investments-and-assistance-latin-america-and-caribbean>

<sup>2103</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2104</sup> Additional Canadian Support for Ukraine Announced at 2022 G7 Summit, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Ottawa) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2022/06/28/additional-canadian-support-ukraine-announced-2022-g7-summit>

On 31 July 2022, Canada committed CAD2.4 million to enhance the service delivery and organizational capabilities of local LGBTQ2I organizations in Southeast Asian countries.<sup>2105</sup> The project aims to enable recipient organizations, which many are women-led, to create more meaningful social impact through skill and knowledge sharing.

On 31 July 2022, Canada donated CAD5 million to three feminist and LGBTQ2I organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo in an aim to uplift youth through safe, inclusive and gender-responsive economic opportunities.<sup>2106</sup> The goal is to close the funding inequity gap and raise awareness around sensitive identity issues in a developing francophone country.

On 31 July 2022, Canada contributed CAD1.6 million to advance research in sexual and gender minorities' equality of opportunity and advancing consultations and incorporation within civil society and World Bank stakeholders on identity-based topics.<sup>2107</sup> The goal is to expand the World Bank's programming on sexual orientation and gender identity.

On 10 August 2022, Minister Sajjan granted a concessional loan to Jordan of up to CAD120 million for education and announced a grant of CAD25 million for inclusive development initiatives during his visit to the country.<sup>2108</sup> The goal of the loans are to bolster Jordan's public education system and facilitate access to education for the population and refugees alike and to promote women in the workforce, implement a solid waste management system, support local businesses and strengthen the public services sector.

On 16 August 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD10 million for new climate-finance initiatives in Egypt through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.<sup>2109</sup> The goal is to collaborate with local officials and FAO representatives to develop climate-smart agriculture methods in an aim to build climate resilience and food security.

On 17 August 2022, Canada announced CAD450 million to support access to heating during winter in Ukraine.<sup>2110</sup> With this grant, Canada completes its CAD1.95 billion funding commitment in loans to Ukraine announced for 2022.

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<sup>2105</sup> Backgrounder: Canada Announces Funding for 3 LGBTQ2I-Related Projects in Developing Countries, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/backgrounder-canada-announces-funding-for-3-lgbtq2i-related-projects-in-developing-countries.html>

<sup>2106</sup> Backgrounder: Canada Announces Funding for 3 LGBTQ2I-Related Projects in Developing Countries, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/backgrounder-canada-announces-funding-for-3-lgbtq2i-related-projects-in-developing-countries.html>

<sup>2107</sup> Backgrounder: Canada Announces Funding for 3 LGBTQ2I-Related Projects in Developing Countries, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/07/backgrounder-canada-announces-funding-for-3-lgbtq2i-related-projects-in-developing-countries.html>

<sup>2108</sup> Minister Sajjan Announces \$CAD120-Million Sovereign Loan Offer and \$CAD25-Million in International Assistance on Trip to Jordan, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-sajjan-announces-120-million-sovereign-loan-offer-and-25-million-in-international-assistance-on-trip-to-jordan.html>

<sup>2109</sup> Minister Sajjan Concludes Trip to Egypt and Announces Intention to Contribute \$10 million for Climate-Finance Initiative, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-sajjan-concludes-trip-to-egypt-and-announces-intention-to-contribute-10million-for-climate-finance-initiative.html>

<sup>2110</sup> Canada Disburses \$CAD450 Million in Loans to Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/08/canada-disburses-450-million-in-loans-to-ukraine.html>

On 19 August 2022, Minister Sajjan granted CAD5 million in funding to UN Women on his trip to Lebanon to promote the participation of women in a decision-making capacity in all political and civic areas in the country.<sup>2111</sup>

On 23 August 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced CAD3.85 million at the virtual Summit for Heads of State and Government of the International Crime Platform to strengthen Ukraine's national security.<sup>2112</sup> Through the Peace and Stabilization Operations Program, CAD2.9 million will be channelled to the Canada-Ukraine Police Development Project to provide essential equipment and supplies. The remaining CAD950,000 will fund technical expertise and military.

On 29 August 2022, Minister Sajjan committed CAD5 million for humanitarian assistance in Pakistan as a response to the extreme flooding in the region.<sup>2113</sup> The funds, channeled through experienced partners on the ground, will provide critical emergency assistance and address essential needs for the most vulnerable.

On 6 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Francis Drouin announced an investment of more than CAD1.4 million to support SixRing Inc.'s "next phase of development to scale up production."<sup>2114</sup> In particular, the funds will be used for "scaling the company's low-energy biomass conversion process that converts agricultural waste into renewable fuels and sustainable advanced materials."

On 15 September 2022, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development Mary Ng participated in the G7 Trade and Investment Ministers' Meeting, hosted in Neuhardenberg, Germany.<sup>2115</sup> At the meeting, Minister Ng "encouraged the continued coordination of G7 members to ensure the effectiveness of ongoing economic sanctions against Russia, support Ukraine's economic recovery, and address the global challenges of food and energy security and supply chain disruptions."

On 20 September 2022, the government introduced two pieces of legislation designed to make life more affordable for Canadians by "doubling the GST Credit for six months, introducing the Canada Dental Benefit, and topping up the Canada Housing Benefit."<sup>2116</sup> These measures build on the government's Affordability Plan which aim to "deliver targeted and fiscally responsible financial

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<sup>2111</sup> Minister Sajjan Concludes Trip to Lebanon and Announces \$CAD5 Million in International Assistance for UN Women, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/minister-sajjan-concludes-trip-to-lebanon-and-announces-5million-in-international-assistance-for-un-women.html>

<sup>2112</sup> Prime Minister Announces Additional Support for Ukraine, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/08/23/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-ukraine>

<sup>2113</sup> Canada Announces \$CAD5 million in Funding for Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Flooding in Pakistan, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/08/canada-announces-5-million-in-funding-for-humanitarian-assistance-in-response-to-flooding-in-pakistan.html>

<sup>2114</sup> Government of Canada invests over \$1.4 million in SixRing clean technology, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 6 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-invests-over-14-million-in-sixring-clean-technology.html>

<sup>2115</sup> Minister Ng advances cooperation with G7 partners at trade and investment ministerial meeting, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/minister-ng-advances-cooperation-with-g7-partners-at-trade-and-investment-ministerial-meeting.html>

<sup>2116</sup> Government of Canada introduces legislation to make life more affordable for Canadians, Department of Finance (Ottawa) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-introduces-legislation-to-make-life-more-affordable-for-canadians.html>

support to the Canadians who need it most, with particular emphasis on addressing the needs of low-income Canadians who are most exposed to inflation.”

On 21 September 2022, at the Global Clean Energy Action Forum, Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson announced a CAD5.3-million investment in Student Energy, a global youth-led organization, for a capacity-building project that will “promote youth participation in Canada’s clean energy sector.”<sup>2117</sup>

On 23 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Terry Duguid announced an investment of more than CAD3.9 million over three years for 39 new projects in Ontario through the Great Lakes Protection Initiative.<sup>2118</sup> This investment will help to support Canada’s commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health.

From 24 September 2022 to 25 September 2022, Minister Blair approved Requests for Federal Assistance from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to support the response to tropical storm Fiona.<sup>2119</sup>

On 25 September 2022, Canada announced it would match donations made to the Canadian Red Cross to support those impacted by tropical storm Fiona for 30 days.<sup>2120</sup> Donations will support efforts related to interim housing, clothing, food and other essential supplies.

On 29 September 2022, Parliamentary Secretary Drouin announced an investment of CAD11.4 million in climate action projects to reduce emissions from food waste.<sup>2121</sup>

On 29 September 2022, Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra announced an investment of CAD50 million to support Indigenous partnerships in the Oceans Protection Plan.<sup>2122</sup> This funding will support Indigenous organizations and communities in “discussing and building relationships that advance

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<sup>2117</sup> Government of Canada Contributes \$5.3 Million to Promote Youth Participation in the Clean Energy Sector, Natural Resources Canada (Pittsburgh) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-contributes-53-million-to-promote-youth-participation-in-the-clean-energy-sector.html>

<sup>2118</sup> Canada invests over \$3.9 million to support the Great Lakes, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Hamilton) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/canada-invests-over-39-million-to-support-the-great-lakes.html>

<sup>2119</sup> Government of Canada and Canadian Red Cross establish donation-matching program to support Canadians impacted by Hurricane Fiona, Public Safety Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-and-canadian-red-cross-establish-donation-matching-program-to-support-canadians-impacted-by-hurricane-fiona.html>

<sup>2120</sup> Government of Canada and Canadian Red Cross establish donation-matching program to support Canadians impacted by Hurricane Fiona, Public Safety Canada (Ottawa) 25 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-and-canadian-red-cross-establish-donation-matching-program-to-support-canadians-impacted-by-hurricane-fiona.html>

<sup>2121</sup> Government of Canada invests \$11.4 million in climate action projects to reduce emissions from food waste, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-invests-114million-in-climate-action-projects-to-reduce-emissions-from-food-waste.html>

<sup>2122</sup> The Government of Canada invests in partnership with Indigenous Peoples in the next phase of the Oceans Protection Plan, Transport Canada (Ottawa) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2022/09/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-partnership-with-indigenous-peoples-in-the-next-phase-of-the-oceans-protection-plan.html>

marine safety and environmental protection” and “improving the marine transportation system and protection of the environment.”<sup>2123</sup>

Canada took strong actions to promote a sustainable and resilient recovery by joining agreements and announcing grants promoting adaption to climate change in developing countries and providing humanitarian assistance in countries ridden with conflicts and challenges created by the pandemic. Canada has also funded initiatives advancing economic growth, inclusive economic and political participation and equitability.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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### **China: +1**

China has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 12 November 2021, the State Council approved and released the 14th Five-Year Plan for promoting agricultural and rural modernization which targeted to modernize and vitalize agriculture and rural areas by 2035.<sup>2124</sup> This plan also provided 17 indicators to measure the progress of modernization, including total meat production, contribution rate of agricultural science and technology progress and growth rate of per capita disposable income of rural residents.

On 30 November 2021, President Xi Jinping pledged to provide 600 million free COVID-19 vaccine doses and 400 million jointly produced doses to African countries at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.<sup>2125</sup>

On 6 December 2021, the General Office of the Chinese Communist Party (Central Office) and the General Office of the State Council approved and issued the Action Plan for Improvement of Rural Living Environment as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).<sup>2126</sup> This plan aims to improve living conditions and sanitary facilities in rural areas.

On 15 December 2021, the State Council agreed to the Marine Economy Development Plan as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan.<sup>2127</sup> This initiative aims to enhance marine technology, modernize maritime industry and use ocean resources sustainably.

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<sup>2124</sup> Notice of the State Council on announcing the “14th Five-Year Plan” to Promote the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Areas, The State Council (Beijing) 12 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-02/11/content\\_5673082.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-02/11/content_5673082.htm)

<sup>2125</sup> The Eighth FOCAC Ministerial Conference Achieves a Full Success, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 1 December 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. [https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/zxxx\\_662805/202112/t20211202\\_10461016.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202112/t20211202_10461016.html)

<sup>2126</sup> Action plan to improve rural living conditions, The State Council (Beijing) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

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<sup>2127</sup> The State Council’s “14th Five-Year Plan” Marine Economy Approval of development plan, The State Council (Beijing) 15 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2021-12/27/content\\_5664783.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2021-12/27/content_5664783.htm)

On 21 December 2021, the Chinese Embassy in Manila raised 20,000 food packages for the residents of the Philippines to help victims of Typhoon Rai.<sup>2128</sup>

On 22 December 2021, China pledged RMB1 million in financial aid and 4,725 metric tonnes of rice for the Philippines to accelerate relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai.<sup>2129</sup>

On 31 December 2021, the State Council approved and announced the implementation of the special education development and improvement action plan as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan.<sup>2130</sup> This initiative aims to boost the school enrollment rate of disabled children to 97 per cent by 2025, increase the accessibility and quality of special education and promote an inclusive education system.

On 7 January 2022, Director of the Occupational Capacity Department under the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security Liu Kang promised to make efforts in improving workers' skills through the work training campaign.<sup>2131</sup> The action plan seeks to encourage 40 million people to get their training certificates and 8 million people to obtain the title of "senior engineers" or "senior workers" by 2025.

On 10 January 2022, Premier Li Keqiang committed to advancing the centralized drug bulk-buying program to ease patients' burden.<sup>2132</sup> This program will provide a stable supply of selected drugs which benefits low-income and marginalized patients.

On 21 January 2022, the National Development and Reform Commission reaffirmed the importance of the Implementation Plan for Boosting Green Consumption.<sup>2133</sup> The plan aims to promote sustainable supply and consumption in various major fields including new energy vehicles, renewable energy and other green products.

On 25 January 2022, China donated 1.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Laos.<sup>2134</sup>

On 28 January 2022, China donated 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Zanzibar.<sup>2135</sup>

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<sup>2128</sup> China sends aid, offers condolences to typhoon victims in Philippines, The State Council (Manila) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

[http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202112/21/content\\_WS61c1720dc6d09c94e48a2844.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202112/21/content_WS61c1720dc6d09c94e48a2844.html)

<sup>2129</sup> China offers more assistance to Philippine typhoon victims, The State Council (Manila) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

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<sup>2130</sup> The General Office of the State Council on forwarding the Ministry of Education and other departments Notice of the "14th Five-Year" Special Education Development and Improvement Action Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 31 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

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<sup>2131</sup> Work training programs to be renewed, The State Council (Beijing) 8 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

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<sup>2132</sup> China to promote centralized drug bulk-buying to ease patient burden, The State Council (Beijing) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

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<sup>2133</sup> The demand for green consumption is still to be stimulated and released - a detailed explanation of the "Implementation Plan for Promoting Green Consumption" by multiple departments (Beijing) 21 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/xwzx/gnxw/216841.htm>

<sup>2134</sup> 8th batch of China-donated COVID-19 vaccines arrives in Laos, The State Council (Beijing) 16 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

[http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/26/content\\_WS61f0e068c6d09c94e48a44d3.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/26/content_WS61f0e068c6d09c94e48a44d3.html)

<sup>2135</sup> China donates more COVID-19 vaccine doses to Tanzania's Zanzibar, The State Council (Beijing) 30 January 2022. Access date: 6 February 2022.

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On 24 January 2022, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian pledged RMB20 million in emergency aid and supplies for Tonga, in response to the volcanic eruption.<sup>2136</sup>

On 11 February 2022, China issued a plan to advance agricultural and rural modernization during the 14th Five-Year Plan period.<sup>2137</sup> This plan outlines a target to guarantee the supply of grain and other agricultural products with quality, efficiency and competitiveness, and that rural ecology environment protection and anti-poverty are expected to be consolidated by 2025.

On 24 February 2022, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment committed to enhancing green financial instruments by introducing “a pilot program for financing aimed at mitigating climate change, tax reductions and exemptions for companies that work on carbon capture, utilization and storage” and improved carbon trading programs.<sup>2138</sup>

On 1 March 2022, the Ministry of Education launched four national smart education platforms, which were the national primary and secondary school smart education platform, the national smart vocational education platform, the national smart higher education platform and the national 24365 college student employment service platform.<sup>2139</sup> The platforms aimed to improve the quality of education, equalize resources and lift learning barriers.

On 4 March 2022, the State Council approved an annual external evaluation mechanism for achieving opinion solicitation through studying and providing evaluation results to relevant parties.<sup>2140</sup> This mechanism aims to combat corruption and facilitate political stability and justice.

On 14 March 2022, the Ministry of Water Resources pledged to accelerate the promotion of water supply projects in rural areas, aiming to boost the proportion of rural residents that have access to tap water from 83 per cent to 85 per cent by the end of 2022.<sup>2141</sup>

On 17 March 2022, the Ministry of Water Resources committed to investing a minimum of RMB800 billion in supporting water conservation.<sup>2142</sup>

On 8 April 2022, the State Council launched a three-year action plan to create one million new jobs for disabled people across public institutions, state-owned and private enterprises.<sup>2143</sup> The actions included constructing “infrastructure facilities for provincial-level blind massage hospitals in medical

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<sup>2136</sup> China to provide Tonga with more emergency aid, The State Council (Beijing) 24 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022.

[http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/24/content\\_WS61eea7dec6d09c94e48a432f.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/24/content_WS61eea7dec6d09c94e48a432f.html)

<sup>2137</sup> China unveils plan to advance agricultural, rural modernization, The State Council (Beijing) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022.

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<sup>2138</sup> Financial instruments to aid climate change fight, China Daily (Beijing) 24 February 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/15/WS62304846a310fd2b29e5103d.html>

<sup>2139</sup> Four platforms are launched together to promote the digital transformation of education, The State Council (Beijing) 16 April 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2022-04/06/content\\_5683601.htm](http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2022-04/06/content_5683601.htm)

<sup>2140</sup> China to give more rural residents access to tap water, China Daily (Beijing) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/15/WS62304846a310fd2b29e5103d.html>

<sup>2141</sup> External mechanism to evaluate achievements in soliciting opinions, The State Council (Beijing) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022.

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<sup>2142</sup> More funds for water conservancy announced, China Daily (Beijing) 17 March 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/17/WS6232ee4fa310fd2b29e518f1.html>

<sup>2143</sup> China to boost employment for disabled workers, The State Council (Beijing) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/08/content\\_WS624ffebfc6d02e5335328eee.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/08/content_WS624ffebfc6d02e5335328eee.html)

care, rehabilitation and training,” improving disabled employment services and intensifying vocational training.

On 8 April 2022, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Education committed an additional RMB5.276 billion in funding to accelerate the high-quality development of modern vocational education.<sup>2144</sup> This initiative focused on improving the quality of vocational education in rural and underdeveloped regions and cultivating skilled labours that are inadequate in the market.

On 12 April 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs released an action plan on expanding the planting of soybean and oil crops at State-owned farms by 2 per cent.<sup>2145</sup> This plan aimed to ensure national food security and protect the supply of agricultural products.

On 26 April 2022, the State Council released the circular for the construction of a pilot zone in response to the Yellow River basin protection and development.<sup>2146</sup> This initiative aimed to promote green and low-carbon development through environmental remediation, water conservation and ecological restoration.

On 27 April 2022, the State Council released an action plan to promote national health during the 14th Five-Year Plan.<sup>2147</sup> This circular aimed to facilitate basic medical and health services to be more equitable and accessible and narrow the gaps in resource allocation, service capability and health conditions between urban and rural areas.<sup>2148</sup>

On 1 May 2022, the Supreme People’s Court introduced the unified compensation standard for injured victims.<sup>2149</sup> This new rule closed the gap between urban and rural residents’ injury and death compensation.

On 4 May 2022, the State Council issued an action plan for controlling new pollutants, including organic pollutants, endocrine disruptors and antibiotics to reduce threats to the environment.<sup>2150</sup> This initiative pledged to gradually establish and advance laws, regulations and management systems on chemical-related environmental issues.<sup>2151</sup>

On 5 May 2022, the State Council announced the notice on improving employment and entrepreneurship for college graduates that committed to expanding the scale and diversity of

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<sup>2144</sup> Issuing the Fund for the Quality Improvement Plan of Modern Vocational Education in 2022, The State Council (Beijing) 8 April 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengceku/2022-04/29/content\\_5688077.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengceku/2022-04/29/content_5688077.htm)

<sup>2145</sup> Action plan puts measures in place to ensure national food security, China Daily (Beijing) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202204/12/WS6254ce41a310fd2b29e56577.html>

<sup>2146</sup> Pilot zone for Yellow River basin protection approved, The State Council (Beijing) 26 April 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content\\_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html)

<sup>2147</sup> The General Office of the State Council on Printing and Distributing the “14th Five-Year Plan” Notice of National Health Planning, The State Council (Beijing) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/20/content\\_5691424.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/20/content_5691424.htm)

<sup>2148</sup> China to promote national health during 14th Five-Year Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/20/content\\_WS62874295c6d02e533532b0bd.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/20/content_WS62874295c6d02e533532b0bd.html)

<sup>2149</sup> China to close urban-rural gap in personal injury compensation, Xinhua News (Beijing) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content\\_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html)

<sup>2150</sup> The General Office of the State Council Printed and Distributed A Notice of New Pollutant Control Action Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 24 May 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/24/content\\_5692059.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/24/content_5692059.htm)

<sup>2151</sup> China outlines plan to control new pollutants, The State Council (Beijing) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/24/content\\_WS628cd024c6d02e533532b3e1.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/24/content_WS628cd024c6d02e533532b3e1.html)

employment suitable for college graduates.<sup>2152</sup> The actions included promoting small and medium enterprises' recruitment, supporting business start-ups with loans, interest discounts and tax reductions and speeding up the transformation and upgrading of the manufacturing industry.

On 14 May 2022, the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration drew the implementation plan to promote the high-quality development of new energy in the new era.<sup>2153</sup> The goal of this plan was to accelerate the construction of a clean, low-carbon, safe and highly efficient energy system by expanding the electricity capacity of wind and solar power.

On 24 May 2022, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Finance and the People's Bank of China allowed 23,000 enterprises to postpone the payment of a total of RMB7.11 billion housing provident fund contributions.<sup>2154</sup> This policy assisted enterprises to overcome difficulties amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 30 May 2022, the State Council released an implementation plan to accelerate the high-quality development of new energy in the new era drafted by the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration.<sup>2155</sup> This plan aims to promote the establishment of a clean, low-carbon, safe and highly efficient energy system through “building major wind power and photovoltaic power stations in desert areas, integrating new energy exploitation and utilization with rural revitalization, promoting new energy application in industry and construction sectors, and guiding the whole society to consume green energy.”

On 31 May 2022, China announced a package of 33 measures covering fiscal, financial, investment and industrial policies to “revive its pandemic-ravaged economy.”<sup>2156</sup> The State Council aims to further reduce real borrowing costs and strengthen financial support for infrastructure and major projects with this project, in addition to accelerating local government special bond issuance and cash support for firms that hire college graduates.

On 8 June 2022, China adopted a number of targeted measures to bolster the growth of its foreign trade sector.<sup>2157</sup> These measures aim to secure market entities, stabilize their orders and markets and protect their confidence.

On 8 June 2022, Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the third “China+Central Asia” Foreign Ministers' Meeting, where he made several suggestions including, “improv[ing] the institutional pillars for cooperation among the six countries,” “build[ing] a robust engine for post-pandemic recovery” and

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<sup>2152</sup> The General Office of the State Council Released Notice on Improving Employment and Entrepreneurship for College Graduates, The State Council (Beijing) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/13/content\\_5690111.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/13/content_5690111.htm)

<sup>2153</sup> China to develop high-quality new energy in the new era, The State Council (Beijing) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/30/content\\_WS62946dc4c6d02e533532b7e5.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/30/content_WS62946dc4c6d02e533532b7e5.html)

<sup>2154</sup> China allows enterprises to defer 7b yuan of housing provident fund payments, The State Council (Beijing) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022.

[https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202207/29/content\\_WS62e31453c6d02e533532e997.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202207/29/content_WS62e31453c6d02e533532e997.html)

<sup>2155</sup> China to develop high-quality new energy in new era, The State Council (Beijing) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/30/content\\_WS62946dc4c6d02e533532b7e5.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/30/content_WS62946dc4c6d02e533532b7e5.html)

<sup>2156</sup> China announces detailed stimulus measures to support virus-hit economy, Reuters (Beijing) 31 May 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/china-unveils-detailed-stimulus-policies-support-virus-hit-economy-2022-05-31/>

<sup>2157</sup> China adopts targeted measures to bolster foreign trade growth, The State Council (Xinhua) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/news/pressbriefings/202206/08/content\\_WS62a0906ac6d02e533532bde7.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/news/pressbriefings/202206/08/content_WS62a0906ac6d02e533532bde7.html)

“pool[ing] positive forces for global governance” all within China’s role of a contributor to world economic growth and defender of international equity and justice.<sup>2158</sup>

On 19 June 2022, the Central Office issued a tightened regulation on the business activities of officials’ spouses, children and their spouses who run businesses or enterprises.<sup>2159</sup> The new policy limited business activities of relatives of officials at different levels and sectors and required officials to give annual reports on their relatives’ business activities.

On 24 June 2022, the State Council announced a group in the National Medical Products Administration would be set up with the goal of an intensive crackdown on crimes endangering drug safety.<sup>2160</sup> The major task of the group was to investigate and resolve major issues concerning drug safety in cooperation with local governments at and above county level.

On 12 July 2022, the State Council approved the implementation of work-relief programs backed by government-invested projects in “transportation, water conservancy, energy, agriculture and rural areas, urban construction, ecological environment and post-disaster restoration and reconstruction” to boost employment and enable local people work near home with increased incomes.<sup>2161</sup>

On 4 August 2022, China launched a terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite to evaluate terrestrial ecology and resources.<sup>2162</sup> This project can provide “operational support and research services in fields such as environmental protection, surveying and mapping, meteorology, agriculture and disaster reduction.”

On 8 August 2022, Minister Wang and Foreign Minister of Mongolia Batmunkh Battsetseg signed a memorandum of understanding on the cross-border railway connection program at the Gants Mod port to promote the opening of ports and connection of railways and highways.<sup>2163</sup> They also agreed to continue to cooperate in the Erdene Buren hydropower plant project as part of the in-depth synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative.

On 9 August 2022, the National Healthcare Security Administration released the winning bids for the latest round of centralized drug procurement with the average price cut of 48 per cent.<sup>2164</sup> This procurement is expected to help patients save RMB18.5 billion on medicine.

On 9 August 2022, Minister Wang and Foreign Minister of Korea Park Jin agreed to speed up the negotiations on the China-Korea free trade agreement to ensure the stability of industrial and supply

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<sup>2158</sup> Wang Yi Attends the Third "China+Central Asia" Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022.

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<sup>2159</sup> China tightens regulation of business activities of officials' relatives, The State Council (Beijing) 19 June 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022.

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<sup>2160</sup> State Council forms leading group to strengthen drug safety, The State Council (Beijing) 24 June 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202206/24/content\\_WS62b57f2dc6d02e533532cb2b.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202206/24/content_WS62b57f2dc6d02e533532cb2b.html)

<sup>2161</sup> China to launch work-relief programs in major projects, The State Council (Beijing) 12 July 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202207/12/content\\_WS62cd39d9c6d02e533532da1b.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202207/12/content_WS62cd39d9c6d02e533532da1b.html)

<sup>2162</sup> China launches terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite, The State Council (Taiyuan) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022.

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<sup>2163</sup> Wang Yi On Broad Consensuses Reached between China and Mongolia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 8 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022.

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<sup>2164</sup> Centralized procurement bringing down drug prices, The State Council (Beijing) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022. [https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202208/09/content\\_WS62f1a4cac6d02e533532ef87.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202208/09/content_WS62f1a4cac6d02e533532ef87.html)

chains and comply with their commitment to integrity, security, smoothness, openness and inclusiveness.<sup>2165</sup>

On 26 August 2022, the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress pledged to establish an additional ten local legislative outreach offices to "improve platforms and vehicles through which the general public can express opinions."<sup>2166</sup>

On 8 September 2022, Premier Li announced the extension of phased government interest discounts on loans for advancing equipment, increase of credit support for the service sector and phased tax reduction policies to support enterprises investing in innovativeness.<sup>2167</sup>

On 22 September 2022, the Foreign Ministry "deployed the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia to conduct the search and rescue operations and emergency response" after a fishing boat carrying Chinese nationals sank off Cambodia's sea and rescued, at minimum, 21 people.<sup>2168</sup>

China has taken strong actions to support an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery on an international level through providing foreign countries medical and emergency relief aids in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters. China has also accelerated progress on all SDGs and the promotion of equity domestically through implementing action plans that facilitate equal access in healthcare, education and clean sanitation, responsible consumption and protection of the environment.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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#### **France: +1**

France has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 1 November 2021, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) signed a EUR7 million grant agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development to implement the Resilience of Organizations for Transformative Smallholder Agriculture project that aims to improve food security and resilience to climate change in Gambia.<sup>2169</sup> The funds will serve to increase agricultural productivity, open Gambia's agricultural markets to investments and trade and subsidize family farms and local farmer organizations.

On 2 November 2021, France announced the Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union to accelerate South Africa's

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<sup>2167</sup> China to scale up support for employment, entrepreneurship to expand space of employment, Xinhua News (Beijing) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

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<sup>2168</sup> Chinese Foreign Ministry Makes All-out Efforts to Handle the Incident of Shipwreck in Cambodia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022.

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<sup>2169</sup> The French Development Agency and the International Fund for Agricultural Development Join Hands to Promote Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in the Republic of the Gambia, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/french-development-agency-and-ifad-to-promote-food-security-and-sustainable-agriculture-in-gambia?p\\_l\\_back\\_url=/en/web/latest/news](https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/french-development-agency-and-ifad-to-promote-food-security-and-sustainable-agriculture-in-gambia?p_l_back_url=/en/web/latest/news)

decarbonization.<sup>2170</sup> The aim is to reduce emissions in South Africa by an expected one to 1.5 gigatonnes over the next 20 years and accelerate the transition away from coal towards a climate-resilient electricity-powered economy. France and its partners committed to raising USD8.5 billion through grants, investments and other mechanisms for the first phase of the project.

On 24 November 2021, the AFD signed a preliminary protocol with the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey to purchase EUR100 million in bonds through a private placement.<sup>2171</sup> The aim is to accelerate climate adaptation and a transition to a low carbon economy through the financing of at least 75 per cent green projects in Turkey and promote gender equality with the implementation of a Technical Assistance Programme.

On 10 December 2021, the AFD signed a partnership agreement with the Association of Development Financing Institution in Asia and the Pacific (AFIAP) to share knowledge and provide training on green finance practices.<sup>2172</sup> The goal is to “promote climate finance and Sustainable Development Goals among national development banks in Asia and the Pacific” and encourage exchanges and financing between AFIAP members.

On 10 December 2021, France announced it had donated approximately 31 million COVID-19 vaccines to low- and middle-income countries worldwide, particularly in the African and Middle Eastern regions, through the COVAX mechanism during November and December 2021.<sup>2173</sup>

On 2 February 2022, French Ambassador to Liberia Michael Roux signed an agreement to establish a EUR10 million grant to revitalize poor neighbourhoods as part of the Greater Monrovia Integrated Development Project, following up on their Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development strategy.<sup>2174</sup> These funds will serve to enhance the accessibility and quality of essential services and public spaces for vulnerable communities by making their infrastructure more climate change resilient.

On 17 February 2022, AFD CEO Rémy Rioux signed two guarantees totaling more than EUR65 million with the European Commission for the FISEA+ and Cityriz Initiatives to support grassroots initiatives and sustainable infrastructure development in Africa.<sup>2175</sup> The initiative comprises an EUR35 million agreement for FISEA+ aimed at reducing risks for potential investments in high-impact funds in Africa and a EUR30 million agreement for Cityriz aimed at strengthening domestic banking markets and reducing lending risks to cities.

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<sup>2170</sup> France, Germany, UK, US and EU Launch Ground-Breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_21\\_5768](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768)

<sup>2171</sup> Climate: AFD Intends to Invest in Development and Investment Bank of Turkey’s First Ever EUR100 Million Sustainable Bond, French Agency of Development (Paris) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communiqué-de-presse/afd-invest-development-and-investment-bank-turkey-first-ever-eu100-million-sustainable-bond>

<sup>2172</sup> AFD and ADFIAP Join Forces to Promote Green Finance Among Development Banks in Asia and Pacific Region, French Agency of Development (Paris) 20 December 2021. Translation provided by analyst. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-adfiap-promote-green-finance-development-banks-asia-pacific>

<sup>2173</sup> France, Spearheading Vaccine Solidarity, French Agency of Development (Paris) 10 December 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/priority-sectors/health/news/article/france-spearheading-vaccine-solidarity>

<sup>2174</sup> France Supports Liberia’s Vulnerable with EUR10 Million Grant, Republic of Liberia Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (Monrovia) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://mfdp.gov.lr/index.php/media-center/press-release/france-support-liberia-s-vulnerable-with-euros-10m-grant>

<sup>2175</sup> AFD Group And The European Commission Collaborate To Support Public And Private Investments in Africa, French Agency of Development (Paris) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.proparco.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-and-european-commission-collaborate-support-public-and-private-investments>

On 18 February 2022, AFD Director Arthur Germond signed two financial agreements with the Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD) CEO Kampeta Sayinzoga totalling EUR20.5 million to support BRD's achievement of its development objectives.<sup>2176</sup> The fund involves the implementation of a EUR20 million long-term credit facility that will reinforce the BRD's lending capacity in conjunction with its developmental objectives and a EUR500,000 grant to finance the necessary technical assistance. The goal is to promote sustainable growth in the financial and other priority sectors, financial risk management and a green transition to sustainable finance in Rwanda.

On 21 February 2022, the AFD "co-organized [...] a gathering of public development banks and financing institutions of Europe and the Indo-Pacific with the India Exim Bank to address sustainable development challenges in the Indo-Pacific region."<sup>2177</sup> The event's purpose was to reaffirm their commitment to the rapid implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement in the Indo-Pacific region and find sustainable, cooperative solutions in connectivity, climate finance, energy and resilience.

On 9 March 2022, the AFD loaned USD100 million to Serbia's Local Self Governments with the approval of the World Bank for the Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project.<sup>2178</sup> This loan aims to support the renovation of transportation infrastructure, promote sustainable mobility and public finance solutions and redesign the urban landscape.<sup>2179</sup> The goal is to improve mobility and access to equitable economic opportunities while ensuring a green transition in Serbia.<sup>2180</sup> As of 23 May 2022, the AFD contributed over EUR176.8 million to the project valued at EUR265 million.<sup>2181</sup>

On 10 March 2022, France delivered a EUR100 million package comprised of material assistance to Ukraine through non-governmental organizations and international organizations, including the United Nations, to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs.<sup>2182</sup>

On 21 March 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre coordinated the administration of EUR2.4 million of emergency aid to Ukrainian authorities and people.<sup>2183</sup> The supply of 19 tonnes of medical equipment, 31 generators, eight tonnes of electronic

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<sup>2176</sup> France and Rwanda's Public Development Banks To Partner For Sustainable Growth, French Agency of Development (Paris) 18 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/france-and-rwandas-public-development-banks-partner-sustainable-growth>

<sup>2177</sup> Sustainable Finance in the Indo-Pacific: Final Communiqué, French Agency of Development (Paris) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/sustainable-finance-indopacific-final-communique>

<sup>2178</sup> Serbia's Transition to More Equitable and Greener Growth to Benefit from Better Local Service Delivery, with World Bank Support (Belgrade) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/03/09/serbia-s-transition-to-more-equitable-and-greener-growth-to-benefit-from-better-local-service-delivery-with-world-bank-s>

<sup>2179</sup> Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/mobility-serbia-taking-social-and-environmental-needs-board?origin=/en/actualites>

<sup>2180</sup> Serbia's Transition to More Equitable and Greener Growth to Benefit from Better Local Service Delivery, with World Bank Support (Belgrade) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/03/09/serbia-s-transition-to-more-equitable-and-greener-growth-to-benefit-from-better-local-service-delivery-with-world-bank-s>

<sup>2181</sup> Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/mobility-serbia-taking-social-and-environmental-needs-board?origin=/en/actualites>

<sup>2182</sup> Ukraine – France Steps Up Humanitarian Relief Efforts for Ukraine (Paris) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-france-steps-up-humanitarian-relief-efforts-for-ukraine-10-mar-2022>

<sup>2183</sup> Ukraine: Exceptional Solidarity Operation by France, France Diplomacy (Paris) 21 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-exceptional-solidarity-operation-by-france-21-mar-2022>

and communication devices, nine family tents and four tonnes of baby milk addressed medical, electrical and physiological needs, respectively, in the region subject to the ongoing conflict.

On 5 April 2022, France signed two agreements, pledging a total of EUR126 million to Moldova to mitigate the consequences of the war in Ukraine and fund public policies supporting the energy sector and sustainable railways, respectively.<sup>2184</sup> The long-term goal is to ensure Moldova converges toward European Union standards and implements the Paris Agreement.

On 17 May 2022, the AFD, in partnership with the German Development Agency, loaned EUR40 million to Togo to finance waste management in Kinshasa and enhance rural transport infrastructures in the country as part of the fourth phase of the Lomé Urban Environment Project.<sup>2185</sup> The project expects to better the living conditions of 2 million people.<sup>2186</sup>

On 23 May 2022, the AFD announced that they had financed EUR51 million of a EUR102 million railway modernization project in Serbia with co-financing from the World Bank.<sup>2187</sup> The goal is to integrate Serbia into the European railway ecosystem, promote sustainable urban mobility and improve service quality for the population.<sup>2188</sup>

On 25 May 2022, the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the World Food Programme and UNICEF, launched a program aimed at promoting proper nutrition for infants in Laos which was supported by an investment of EUR500,000 from the French Alimentary Aid Program.<sup>2189</sup> The initiative contributes to eliminating wasting, a form of malnutrition which compromises the development and, sometimes, lives of children, particularly in Phongsaly Province, by promoting best feeding practices and maternal knowledge and bolstering the detection and treatment of the malnutrition form.

On 3 June 2022, President Emmanuel Macron and UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions Michael R. Bloomberg announced a Climate Data Steering Committee to "advise how to capture and create open, centralized climate data to accelerate the transition towards a resilient, net zero global economy."<sup>2190</sup> This new Committee will bring together international organizations, regulators, policy makers and data service providers to advise on the creation and design of an open-data public platform that will collect, aggregate and standardize net-zero climate transition data.

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<sup>2184</sup> AFD Group Launches Its First Operations In Moldova (Paris) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

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<sup>2185</sup> Togo: FAD and KfW Lend EUR20 Million to Improve Waste Management in Lomé (Paris) 17 May 2022. Access Date: 5

June 2022. <https://www.afrik21.africa/en/togo-afd-and-kfw-lend-e20-million-to-improve-waste-management-in-lome/>

<sup>2186</sup> Lomé Recycles Its Waste, It's Clean! (Paris) September 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

<https://www.afd.fr/en/lome-recycles-its-waste>

<sup>2187</sup> Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

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<sup>2188</sup> Backing the Modernization of Serbia's Railways (Paris) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

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<sup>2189</sup> France, UNICEF and WFP Join Hands to Improve Child Health and Nutrition in Lao PDR, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Bonneua) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://reliefweb.int/report/lao-peoples-democratic-republic/france-unicef-and-wfp-join-hands-improve-child-health-and-nutrition-lao-pdr>

<sup>2190</sup> Press release – Climate Date Steering Committee, Élysée (Paris) 3 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022.

<https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/06/03/press-release-climate-date-steering-committee>

On 7 June 2022, the AFD granted EUR250,000 to Srbijavode to fund a feasibility study of a hydraulic network modernization and extension project.<sup>2191</sup> This funding closes the first round within the financing campaign totaling EUR35 million that will go towards the replacement and maintenance of 55 pumps and other hydropower systems. The goal is to reform the water system and related digital monitoring systems to better manage irrigation and floods.

On 23 June 2022, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna and Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Marc Fesneau mobilized private sector actors in support of the international Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM), created to address the food crisis in Ukraine and impacted countries.<sup>2192</sup> The initiative gathered, on top of the private stakeholders, numerous international organizations in a meeting to endorse this mission aimed at bolstering cereal trade, ensuring affordable supplies to vulnerable countries and supporting sustainable production capabilities in Ukraine and Africa.

On 26 June 2022, France, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2193</sup>

On 5 July 2022, the AFD co-financed EUR2 million in partnership with the Foundation of France, a project led by three French civil society organizations, ensuring the integration of refugees from Ukraine within Moldova.<sup>2194</sup> The goal is to provide childcare services and economic opportunities to refugees and build the capacity of local actors to address their needs.

On 5 July 2022, the AFD approved EUR35 million in funding to support civil society projects in the southern Mediterranean region to develop sustainable cities and advance gender equality.<sup>2195</sup> Over three years, EUR3 million will finance the Salam network led in Tunisia and running across four countries to promote social entrepreneurship, particularly among the youth.

On 27 July 2022, France, alongside the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), reaffirmed their commitment as part of the European FARM program to invest in building climate resilience in agribusiness.<sup>2196</sup> France committed to supporting IFAD by “fully funding for the first year of a secretariat dedicated to the initiative, for an amount of USD3.2 million, and by providing technical

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<sup>2191</sup> Strengthening Serbia’s Water Supply Network, French Agency of Development (Paris) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/strengthening-serbias-water-supply-network?origin=/en/actualites?field\\_date\\_value=&field\\_date\\_value\\_1=&field\\_type\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_theme\\_target\\_id=All&items\\_per\\_page=5&page=2](https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/strengthening-serbias-water-supply-network?origin=/en/actualites?field_date_value=&field_date_value_1=&field_type_target_id=All&field_theme_target_id=All&items_per_page=5&page=2)

<sup>2192</sup> FARM Initiative: Launch of a Global Coalition of Private Stakeholders for International Food Resilience, France Diplomacy (Paris) 23 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/farm-initiative-launch-of-a-global-coalition-of-private-stakeholders-for>

<sup>2193</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2194</sup> AFD and Foundation of France To Support Refugees from Ukraine in Moldova, French Agency of Development (Paris) 11 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-and-fondation-de-france-support-refugees-ukraine-moldova>

<sup>2195</sup> New Phase of “Salam” Project Supports CSOS On the Southern Shore of the Mediterranean, French Agency of Development (Paris) 17 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. [https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/new-phase-salam-project-supports-csos-southern-shore-mediterranean?origin=/en/actualites?field\\_date\\_value=10-08-2022&field\\_date\\_value\\_1=&field\\_type\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_theme\\_target\\_id=All&items\\_per\\_page=5&page=1](https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/new-phase-salam-project-supports-csos-southern-shore-mediterranean?origin=/en/actualites?field_date_value=10-08-2022&field_date_value_1=&field_type_target_id=All&field_theme_target_id=All&items_per_page=5&page=1)

<sup>2196</sup> Joint Statement by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and France on the Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) Initiative, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (New York) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/joint-statement-international-fund-agricultural-development-ifad-and-france-food-and-agriculture-resilience-mission-farm-initiative>

support.”<sup>2197</sup> The initiative focuses on advancing three main goals: fluidity of trade, solidarity with countries subject to the food insecurity crisis and sustainable production.

On 28 July 2022, the AFD signed two financing agreements worth EUR13.72 million and a third worth over EUR8 million with Burkina Faso to bolster the water supply infrastructure.<sup>2198</sup> The goal is to improve access to drinking water and essential services, particularly in Centre-North Burkina Faso, a region that accounts for 35 per cent of internally displaced people.

On 2 August 2022, the AFD approved a EUR150 million climate-oriented loan as part of a policy-based lending initiative to the Philippines to advance climate resilience and mitigation as per the principles outlined in the Paris Agreement.<sup>2199</sup> The funds will notably support farming and fishing businesses adapt to climate change and build renewable energy capabilities through technical assistance.

On 4 September 2022, Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou announced a EUR10 million grant for the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP) at the Africa Adaptation Summit in Rotterdam.<sup>2200</sup> The funds will finance climate adaptation projects in Africa whose implementation will be supported by the AFD. The goal is to deepen European-African cooperation in the fight against climate change.

On 5 September 2022, the AFD and Global Center on Adaptation signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate on accelerating climate adaptation in Africa during the Africa Adaptation Summit.<sup>2201</sup> Within the framework of the AAP, both will implement several sustainability projects mobilizing USD25 billion in total, including a locally-led project that will carry over the positive externalities from climate resilience onto vulnerable communities in Rwanda.

On 11 September 2022, Minister of Transport Jean-Baptiste Djebbari committed to signing an agreement on 12 September 2022 to bolster grain exports to developing countries, particularly in the Mediterranean region.<sup>2202</sup> France would co-lead a project with Romania aimed at increasing efficiency and capacity at the port of Constant with the use of grain containers as well as the port of Galati. France will contribute technical expertise and financing alongside Bucharest with the goal of supporting Ukraine’s economy.

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<sup>2197</sup> Joint Statement by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and France on the Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) Initiative, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (New York) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/joint-statement-international-fund-agricultural-development-ifad-and-france-food-and-agriculture-resilience-mission-farm-initiative>

<sup>2198</sup> Burkina Faso: AFD Finances Access to Water For 150,000 People in the Centre-North, Afrik21 (Paris) 28 July 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.afrik21.africa/en/burkina-faso-afd-finances-access-to-water-for-150-000-people-in-the-centre-north/>

<sup>2199</sup> Climate Finance: Helping the Philippines to Cope with the Climate Change, French Agency of Development (Paris) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/climate-finance-helping-philippines-cope-climate-change?origin=/en/actualites?field\\_region\\_country\\_target\\_id=242items\\_per\\_page%3D10&field\\_date\\_value=&field\\_date\\_value\\_1=&field\\_type\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_theme\\_target\\_id=All&items\\_per\\_page=5&page=1](https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/climate-finance-helping-philippines-cope-climate-change?origin=/en/actualites?field_region_country_target_id=242items_per_page%3D10&field_date_value=&field_date_value_1=&field_type_target_id=All&field_theme_target_id=All&items_per_page=5&page=1)

<sup>2200</sup> Africa Adaptation Summit - Chrysoula Zacharopoulou Announces France’s Increased Support for Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, France Diplomacy (Paris) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/africa/news/article/africa-adaptation-summit-chrysoula-zacharopoulou-announces-france-s-increased>

<sup>2201</sup> GCA and French Agency of Development Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Accelerate Climate Adaptation in Africa, Global Center of Adaptation (Paris) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://gca.org/news/gca-and-agence-francaise-de-developpement-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-to-accelerate-climate-adaptation-in-africa/>

<sup>2202</sup> France, Romania to Agree to Deal to Boost Ukrainian Grain Exports, Transport Minister Says (London) 11 September 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/france-agree-deal-with-romania-increase-ukraine-grain-exports-minister-2022-09-11/>

On 23 September 2022, France announced the launch of an internationally supported program, the “Save Crops Operation,” which seeks to promote access to fertilizers and other critical inputs in vulnerable countries in order to avoid “significant harvest losses which would significantly worsen the food insecurity situation at the global scale.”<sup>2203</sup>

On 28 September 2022, France and Germany announced that they will each contribute EUR14 million to the “transport and distribution of 50,000 tonnes of wheat provided free of charge by Ukraine to Somalia and Ethiopia.”<sup>2204</sup> This initiative is a response to the severe food crisis that Somalia and Ethiopia are currently experiencing.

France took strong actions to promote sustainable and resilient recovery by signing partnerships and announcing grants promoting adaption to climate change in developing countries and providing humanitarian assistance to contribute to ongoing relief efforts in regions ridden with conflicts. France also supported an inclusive and equitable recovery by implementing social programs and engaging in knowledge transfers in developing countries.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

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### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, Germany, the Netherlands, and the Inter-American Development Bank announced a partnership working towards sustainable landscapes and forest protection in the Amazon.<sup>2205</sup> The German government pledged EU15 million towards the Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund. The partnership prioritizes three forms of action: resilient and diverse landscapes, Amazon-positive value chains and sustainability within the supply chain.

On 2 November 2021, Germany, France, South Africa, the European Union, the United Kingdom and the United States announced a ‘Just Energy Transition Partnership’ to support South Africa’s efforts toward decarbonization.<sup>2206</sup> The goal of this partnership is to reduce emissions rates and support climate action.

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<sup>2203</sup> Launch of the “Save Crops Operation” initiative, Elysee (Paris) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/09/23/launch-of-the-save-crops-operation-initiative>

<sup>2204</sup> Global food security – Contributions from France and Germany to the World Food Programme operation transporting Ukrainian grain to Somalia and Ethiopia, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/global-food-security-contributions-from-france-and-germany-to-the-world-food>

<sup>2205</sup> IDB, Germany, and the Netherlands to Promote Sustainable Development in the Amazon, Inter-American Development Bank (New York) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/idb-germany-and-netherlands-promote-sustainable-development-amazon>

<sup>2206</sup> France, Germany, UK, US and EU launch ground-breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_21\\_5768](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768)

On 9 November 2021, Germany and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) held their biennial meeting and reaffirmed their partnership.<sup>2207</sup> The goal of the partnership is to promote the implementation of the policies and programs that fulfill Sustainable Development Goals.

On 13 December 2021, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development passed a draft law for the second supplementary budget of 2021.<sup>2208</sup> The budget allocated EU60 billion for the Energy and Climate Fund. This draft law works toward economic recovery and climate protection.

On 24 January 2022, the Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze announced the allocation of EUR200 million to the Education Cannot Wait global fund.<sup>2209</sup> The goal is to provide education globally for children that are deprived of an education due to external conflict, displacement and other crises.

On 16 March 2022, the Federal Cabinet presented the draft budget for 2022.<sup>2210</sup> The budget provides EU457.6 billion for expenditure and revenues, reflecting integral political priorities of the coalition agreement: climate change and protection, education, research, and required infrastructure.

On 6 April 2022, the Federal Cabinet approved amendments to the Offshore Wind Energy Act to expand offshore wind energy.<sup>2211</sup> This legislation aims to achieve a rated capacity of offshore wind turbines of a minimum of 30 gigawatts by 2030 and a minimum of 40 gigawatts by 2035.

On 6 April 2022, the Federal Government updated its legislation on renewable energy sources that aims to achieve the 1.5°C pathway in the Paris Climate Agreement.<sup>2212</sup> This legislation aims to reduce Germany's dependence on fossil fuels. It also provides incentives for sustainable energy transition, aiming to make sustainable energy accepted and established.

On 8 April 2022, the Federal and Länder Governments agreed that Ukrainian refugees will receive basic income benefits come 1 June 2022, to provide the EU2 billion for costs like accommodations and schooling and that all refugees will be registered and dispersed quickly and equally among federal states.<sup>2213</sup>

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<sup>2208</sup> Habeck: Additional funds for the transformation to a climate-neutral economy - Cabinet approves draft of the second supplementary budget for 2021, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection (Berlin) 12 December 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022 <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2021/12/20211213-habeck-zusaetzliche-mittel-fuer-die-transformation-zu-einer-klimaneutralen-volkswirtschaft-kabinetts-beschliesst-entwurf-des-zweiten-nachtragshaushalts-2021.html>

<sup>2209</sup> World Education Day: Germany gives 200 million euros for children in need, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 24 January 2022. Access Date: 24 January 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-gives-200-million-euros-for-children-in-need-102634>

<sup>2210</sup> Federal budget 2022: Investing in the future and securing stability, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/cabinet-federal-budget-2022-2016888>

<sup>2211</sup> Accelerated expansion: More wind energy at sea, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/offshore-wind-energy-act-2024112>

<sup>2212</sup> Renewables legislation updated: Cabinet approves accelerated development of renewable energies, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/amendment-of-the-renewables-act-2024096>

<sup>2213</sup> Federation-Länder agreement "Precise, far-reaching and viable solutions found," BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federation-laender-ukraine-refugees-2024580](https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federation-laender-ukraine-refugees-2024580)

On 2 May 2022, Federal Development Minister Svenja Schulze and Indian Ministers signed three joint declarations on development policies in India pertaining to climate change, increasing renewable energies, and agroecology approaches in agriculture.<sup>2214</sup> Federal Minister Schulze and Indian Foreign Minister Jaishankar jointly signed a declaration of intent on the Indo-German Renewable Energy Partnership, as well as a Joint Declaration of Intent on Triangular Cooperation. Federal Minister Schulze and Indian Agriculture Minister Tomar jointly agreed to a lighthouse initiative on Agroecology and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Modi signed a Green and Sustainable Development Partnership. Germany is funding India with over EU1 billion a year. These projects aim to address greenhouse emissions, address climate change, and foster sustainable urban development.

On 9 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with President Emmanuel Macron in Berlin.<sup>2215</sup> Chancellor Scholz emphasized both countries' humanitarian and financial support for Ukraine and its people, as well as the necessity to transition to sustainable forms of energy.

On 11 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with President Fernández in Berlin.<sup>2216</sup> Chancellor Scholz emphasized the importance of Germany's partnership with Argentina and discussed bilateral economic collaboration, particularly in renewable energies and green hydrogen production.

On 12 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz and US President Joe Biden co-hosted the second digital COVID-19 summit.<sup>2217</sup> Chancellor Scholz emphasized the ongoing severity of the pandemic and declared Germany's intent to contribute a total of US1.5 billion to the 'Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator' in 2022. EU850 million of this contribution will go towards the 'Last Mile Initiative,' which aims to support countries with weaker healthcare systems to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

On 14 May 2022, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture Cem Özdemir met with his fellow ministers at the G7 Conference of Agriculture Ministers in Stuttgart, Germany.<sup>2218</sup> As a result of this meeting, the G7 states committed to providing support to Ukraine through securing the food supply and supporting Ukrainian agriculture. The G7 states also announced they will launch a 'Global Alliance for Food Security' to address vulnerable food supplies globally.

On 18 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz attended the North Sea Summit in Esbjerg, Denmark where Chancellor Scholz, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and Belgian Prime Minister Alexander de Cro co-signed a joint summit declaration, 'The Summit Declaration of Esbjerg.'<sup>2219</sup> The joint declaration outlined the countries commitment to replacing fossil fuels with European renewables energies from the North Sea. The joint declaration also outlined joint projects for offshore wind production and electricity and green hydrogen interconnectors.

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<sup>2214</sup> Cooperation with India: Development Minister Schulze signs three agreements, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 2 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/indo-german-cabinet-consultations-108470>

<sup>2215</sup> President Macron in Berlin: Standing up for each other and for Ukraine, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/president-macron-in-berlin-2038032>

<sup>2216</sup> President Fernández of Argentina visits Berlin: A trusted partner in Latin America, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/fernandez-berlin-2038898>

<sup>2217</sup> The Federal Chancellor addresses the Global COVID-19 Summit: "Through our actions we can change reality," BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/covid-19-summit-2039932>

<sup>2218</sup> G7: Solidarity is our current priority: Combating global hunger, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 14 May 2022. Access Date: 1 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-ministers-of-agriculture-2040174>

<sup>2219</sup> North Sea Summit: Together for more offshore wind power, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 1 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/wind-power-cooperation-2040980>

On 24 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa in South Africa.<sup>2220</sup> Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany's participation in the "Just Energy Transition Partnership" and their commitment to achieving climate-neutrality.

On 30 May 2022, the Germany announced it would implement a tax relief package for low- and middle-income citizens to combat rising prices, especially in the energy sector.<sup>2221</sup> This package includes tax improvements such as raising the commuters' allowance, payments to low-income families and heating cost subsidies.

On 26 June 2022, Germany, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to "raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries" and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2222</sup>

On 6 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet approved the draft law on the introduction of a new right of residence.<sup>2223</sup> The law would introduce a one-year residence permit intended for those that hold a 'tolerated' status for an extended period, which would present the opportunity for this demographic to meet the necessary requirements to obtain the permanent right of residence in Germany. This law aims to modernize immigration law and reduce stress on well-integrated refugees.

On 13 July 2022, the Federal Cabinet adopted the 'German Strategy to Strengthen Resilience to Disasters.'<sup>2224</sup> This legislation aims to establish a strategic response to disasters in order to promote resilience during a crisis. This strategy encompasses disaster prevention, preparation, management and follow-up.

On 18 July 2022, Chancellor Scholz and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi co-hosted the Petersburg Climate Dialogue.<sup>2225</sup> Chancellor Scholz emphasized the importance of international efforts to meet the Paris Agreement climate targets and stressed the need to focus on countries that have been or will be significantly impacted by climate change.

On 27 July 2022, Germany adopted the Climate and Transformation Special Fund.<sup>2226</sup> This fund allocates EU177.5 billion between 2023 and 2026. These funds will be used to make energy supplies affordable and reliable while promoting climate protection.

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<sup>2220</sup> Federal Chancellor Scholz visits Senegal, Niger and South Africa: Expanding partnerships in Africa, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federal-chancellor-scholz-in-africa-2043854>

<sup>2221</sup> The relief measures the Federal Government has put in place, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 11 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/relief-package-2027038>

<sup>2222</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2223</sup> Introduction of a new right of residence: More opportunities for well-integrated refugees, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/first-migration-package-2060934>

<sup>2224</sup> Fresh start in the area of civil protection, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/programme-fresh-start-civil-protection-resilience-strategy-2062078>

<sup>2225</sup> Egypt's President el-Sisi in Berlin: United in pursuit of the Paris climate targets, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 18 July 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/egyptian-president-el-sisi-in-berlin-2063156>

<sup>2226</sup> 170 billion euros for energy supplies and climate protection, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 27 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/climate-and-transformation-fund-2066034>

On 10 August 2022, the Federal Cabinet amended the Water Resources Act.<sup>2227</sup> This amendment aims to increase the availability of tap water through drinking fountains.

On 15 August 2022, Chancellor Scholz attended the Nordic-German meeting with Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Iceland's Prime Minister Karín Jakobsdóttir, Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin and Sweden's Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson.<sup>2228</sup> At the meeting, these leaders emphasized their commitment to democracy, the protection of human rights, the expansion of renewable energies and strong international partnerships.

On 24 August 2022, the Federal Cabinet approved additional energy-saving measures which aim to secure the energy supply in the short and medium term.<sup>2229</sup> This plan outlines concrete measures aimed at public bodies, corporations and private households. These measures contribute to Germany's goals to reduce and eliminate its usage of Russian energy supplies.

On 5 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz discussed Germany's third relief package.<sup>2230</sup> The package consists of EU65 billion, which aims to relieve the burden on citizens. This will be accomplished through measures such as short-term aid and changes to address rising energy prices.

On 14 September 2022, the Federal Cabinet proposed the Inflation Compensation Act, which would ensure taxation is adjusted for inflation for around 48 million citizens.<sup>2231</sup> This law would also ensure that families receive targeted tax support. The goal of this law is to ensure citizens aren't further financially burdened.

On 28 September 2022, Germany and France announced that they will each contribute EUR14 million to the "transport and distribution of 50,000 tonnes of wheat provided free of charge by Ukraine to Somalia and Ethiopia."<sup>2232</sup> This initiative is a response to the severe food crisis that Somalia and Ethiopia are currently experiencing.

On 29 September 2022, Chancellor Scholz announced a EUR200 billion "protective shield" to reduce the price of electricity and gas and highlighted that the funds will be "used for is to fund a gas price brake and to help ensure that everyone will be able to cope well and pay their bills."<sup>2233</sup>

Germany has taken strong action to support a sustainable recovery by allocating funds to promote equitable access to education. Germany has also taken weak action to support a sustainable recovery

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<sup>2227</sup> Federal Cabinet: More Drinking Fountains, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/drinking-fountain-2070430>

<sup>2228</sup> The Federal Chancellor in Norway and Sweden: "We are more than just neighbours", BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federal-chancellor-in-norway-2073366>

<sup>2229</sup> Federal Cabinet: Additional energy saving measures approved, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/energy-saving-measures-2078510>

<sup>2230</sup> The third relief package: "Germany stands united at this challenging time", BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/third-relief-package-2123130>

<sup>2231</sup> Federal Cabinet: Inflation compensation for 48 million people, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/inflation-compensation-act-2126292>

<sup>2232</sup> Global food security – Contributions from France and Germany to the World Food Programme operation transporting Ukrainian grain to Somalia and Ethiopia, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/food-security-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture/news/article/global-food-security-contributions-from-france-and-germany-to-the-world-food>

<sup>2233</sup> 200 billion euros for economic protective shield, The Federal Government (Berlin) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/protective-shield-2131014>

by attending the biennial meeting with ECLAC, committing to address food insecurity and reaffirming their commitment to their international partnerships and to fulfilling SDGs.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

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### **India: +1**

India has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the Infrastructure for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) initiative.<sup>2234</sup> India pledged USD10 million towards achieving the initiative's goal of providing island states with technical and financial services to develop resilient infrastructure against climate change and disaster events.<sup>2235</sup>

On 2 November 2021, Prime Minister Modi announced India's commitment to increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030, meet 50 per cent of its renewable energy requirements by 2030, reduce its projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by more than 45 per cent by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2070.<sup>2236</sup>

On 16 November 2021, Chief Executive Officer of the National Institution for Transforming India Aayog Amitabh Kant communicated India's commitment to ensuring policies and programs are inclusive towards the needs of children.<sup>2237</sup>

On 22 November 2021, First Secretary Sneha Dubey voted in favour of a United Nations resolution to eradicate rural poverty.<sup>2238</sup> The resolution aims to progress the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 29 November 2021, the Ministry of External Affairs announced the clearing of all orders placed by COVAX for COVISHIELD vaccines to Malawi, Ethiopia, Zambia, Mozambique, Guinea, Botswana and Lesotho, while simultaneously pledging to provide vaccines, PPE kits and ventilators to affected countries in need.<sup>2239</sup> The announcement served to support Africa as it faces the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

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<sup>2234</sup> Launch of IRIS gives new hope, satisfaction of doing something for most vulnerable countries: PM Modi, The Times of India (Mumbai) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/launch-of-iris-gives-new-hope-satisfaction-of-doing-something-for-most-vulnerable-countries-modi/articleshow/87484818.cms>

<sup>2235</sup> Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Government of India (New Delhi) January 2022. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/doc/eschapter/echap06.pdf>

<sup>2236</sup> National Statement by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Minister of External Affairs Government of India (New Delhi) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://www.mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/34466/National+Statement+by+Prime+Minister+Shri+Narendra+Modi+at+COP26+Summit+in+Glasgow>

<sup>2237</sup> SDGs cannot be achieved without realisation of child rights: Amitabh Kant, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/sdgs-cannot-be-achieved-without-realisation-of-child-rights-amitabh-kant/articleshow/87740706.cms>

<sup>2238</sup> India votes in favour of UN resolution to eradicate rural poverty, The Times of India (Mumbai) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-votes-in-favour-of-un-resolution-to-eradicate-rural-poverty/articleshow/87859293.cms>

<sup>2239</sup> India announces vaccine support to Africa to fight Omicron, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 29 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/india-announces-vaccine-support-to-africa-to-fight-omicron/articleshow/87989068.cms?from=mdr>

On 9 December 2021, while attending a G20 International Seminar, Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman stated the importance of inclusion, investment, innovation and institutions in supporting global recovery.<sup>2240</sup>

On 13 April 2022, India's cabinet approved INR59,110 million to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals in rural India.<sup>2241</sup> The funds will go towards Panchayati Raj institutions or rural governments in order to improve local governing capabilities.

On 2 May 2022, India issued a joint declaration of intent with Germany committing to a shared pursuit of Green and Sustainable Development.<sup>2242</sup> The declaration seeks to reinforce India and Germany's mutually assured partnership in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 7 May 2022, Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu "called for collective action from people, along with enabling policies, for limiting the impact of climate change" while inaugurating the International Conference on Environmental Diversity and Environmental Jurisprudence at Chandigarh University.<sup>2243</sup> He also reiterated India's commitment to fulfil the ambitious national targets set by the Prime Minister Modi at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

On 17 May 2022, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated the services of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.<sup>2244</sup> The CRC will support and rehabilitate persons with disabilities through providing assistive aids and appliances, Universal ID Cards for Divyangjan, financial assistance as well as scholarships for further education.

On 18 May 2022, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy Shri Bhagwanth Khuba inaugurated the "Industry Connect with Centre of Excellence Conclave under DCPC [Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals]."<sup>2245</sup> The Centre of Excellence serves to bring together industries and academia, ensuring sustainability through developing Energy Efficient Devices, Eco-Friendly Polymeric Products and waste management.

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<sup>2240</sup> Collective progress of all nations to ensure sustainable inclusive recovery: Finance minister, The Times of India (Mumbai) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/collective-progress-of-all-nations-to-ensure-sustainable-inclusive-recovery-finance-minister/articleshow/88187515.cms>

<sup>2241</sup> Cabinet approves scheme to help rural India achieve UN SDGs, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/cabinet-approves-scheme-to-help-rural-india-achieve-un-sdgs-101649855647459.html>

<sup>2242</sup> Joint Declaration of Intent between The Republic of India And The Federal Republic of Germany on the Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development, German Department of Press and Information (Berlin) 2 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/resource/blob/997532/2029828/6a4f226c3e696417d110e0651ea26d77/2022-05-02-joint-declaration-ger-ind-data.pdf>

<sup>2243</sup> Vice President calls for a people's movement for environmental protection, Press Information Bureau (Delhi) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1823487>

<sup>2244</sup> Union MoS Pratima Bhoumik inaugurates services of CRC for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Divyangjan in Shillong, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Delhi) 17 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1826068>

<sup>2245</sup> Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers and New & Renewable Energy inaugurates "Industry connect with Centre of Excellence Conclave," Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Delhi) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1826239>

On 25 May 2022, Minister Khuba asked the Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and all State Chief Ministers to develop “State Level Steering Committees for Energy Transition.”<sup>2246</sup> The committees will serve to facilitate energy transitions through the use of biomass and green hydrogen in order to reduce carbon emissions and fulfill international commitments.

On 8 June 2022, Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje addressed BRICS Agriculture Ministers with regards to India’s commitment to fulfilling SDGs.<sup>2247</sup> Minister Karandlaje reiterated India’s aim of ending hunger, while also calling on members to support 2023 as the International Year of Millets, highlighting its importance in food and nutrition security as well as climate resilience.

On 11 June 2022, Union Minister of State Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh stated that “India is moving from women-specific to women-led projects” in the biotech startups sector.<sup>2248</sup> Minister Singh highlighted that “India is looking at a growth of the Biotech sector from INR70 billion to INR150 billion in the next four years which cannot be accomplished without the active participation of women.”

On 16 June 2022, Minister of External Affairs Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar issued a joint statement with Singapore’s Minister for Foreign Affairs at the ASEAN-India Foreign Minister’s Meeting which reiterated the intention of all parties to continue multilateral cooperation in order to meet recovery and further sustainable development goals within the region.<sup>2249</sup>

On 24 June 2022, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra met with Sri Lankan officials to provide assurances that India is prepared to provide further financial aid as Sri Lanka continues its recovery.<sup>2250</sup> India communicated its preparedness to build upon the current USD3.4 billion economic aid, stating they were “ready to promote investment, connectivity and strengthened economic linkage with Sri Lanka.”

On 10 August 2022, Prime Minister Modi approved the proposal of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to continue the development of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, which seeks to provide housing for eligible residents in urban areas.<sup>2251</sup>

On 20 August 2022, the Ministry of External Affairs supplied the tenth batch of medical equipment to the people of Afghanistan, which has included 32 tons of medical assistance, essential lifesaving medicines and 500,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to date.<sup>2252</sup>

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<sup>2246</sup> Addition of Renewables, Promotion of Energy Efficiency, and use of biomass & green hydrogen are key to Energy Transition: R.K Singh, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (Delhi) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1828192>

<sup>2247</sup> India Committed to Fulfil SDG Goal of Ending Hunger: Shobha Karandlaje, Deccan Herald (New Delhi) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/india-committed-to-fulfil-sdg-goal-of-ending-hunger-shobha-karandlaje-1116732.html>

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<sup>2249</sup> Visit by Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan to New Delhi, India, 16 June 2022: Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (New Delhi) 16 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Newsroom/Press-Statements-Transcripts-and-Photos/2022/06/20220616-FMV-India>

<sup>2250</sup> India Team in Lanka: Ready to Aid Recovery Via Investments: The Indian Express (New Delhi) 24 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-team-in-lanka-ready-to-aid-recovery-via-investments-7987544/>

<sup>2251</sup> Cabinet Approves Continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) -” Housing for All” Mission Up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024), Press Information Bureau (Delhi), August 10, 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1850679>

<sup>2252</sup> India delivers the 10<sup>th</sup> batch of medical assistance to Afghanistan, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi), 20 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. [https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/35645/India\\_delivers\\_the\\_10th\\_batch\\_of\\_medical\\_assistance\\_to\\_Afghanistan](https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/35645/India_delivers_the_10th_batch_of_medical_assistance_to_Afghanistan)

On 22 August 2022, the Ministry of External Affairs moved to recognize the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an “Independent and International Legal Entity.”<sup>2253</sup> This recognition enables the CDRI to “pursue functions internationally with all rights, immunities, and privileges as per the United Nations Act, 1947.”

On 29 September 2022, the Supreme Court ruled that “all women are entitled to safe and legal abortion and that the distinction between married and unmarried women in this matter is unconstitutional” and that “under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, the definition of rape must include marital rape.”<sup>2254</sup>

On 29 September 2022, Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur reviewed the functioning of Doordarshan, All India Radio, Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication and asked they “conduct a special [Clean India 2.0] campaign from 2 October [2022] for a fortnight” and “emphasised the need to weed out old paper material as well as e-waste.”<sup>2255</sup> Minister Thakur highlighted that the objectives of the campaign are to “organize cleaning of public spaces and households.”<sup>2256</sup>

On 29 September 2022, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar highlighted that “ecosystems for business and welfare has witnessed a sea change under the leadership of [Prime Minister Modi]” and shared the “last mile delivery and connectivity for the welfare of the poorest of the poor and the empowerment of the economically weaker sections of the society with affordable housing, electricity connection, water and sanitation and [liquefied petroleum gas] are bringing pride to the common Indians” during the G-20 Agriculture Minister Meeting held from 28 September 2022 to 29 September 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.<sup>2257</sup>

India took strong actions towards supporting a resilient, equitable and sustainable recovery while also advancing SDGs by promoting infrastructure development through launching and funding IRIS, progressing sustainable climate action domestically through inaugurating committees and conclaves specializing in energy efficiency, providing COVID-19 vaccines to promote good health and well-being in other countries as well as funding local governments so to further SDGs in rural settings. India also took weak actions towards supporting recovery and advancing SDGs through reaffirming its commitments to international objectives and calling on other countries to do the same.

Thus, India has received a score of +1.

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<sup>2254</sup> All women, married or unmarried, entitled to safe and legal abortion till 24 weeks of pregnancy, rules Supreme Court, DD News (New Delhi) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://ddnews.gov.in/national/all-women-married-or-unmarried-entitled-safe-and-legal-abortion-till-24-weeks-pregnancy>

<sup>2255</sup> Shri Anurag Thakur exhorts to conduct Cleanliness Campaign, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (New Delhi) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseframePage.aspx?PRID=1863509>

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<sup>2257</sup> Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar meets Indian Diaspora in Bali, Indonesia, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (New Delhi) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseframePage.aspx?PRID=1863466>

## Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, President Joko Widodo announced at the World Leaders Summit on Forest and Land Use that Indonesia is willing to share “experiences and knowledge” regarding forest conservation under “the framework of sustainable development.”<sup>2258</sup> In his speech, President Widodo noted that forest management should prioritize partnerships with the community and an emphasis on sustainability, addressing the necessity of an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

On 23 November 2021, Vice President Amin hosted the Annual Conference on SDGs Indonesia.<sup>2259</sup> The forum aims to accelerate progress on SDGs by obtaining “input and recommendations from experts and practitioners regarding inclusive innovative funding.” Vice President Amin urged agencies and “various parties” to ensure that SDGs are reached through “inclusive, no one left behind efforts.”

On 10 December 2021, President Widodo signed Presidential Decree 105 of 2021, which contains measures to reduce inequality, and fulfill basic needs and basic infrastructure for underdeveloped regions.<sup>2260</sup> The decree aims to eradicate disadvantaged regions from poverty in 2024 by allocating village funds towards infrastructure development.

On 14 December 2021, Vice President Amin announced at the 2021 National Stunting Forum that the government will adopt the 2018-2024 National Strategy for the Acceleration of Stunting Prevention in order to be in accordance with SDG targets by 2030.<sup>2261</sup> Vice President Amin noted that reducing stunting requires “the involvement of all parties” and “urged all related parties to start investing in nutrition interventions.”

On 17 December 2021, Vice President Amin announced in a press statement in the 22nd Congress of the Indonesian Engineers Association that the government aims to increase the number of engineering certifications for “energy transition, as well as achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets.”<sup>2262</sup> As a part of this plan, the government aims to build more higher education institutions capable of training engineers and prepare a “demand site” to encourage “vocational acceleration.”

On 21 December 2021, while chairing the Meeting for Addressing Extreme Poverty in Coastal Areas, Vice President KH Ma'ruf Amin increased the number of regencies aimed at combating poverty from 35 in 2021

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<sup>2259</sup> SDGs Global Commitment to Realize Community Welfare (Jakarta) 23 November 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

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<sup>2260</sup> New Presidential Decree Concerning National Strategy for Accelerating Development of Underdeveloped Regions (Manokwari) 27 December 2021. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://westpauadaily.com/new-presidential-decree-concerning-national-strategy-for-accelerating-development-of-underdeveloped-regions.html>

<sup>2261</sup> Handling Stunting Determines the Future of the Nation (Jakarta) 14 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

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<sup>2262</sup> Expand Engineer Certification to Promote National Development (Jakarta) 17 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

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to 212 in 2022.<sup>2263</sup> Vice President Amin aims to have regional governments increase income and reduce the expenditure burden of the extreme poor in coastal areas by increasing “access to basic services.”

On 25 January 2022, President Widodo and Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong released a joint press statement discussing “strengthening cooperation in economic recovery.”<sup>2264</sup> The press statement notes “new investments worth USD9.2 billion including in the field of new and renewable energy.” Moreover, President Widodo and Prime Minister Loong signed memorandums of understanding on “Energy Cooperation” and “Green Cooperation and Circular Economy Development.” Finally, to maintain stability to support economic recovery, “the Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement and Bilateral Repo Line cooperation has been extended for one year.”

On 19 March 2022, Indonesia agreed to host the 2024 World Water Forum in Bali.<sup>2265</sup> Indonesia went on to reaffirm its commitment to “enhancing the collaboration between various stakeholders to reach the SDG 6 target in ensuring access to clean water and sanitation.

On 9 April 2022, Director of Standard Development for Mechanics, Energy, Electronics, Transportation and Information Technology of the National Standardization Agency Yustinus Kristianto Widiwardono announced the enactment of SNI ISO 50001: 2018 Energy Management System to “help change global climate and achieve energy saving targets.”<sup>2266</sup> SNI ISO 50001 will save costs and reduce “risks due to rising energy prices and increasing resilience to energy supply.”

On 1 July 2022, Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Ego Syahrial signed three memorandums of understanding which aimed to move Indonesia towards “cleaner...environmentally friendly energy.”<sup>2267</sup> The memorandums include reducing fossil fuel usage through the “co-firing of biomass” and “reduc[ing] fuel imports.”

On 1 July 2022, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Arifin Tasrif stated that the government will “convert 1,000 units of fuel motors to electric motors” and “there will be 13 million electric motors from new and converted electric motors by 2030.”<sup>2268</sup> In addition, Tasrif noted that the government is also developing electric batteries to be used in fishing boats which will “reduce carbon emissions [and] avoid environmental pollution.”<sup>2269</sup>

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<sup>2263</sup> Charing Extreme Poverty Meeting, Vice President Says Coastal Areas Have Higher and More Complex Figures (Jakarta) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 January 2022 [https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pimpin\\_rapat\\_kemiskinan\\_ekstrem\\_wapres\\_sebut\\_wilayah\\_pesisir\\_angkanya\\_lebih\\_tinggi\\_dan\\_lebih\\_kompleks](https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pimpin_rapat_kemiskinan_ekstrem_wapres_sebut_wilayah_pesisir_angkanya_lebih_tinggi_dan_lebih_kompleks)

<sup>2264</sup> Joint Press Statement of the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the Prime Minister of Singapore (Jakarta) 25 January 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022 [https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pernyataan\\_pers\\_bersama\\_presiden\\_republik\\_indonesia\\_dan\\_perdana\\_menteri\\_singapura](https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pernyataan_pers_bersama_presiden_republik_indonesia_dan_perdana_menteri_singapura)

<sup>2265</sup> Bali to Host 2024 World Water Forum (Jakarta) 20 March 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/3418/berita/bali-to-host-2024-world-water-forum>

<sup>2266</sup> BSN Develops New and Renewable Energy SNI (Jakarta) 9 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2022 <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/4631/bsn-kembangkan-sni-energi-baru-dan-terbarukan?lang=1>

<sup>2267</sup> Commitment to the Battery-Based Electric Motor Vehicle Ecosystem Continues to be Strengthened, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5465/komitmen-ekosistem-kendaraan-bermotor-listrik-berbasis-baterai-terus-diperkuat?lang=1>

<sup>2268</sup> Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Campaigns for Clean Energy at ETWG G20, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5464/menteri-esdm-kampanyekan-energi-bersih-di-etwg-g20?lang=1>

<sup>2269</sup> Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Campaigns for Clean Energy at ETWG G20, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 1 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5464/menteri-esdm-kampanyekan-energi-bersih-di-etwg-g20?lang=1>

On 22 July 2022, President Widodo announced that Indonesia had constructed “hundreds of solar panels” on Mesah Island in Labuan Bajo in order to support the green energy transition.<sup>2270</sup>

On 27 July 2022, President Widodo and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida agreed to “strengthen cooperation on trade and investment” in areas related to green technology.<sup>2271</sup> President Widodo stated that Japanese technology will aid Indonesia in “down streaming of natural commodities [and] the development of electric cars and motorcycles...[and] innovative technologies such as hydrogen and ammonia technology.”

On 28 July 2022, Minister Tasrif, highlighted Indonesia’s roadmap “to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2060 or sooner with international support.”<sup>2272</sup> The roadmap is based around incorporating 600 gigawatts of renewable energy, which includes diesel, hydro, marine, geothermal and hydrogen.

On 27 August 2022, Minister of Health Budi Gunadi stated that Argentina, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, India and Indonesia agreed to take part in an initiative “focusing on increasing the production capacity of vaccines...in middle-income G20 member countries.”<sup>2273</sup>

On 5 September 2022, Minister of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection Bintang Puspayoga announced three technical recommendations developed by G20 members to strengthen gender equality.<sup>2274</sup> The recommendations include a dashboard that measures “the effectiveness of women’s leadership in the private sector,” increasing training and encouraging the private sector “to help finance women’s Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises” and the final recommendation includes various points, such as increasing access to health services and land ownership for women.<sup>2275</sup>

On 26 September 2022, Minister of Communication and Information Johnny G. Plate reaffirmed Indonesia’s commitment to “reducing the digital divide” both globally and domestically while attending the Opening of the International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 in Bucharest, Romania.<sup>2276</sup>

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<sup>2270</sup> Indonesia Shows Real Actions on Energy Transition to Delegates of the Second G20 Sherpa Meeting, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 22 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5372/indonesia-pamer-aksi-nyata-transisi-energi-ke-delegasi-pertemuan-kedua-sherpa-g20?lang=1>

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<sup>2272</sup> Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources: International Support to Accelerate Zero Carbon Neutrality, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 28 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://indonesia.go.id/g20/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5267/menteri-esdm-dukungan-internasional-percepat-netralitas-nol-karbon?lang=1>

<sup>2273</sup> Vaccine Agreements and Financing for G20 Country Pandemic Handling, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 27 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://indonesia.go.id/g20/kategori/kabar-g20/5567/kesepakatan-vaksin-dan-pembiayaan-penanganan-pandemi-negara-g20?lang=1>

<sup>2274</sup> G20 MCWE Forum Strengthens Gender Equality Commitment, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 5 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-g20/5596/forum-mcwe-g20-perkuat-komitmen-kesetaraan-gender?lang=1>

<sup>2275</sup> G20 MCWE Forum Strengthens Gender Equality Commitment (Jakarta) 5 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 September 2022 <https://indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-g20/5596/forum-mcwe-g20-perkuat-komitmen-kesetaraan-gender?lang=1>

<sup>2276</sup> Minister of Communication and Information at ITU PP 2022 Conference: Indonesia is Committed to Eliminating the Global Digital Gap, InfoPublik (Jakarta) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://infopublik.id/kategori/nasional-sosial-budaya/669760/menkominfo-di-konferensi-itu-pp-2022-indonesia-berkomitmen-kikis-kesenjangan-digital-global#>

On 29 September 2022, Minister for Human Development and Culture Muhadjir Effendy highlighted that “extreme poverty in Indonesia is relatively [low]” and that “must be handled holistically or comprehensively, not only looking at each family head, but also the environment.”<sup>2277</sup> This supports President Jokowi’s aim that extreme poverty in Indonesia be reduced to 0 per cent by 2024.

On 30 September 2022, the Ministry of Transportation announced that State Patrol Vessels would be added to guard Eastern Indonesia to “carry out the duties and functions of marine and coastal guarding, including enforcing the rules of shipping safety and security, taking precautions and overcoming pollution as well as assisting search and rescue in the event of an accident. shipping in their respective working areas.”<sup>2278</sup>

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all SDGs, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies. Indonesia took strong actions to support the inclusive, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs through domestic infrastructure and poverty alleviation projects, as well as bilateral cooperation to promote sustainable, inclusive and resilient economic recovery. Indonesia has also taken action in conferences and forums to ensure Indonesian and global progress towards meeting SDGs support the inclusive, and sustainable dimensions of recovery.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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### **Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 17 November 2021, the Ministry for Ecological Transition sponsored schools across Italy to plant upwards of 5,000 trees.<sup>2279</sup> This is designed to increase biodiversity, protect natural areas and get students involved and interested in the climate.

On 23 November 2021, the Ministry for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies announced a grant of EUR30 million to support the transition of olive oil supply chain to an eco-sustainable model.<sup>2280</sup> The funds will be divided between the existing supply chains and new investments in the sector.

On 30 November 2021, Minister of Education Patrizio Bianchi, Minister for Equal Opportunities and the Family Elena Bonetti, Minister for the South and Territorial Cohesion Mara Carfagna and Minister for Regional Affairs and Autonomies Mariastella Gelmini announced EUR5 billion in measures related

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<sup>2277</sup> Poverty Management Must Be Comprehensive and Work Together with All Parties, InfoPublik (Jakarta) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://infopublik.id/kategori/nasional-sosial-budaya/671026/penanganan-kemiskinan-harus-menyeluruh-dan-bekerja-sama-dengan-semua-pihak>

<sup>2278</sup> Ministry of Transportation Adds State Patrol Vessels to Strengthen Guarding Eastern Indonesia, Ministry of Transportation (West Papua) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://infopublik.id/kategori/nasional-ekonomi-bisnis/671131/kemenhub-tambah-kapal-negara-patrol-perkuat-penjagaan-wilayah-timur-indonesia>

<sup>2279</sup> Fontana: planting trees to give oxygen to our cities, Ministry for Ecological Transition (Rome) 17 November 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/notizie/fontana-piantare-alberi-dare-ossigeno-alle-nostre-citta>

<sup>2280</sup> Minister Patuanelli signed a decree in support of the eco-sustainable transition of the olive-oil supply chain, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17553>

to education under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).<sup>2281</sup> Under these measures, EUR800 million will be allocated to the construction of new sustainable and energy efficient schools, EUR3 billion to strengthen early childhood education and EUR400 million to enhance school canteens.

On 3 December 2021, the government and the National Association of Italian Municipalities reached an agreement that allocates EUR97 million to implement more economic resources in municipalities.<sup>2282</sup> In particular, EUR30 million is earmarked for small municipalities and the remaining EUR67 million will support recruitment efforts in the south of Italy to increase economic prosperity and decrease regional inequalities.

On 27 December 2021, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli announced EUR83 million to support companies' recovery from natural disasters.<sup>2283</sup> The money will be allocated on an as-needed basis with the Emilia-Romagna province being prioritized, followed by the Piedmont, Lombardy and Puglia provinces.

On 28 December 2021, Minister Patuanelli signed a decree allocating EUR10 million to “regulate the criteria and methods for allocating the resources of the Fund for the protection and relaunch of the beekeeping, brewing, hemp and nut supply chains.”<sup>2284</sup> The funding is designed to keep the artisan market afloat as well as the boost the economy of smaller municipalities. The fund will be distributed across industries with EUR3.5 million allocated for the brewing sector, EUR3 million for hemp, EUR3 million euros for nuts and EUR500,000 for beekeeping.

On 30 December 2021, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies enacted a budget allocating EUR2 billion to multiple fishing and agricultural sectors.<sup>2285</sup> The budget includes measures devoted to risk management, tax breaks, development of funds for various agricultural sectors, measures to support the investments, protections for forests, defense of production, interventions for fisheries and miscellaneous funding.

On 15 February 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies announced EUR900 million to address supply chain issues which is a key part of the PNRR strategy.<sup>2286</sup>

On 25 February 2022, Minister of Labor and Social Policies Andrea Orlando and Minister for Economy and Finance Daniele Franco co-signed a piece of legislation allocating EUR60 million

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<sup>2281</sup> PNRR: Ministers Bianchi, Bonetti, Carfagna and Gelmini present measures on Education, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 30 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/pnrr-i-ministri-bianchi-bonetti-carfagna-e-gelmini-presentano-misure-su-istruzione/18677>

<sup>2282</sup> Pnrr, Government-Anci agreement: more space for recruitment and funds for the Municipalities, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/pnrr-accordo-governo-anci-pi-spazi-assunzioni-e-fondi-i-comuni/18720>

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<sup>2284</sup> Minister Patuanelli signs the decree for the distribution of 10 million euros for the smaller supply chains, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 28 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17701>

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<sup>2286</sup> Green light from CIPESS to 900 million euros for supply chain and district contracts, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 15 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17846>

towards the industrial sector to deal with the “industrial crisis.”<sup>2287</sup> Provinces could request financial aid which is broken down by need per province and the aid of the Social Fund for Employment and Training to prevent structural unemployment.

On 19 March 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced an additional EUR140 million to support artisan workers.<sup>2288</sup> This is an expansion of an already existing program and is designed to provide welfare to a sector which relies heavily on tourism and boost the economy.

On 19 March 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies announced the renegotiation of all agricultural loans made by the government and opening a public guarantee fund with a ceiling of EUR5 million per individual.<sup>2289</sup> This is designed to revamp the agricultural sector as well as safeguard soil fertilizer and aqua life. An additional 20 per cent of the funding is earmarked for fuel, a provision added to address the sky rocketing fuel prices.

On 23 March 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition opened public notices for research grants aimed at research institutions and universities working cooperatively with corporations to look into the production of clean and green hydrogen and hydrogen support options.<sup>2290</sup> The call for grants includes EUR20 million earmarked for the north of Italy and EUR30 million for the south of Italy.

On 29 March 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies in collaboration with the Italian Social Security System announced an up-to EUR12,000 discount on energy bills will run from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022.<sup>2291</sup> This initiative is designed to combat rising energy prices and will expand the number of citizens who can access this discount.

On 5 April 2022, Prime Minister Mario Draghi announced the Patto per Torino, in which EUR1.1 billion will be divided among multiple municipalities for to support initiatives related to renewable energy, sustainable economic regrowth, education and healthcare.<sup>2292</sup> This program is designed to revitalise areas affected by COVID-19, increase income for Italian citizens, improve education, address climate change and create more equitable healthcare.

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<sup>2287</sup> 60 million euros in 2022: Minister Orlando signed the decree for the allocation of resources for areas of complex industrial crisis, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 25 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/60-milioni-euro-nel-2022-ministro-Orlando-ha-firmato-Decreto-di-ripartizione-risorse-per-aree-crisi-industriale-complessa.aspx>

<sup>2288</sup> Alternative bilateral solidarity fund for workers in the artisan sector: another 140 million euros assigned, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 19 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Fondo-bilaterale-alternativo-per-i-lavoratori-del-settore-artigiano-assegnati-altri-140-milioni-di-euro.aspx>

<sup>2289</sup> In the Council of Ministers go-ahead for the renegotiation of the debts of agri-food companies and the transferable tax credit for expensive fuels, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 19 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Supporto\\_aziende\\_agroalimentari\\_Crisi\\_Ucraina](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Supporto_aziende_agroalimentari_Crisi_Ucraina)

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<sup>2291</sup> Discount on electricity and gas bills for millions of families, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Sconto-in-bolletta-luce-e-gas-per-oltre-5-milioni-di-famiglie.aspx>

<sup>2292</sup> Prime Minister Draghi’s speech at the ‘Patto per Torino’ signing ceremony, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/prime-minister-draghi-s-speech-patto-torino-signing-ceremony/19604>

On 6 April 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance announced that EUR16 billion had been earmarked outside the current budget for sustainable mobility in cities.<sup>2293</sup> This plan is meant to address the increasing price of day to day living in Italy after cutting ties with Russia.

On 7 April 2022, the Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro and la Struttura Tecnica di Missione del Ministero delle Infrastrutture e della Mobilità Sostenibili announced a joint effort to increase road safety and sustainable mobility.<sup>2294</sup> This effort seeks to increase citizens' safety and decrease emissions through creating safe sustainable transport.

On 11 April 2022, Prime Minister Draghi announced a deal with Algiers to create a bilateral energy agreement and decrease reliance on Russian oils.<sup>2295</sup> This agreement is meant to increase usage of renewable energy and hydrogen fuel.

On 12 April 2022, the Italian Medicines Agency approved a second booster shot for COVID-19 for the most vulnerable members of the population.<sup>2296</sup> This is designed to protect the elderly and immunocompromised while allowing Italy to continue to recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19.

On 13 April 2022, the Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro began a public outreach effort by setting up a physical table for community outreach and giving talks on the mismatch between supply and demand for labour in the Italian economy.<sup>2297</sup> This effort seeks to aid workers in getting jobs and restabilizing the Italian economy.

On 13 April 2022, the government received EUR21 billion from the European Union to invest in the National Recovery and Resilience plan (NRRP).<sup>2298</sup> The NRRP is an investment plan that will target renewable energy, youth engagement, gender equality, education and reducing the wage gap in standards of living.

On 14 April 2022, the Ministry of Education announced the creation of a new initiative bringing green workshops to schools as well as introducing an additional EUR100 million of PON-REACT EU funds

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<sup>2293</sup> PM Draghi's press conference with Minister Franco following Council of Ministers meeting, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/pm-draghi-s-press-conference-minister-franco-following-council-ministers-meeting/19605>

<sup>2294</sup> Sustainable Mobility, CNEL-MIMS Agreement on Road Safety, National Council of Economy and Labor and the Technical Mission Structure of the Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility (Rome) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.cnel.it/Comunicazione-e-Stampa/Notizie/ArtMID/694/ArticleID/2228/COMUNICATO-N-25-DEL-07-APRILE-2022-MOBILITA%e2%80%99-SOSTENIBILE-ACCORDO-CNEL-MIMS-SU-SICUREZZA-STRADALE>

<sup>2295</sup> Prime Minister Draghi's press statement in Algiers, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/prime-minister-draghi-s-press-statement-algiers/19627>

<sup>2296</sup> Italy begins offering fourth Covid jabs to most vulnerable, Italian Medicines Agency AIFA (Rome) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.thelocal.it/20220412/italy-begins-offering-fourth-covid-jabs-to-most-vulnerable/>

<sup>2297</sup> Work, AI CNEL Settled Table On Mismatch. "Urgent Orientation And Re-skilling ", National Council of Economy and Labor (Rome) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.cnel.it/Comunicazione-e-Stampa/Notizie/ArtMID/694/ArticleID/2240/COMUNICATO-N-30-DEL-13-APRILE-2022-LAVORO-AL-CNEL-INSEDIATO-TAVOLO-SU-MISMATCH-URGENTE-ORIENTAMENTO-E-RE-SKILLING%e2%80%9d>

<sup>2298</sup> NRRP: Italy receives payment of first instalment, amounting to EUR 21 bn, from European Commission, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/nrrp-italy-receives-payment-first-instalment-amounting-eur-21-bn-european-commission/19633>

to promote ecological transition training.<sup>2299</sup> This will result in the creation of “sustainable and innovative laboratories for second cycle schools” to strengthen the field of sustainability education.

On 29 April 2022, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces reached an agreement on the measures proposed by Minister Patuanelli designed to support and develop the Italy’s agricultural sector.<sup>2300</sup> The agreement approved EUR30 million towards interventions specially for poultry farm and a condition of the decree was that EUR15 million be put towards “structural and functional interventions in the field of biosecurity” specifically focused in five regions across Italy which are Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany.

On 29 April 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced EUR15 million for initiatives combating African swine fever through the “Fund for structural and functional interventions in the field of biosecurity” to protect the pork supply chain.<sup>2301</sup>

On 6 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced an aid decree that includes EUR180 million earmarked for Institute of Services for the Agricultural and Food guaranteed loans to small and medium-sized agricultural and fishing companies, the refinancing of the “Fund for the development and support of agricultural, fishing and aquaculture enterprises” and EUR20 million through the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies “in support of agricultural companies to cope with the economic damage caused by the war in Ukraine and the sanctions against Russia.”<sup>2302</sup> These measures are designed to shield supply chains from the “liquidity crisis of the agri-food companies connected to the exceptional increase in the cost of energy and raw materials.”

On 6 May 2022, the Ministry of Education announced EUR1.189 million in funding for 216 “innovative and sustainable schools” under the NRRP.<sup>2303</sup> The new schools will be built sustainably and on 85 different Provinces and the planned intervention will include schools of different cycle levels and socio-economic placements.

On 9 May 2022, Minister Orlando and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Tiny Kox to discuss the role of Italy and the PACE’s roles in resolving the conflict with Ukraine and how the two organizations can “strengthen its role in protecting freedoms and the rule of law, also in new areas, such as digital innovation and artificial intelligence” as well as protecting human rights.<sup>2304</sup>

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<sup>2299</sup>Green workshops in schools, an additional 100 million available for second-cycle institutions. Bianchi: “We are expanding the audience of beneficiaries. Extraordinary opportunity to educate about the ecological transition,” Ministry of Education (Rome) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/laboratori-green-nelle-scuole-disponibili-ulteriori-100-milioni-per-gli-istituti-del-secondo-ciclo-bianchi-ampliamo-la-platea-dei-beneficiari-opportun>

<sup>2300</sup> Agreement reached in the State-Regions Conference on biosecurity, poultry and biological measures, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces (Rome) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Conferenza\\_Regioni\\_biosicurezza\\_biologico](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Conferenza_Regioni_biosicurezza_biologico)

<sup>2301</sup> Minister Patuanelli signs the 15 million euro decree for interventions on African swine fever, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Decreto\\_Biosicurezza](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Decreto_Biosicurezza)

<sup>2302</sup> DI Aid: 180 million for small and medium-sized enterprises, 20 million fund refinanced and incentives for agrisolare, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/DI\\_Aiuti](https://www.politicheagricole.it/DI_Aiuti)

<sup>2303</sup> The rankings of the areas where the 216 schools foreseen by the PNRR will be built have been published. Funds increased: 42.4% goes to the South. Bianchi: “New buildings for a new idea of teaching,” Ministry of Education (Rome) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/-/pubblicare-le-graduatorie-delle-aree-dove-saranno-costruite-le-216-scuole-previste-dal-pnrr-aumentati-i-fondi-il-42-4-va-al-sud-bianchi-nuovi-edifici>

<sup>2304</sup> Orlando met with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Tiny Kox, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 9 May 2022. Access: 10 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/orlando-ha-incontrato-il-presidente-assemblea-parlamentare-del-consiglio-europa-tiny-kox.aspx/>

On 10 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli and Undersecretary with Responsibility for Organic Farming Francesco Battistoni attended a conference where they spoke about the importance of the “primacy in the organic sector” and who the provisions currently in place support organic products in the current Italian economy.<sup>2305</sup> In addition, they spoke of future actions to aid with green transition and the European objectives of the “Farm to Fork and Biodiversity 2030” goals set by the EU.

On 18 May 2022, Minister Orlando announced a program to finance vocational training which included EUR15 million for training activities, EUR130 million for a dual training system with a diploma and EUR189,109,570 towards creations of courses to provide said training.<sup>2306</sup> This is designed to enhance the current abilities of the Italian population.

On 20 May 2022, the European Commission approved the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies’ EUR1.2 billion framework scheme to support the agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture sectors and reduce the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the Italian economy.<sup>2307</sup> The scheme will provide financial support in light of the increase in electricity, feed and fuel prices.

On 24 May 2022, Minister Orlando extended certain measures related to COVID-19 until 30 June 2022 which included the extension of financial support for health care, reemployment and professional training activities and income support for parents with at least one child under 14.<sup>2308</sup>

On 25 May 2022, the Ministry of the Interior published the calls for tenders for urban rescue and tanker trucks powered by biomethane for the National Fire Brigade through the PNRR.<sup>2309</sup> They aim to purchase the first 1000 electric vehicles by 31 August 2022. This aims to increase the sustainable mobility of the National Fire Brigade and aid in Italy’s strategy to fight against climate change.

On 27 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced EUR420 million to implement the National Forestry Strategy over the next decade.<sup>2310</sup> The Strategy prioritizes actions related to strengthening and enhancing Italy’s forests, including: the increase of biological diversity of forest ecosystems; the prevention or repairing of damages caused by natural and anthropogenic risks; the adoption sustainable forest management techniques; training forest operators; and actions concerning genetic resources and forest propagation materials.

On 9 June 2022, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies announced the refinancing of EUR11.8 million from the European Social Fund 2014-2020 to create 2,000 “socio-work insertion paths” for

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<sup>2305</sup> Minister Patuanelli at the conference “It’s time for BIO agriculture - A strategic resource to overcome crises,” Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Patuanelli\\_Biologico\\_AgricolturaBio](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Patuanelli_Biologico_AgricolturaBio)

<sup>2306</sup> Resources for vocational training, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Risorse-per-la-formazione-professionale.aspx>

<sup>2307</sup> European Commission approves 1.2 billion aid scheme for agriculture, forestry and fishing, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/ucraina\\_commissione\\_europea\\_aiuti\\_agricoltura\\_silvicoltura\\_pesca](https://www.politicheagricole.it/ucraina_commissione_europea_aiuti_agricoltura_silvicoltura_pesca)

<sup>2308</sup> COVID-19 and smart working: extension of measures related to the pandemic emergency, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/COVID-19-e-smart-working-proroga-delle-misure.aspx>

<sup>2309</sup> The call for tenders for biomethane fueled VVF vehicles has been published, Ministry of the Interior (Rome) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.interno.gov.it/it/notizie/pubblicato-bando-gara-i-mezzi-dei-vvf-alimentati-biometano>

<sup>2310</sup> 420 million for the implementation of the National Forest Strategy: funds available for 2022 and 2023 allocated by the 2022 Stability Law, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/Strategia\\_Nazionale\\_Forestale](https://www.politicheagricole.it/Strategia_Nazionale_Forestale)

“vulnerable migrants” with the collaboration of public and private operators of the labour market.<sup>2311</sup> The initiative will allow participants to receive the necessary training and support through a 6-month long internship.

On 14 June 2022, Italy announced they had joined the Global Deal Partnership, the international initiative that “addresses global labour market challenges by encouraging governments, businesses, trade unions and other organisations to engage in improving social dialogue.”<sup>2312</sup> Upon joining the initiative, Minister Orlando highlighted Italy’s intention in the Partnership was “the aim of facing together the future challenges: achieving decent work for all, equality and equal opportunities and promoting inclusive and sustainable growth, guaranteeing safe workplaces.”

On 21 June 2022, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies and the Ministry of Education agreed to allocate EUR5 million to organic school canteens in which 14 per cent of the funding will be to educate and inform students about food initiatives, specifically regarding organic farming.<sup>2313</sup>

On 26 June 2022, Italy, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2314</sup>

On 30 June 2022, Minister Orlando launched the Sport for All Project, which intends to support accessibility to sports and “enhance the role of sport in the post-Covid-19 socio-economic reactivation process.”<sup>2315</sup> The Sport for All project was rolled out over 15 regions and 26 Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti committees, with aid from universities and social representatives. The government identified sport as a priority factor for development, sustainability, cohesion and peace.

On 1 July 2022, Minister Patuanelli signed a EUR144 million aid bill designed in support of the livestock sector who are having difficulty recovering from COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine.<sup>2316</sup> Of the EUR144 million, EUR48 million is from the EU and the co-financing of the remaining EUR96 million euros comes from the Italian government. The Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy is also adding an additional EUR80 million, bringing the total potential aid to EUR224 million.

On 4 August 2022, Minister Orlando announced the Aid Law, which finances and refinances three initiatives designed to “protect workers, pensioners, families and businesses.”<sup>2317</sup> The Aid Law

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<sup>2311</sup> Online the new NOTICE YOU CAN: project for the socio-occupational integration of vulnerable migrants, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. 9 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Nuovo-avviso-Puoi-progetto-per-l-inserimento-socio-lavorativo-di-migranti-vulnerabili.aspx>

<sup>2312</sup> Italy joins the Global Deal Partnership, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. 14 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Italia-aderisce-alla-Global-Deal-Partnership.aspx>

<sup>2313</sup> Agreement in Unified Conference for the allocation of the 5 million Fund for organic school canteens, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy (Rome) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/mense-bio>

<sup>2314</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2315</sup> Minister Orlando at the presentation of the “SportPerTutti” project, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Il-ministro-Orlando-alla-presentazione-del-progetto-SportPerTutti.aspx>

<sup>2316</sup> 144 million decree signed for extraordinary aid to the livestock sector, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy (Rome) 1 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/144mln-zootecnia>

<sup>2317</sup> DL Aiuti, Orlando: “Steps forward to protect workers, pensioners, families and businesses”, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/DL-Aiuti-Orlando-Passi-avanti-per-protezione-lavoratori-pensionati-famiglie-e-impres.aspx>

supports increasing purchasing power of self-employed workers through the refinancing of EUR100 million, adding EUR101 million to the Transport Bonus Fund which aims to decrease transport costs. Additionally, the one-time payment of EUR200 to sports workers and those who earn less than EUR350,000 annually was extended to includes doctoral students, research fellows and retirees.

On 4 August 2022, Minister Franco and Minister Orlando co-signed a decree that outlined the final establishment of disbursement of the residual resources totaling EUR22 million.<sup>2318</sup> The resources will go towards the implementation of the Employability Guarantee Program and localized regional program plans on request.

On 5 August 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced EUR150 million for the funding of projects designed to develop the logistical capacity of the wholesale agriculture markets through the PNRR.<sup>2319</sup> The decree has set aside funding for projects which each may not cost more than EUR20 million and will be given in direct subsidy grants of a maximum EUR10 million per project. The funding aims to support projects that combat issues such as the lack of modernization of local market infrastructures, reduction of environmental and energy waste, reduction of food waste and increasing accessibility to market infrastructure tools.

On 9 August 2022, Minister Orlando and Coordinator for Childhood Guarantee Anna Serafini committed to the full implementation of the National Child Guarantee Action Plan (PANGI) which will remain in place until 2030.<sup>2320</sup> PANGI's goals are to create policy interventions that promote the wellbeing of minors as part of the Child Guarantee, which includes objectives such as increased canteens, increased numbers of free nurseries, increased healthy nutrition, more full time at school and psychological support for adolescents.

On 10 August 2022, the Ministry of Economic Development announced a new subsidy measure for Enterprises of the Social Economy, which is part of the Ministry's reform plan to facilitate funding for investment by social, cultural and creative collectives.<sup>2321</sup> The initiative will work with both private businesses and the government and has been allocated EUR200 million so far.

On 11 August 2022, Minister Orlando signed a decree establishing tax reduction criteria.<sup>2322</sup> The new criteria are in favour of social cooperatives who have hired employees with recognized international

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<sup>2318</sup> GOL Program: Decree issued that allows the use of residual resources ex "cig in derogation", Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/pagine/programma-gol-emanato-decreto-che-permette-utilizzo-risorse-residue-ex-cig-in-deroga.aspx/>

<sup>2319</sup> Signed the 150 million decree for the development of the logistical capacity of the wholesale agri-food markets, financed by the PNRR, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy (Rome) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/decreto\\_pnrr\\_logistica\\_mercati\\_agroalimentari\\_ingrosso](https://www.politicheagricole.it/decreto_pnrr_logistica_mercati_agroalimentari_ingrosso)

<sup>2320</sup> Childhood Guarantee, Orlando: "National Action Plan against inequalities and social exclusion", Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 9 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/comunicati/pagine/garanzia-infanzia-orlando-piano-azione-nazionale-contro-diseguaglianze-ed-esclusione-sociale.aspx/>

<sup>2321</sup> Social economy: incentives for businesses. Applications from 13 October, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/notizie-stampa/economia-sociale-mise-incentivi-per-le-imprese-dal-13-ottobre-le-domande>

<sup>2322</sup> Orlando signs Decree on Social Cooperative Resources that have hired people for international protection, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/comunicati/pagine/orlando-firma-decreto-risorse-cooperative-sociali-che-hanno-assunto-persone-con-protezione-internazionale.aspx/>

protection status with the maximum break being EUR300.<sup>2323</sup> The Ministry of Labour and Social Policies has allocated EUR500,000 to provide these tax breaks.

On 14 August 2022, Italy announced new and increased measures for families and businesses.<sup>2324</sup> This announcement includes the extension of the existing measures to reduce the cost of bills and fuel, the revaluation of pensions, reduction in tax wedges, support for farms struggling with drought and emergency measures for local governments.

On 23 August 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced the allocation of EUR1.5 billion from the PNRR to the “Parco Agrisolare” initiative, which intends to improve “the green revolution and ecological transition...[and the] circular economy and sustainable agriculture.”<sup>2325</sup> Of the EUR1.5 billion, EUR1.2 billion is earmarked for the implementation of said interventions while the remaining EUR150 million and EUR150 million is for the implementation of specifically interventions in transformation of agricultural products and the transformation of agricultural products into non-agricultural products, respectively.

On 30 August 2022, Minister Patuanelli signed a decree earmarking EUR150 million for the development of “agri-food logistics imports” which is funded by the PNRR.<sup>2326</sup> This final portion of PNRR agriculture investment is specifically aimed at improving efficiency and capacity, improving accessibility and improving product controls.

On 30 August 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies and the Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility launched a Transport Bonus campaign which is designed to increase accessibility to transit and “combat potential impoverishment resulting from the energy crisis in progress.”<sup>2327</sup>

On 10 September 2022, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies announced the adoption of the National Plan for non-self-sufficiency for 2022 through 2024 which allocates EUR2.6 billion to aid in development and implementation of “essential levels of social benefits.”<sup>2328</sup>

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<sup>2323</sup> Orlando signs Decree on Social Cooperative Resources that have hired people for international protection, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/stampa-e-media/comunicati/pagine/orlando-firma-decreto-risorse-cooperative-sociali-che-hanno-assunto-persone-con-protezione-internazionale.aspx/>

<sup>2324</sup> Press conference by President Draghi with Ministers Franco and Cingolani and Undersecretary Garofoli, Presidency of Council of Ministers, (Rome) 14 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022.

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<sup>2325</sup> Published the Call to access the incentives of the PNRR measure "Parco Agrisolare", with a budget of 1.5 billion euros, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 23 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022.

[https://www.politicheagricole.it/bando\\_incentivi\\_parco\\_agrisolare](https://www.politicheagricole.it/bando_incentivi_parco_agrisolare)

<sup>2326</sup> Signed the 150 million decree for the development of agri-food logistics in ports, funded by the PNRR, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022.

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<sup>2327</sup> "Transport bonus: concrete help": the information campaign for citizens is underway, Ministry of Labor and Social Policies (Rome) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Bonus-trasporti-un-aiuto-concreto-al-via-la-campagna-informativa-per-i-cittadini.aspx>

<sup>2328</sup> National plan for non self-sufficiency: Orlando signs a decree for over 2.6 billion to Regions, Ministry of Labor and Social Policies (Rome) 10 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Piano-nazionale-non-autosufficienza-Orlando-firma-Decreto-Regioni-triennio-2022-2024.aspx>

On 14 September 2022, Minister Orlando signed the New Skills Fund which allocated EUR1 billion to train workers in the National New Skills Plan to support “digital and ecological transitions.”<sup>2329</sup> This is designed to “defend jobs and increase productivity” in a predominantly tourist driven economy.

On 21 September 2022, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies launched the call for new supply chain contracts under the PNRR.<sup>2330</sup> The call dedicates over EUR280million to over 340 companies active in the sector and is aimed at “strategic operating chains in a multi-regional context, which must be sustainable from an environmental point of view and innovative from a technological point of view.”

On 30 September 2022, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies announced a decree in which EUR517 million would be made available for 42 projects “concerning strategic investments in the irrigation infrastructure sector.”<sup>2331</sup>

Italy has taken strong actions towards all the Sustainable Development Goals. Italy has made significant climate change and COVID-19 recovery contributions through both policy and funding. Additionally, they have shown their commitment to international cooperation through finance and eco-friendly financial decisions. In combination with actions in the other three categories, Italy has shown strong actions in the four dimensions of recovery.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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### **Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 8 November 2021, Japan established the New Form of Capitalism Realization Headquarters and the corresponding Council of New Form of Capitalism Realization.<sup>2332</sup> This advances domestic efforts to re-focus sustainability and growth in the economy by promoting investments in digital innovation, clean energy technology and workplace reform.

On 9 November 2021, Japan extended USD3.5 million to Pakistan in agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNICEF.<sup>2333</sup> USD2.1 million will be allocated to the UNHCR for the improvement of primary health, while USD1.4 million will be allocated to UNICEF for safe drinking water. The funds are meant to support domestic services for Afghan refugees travelling into Pakistan.

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<sup>2329</sup> Orlando signs the New Skills Fund decree: one billion euros for the transition challenge, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Orlando-firma-decreto-fondo-nuove-competenze-per-sfida-transizioni.aspx>

<sup>2330</sup> From MiPAAF, CDP and the Banking System up to approximately 2 billion to support investments in national agricultural chains, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/convenzione\\_mipaaf\\_cdp\\_filiere](https://www.politicheagricole.it/convenzione_mipaaf_cdp_filiere)

<sup>2331</sup> The decree has been signed which admits 42 projects financed for investments in irrigation infrastructures financed by the PNRR, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. [https://www.politicheagricole.it/pnrr\\_42\\_progetti\\_infrastrutture\\_irrigue](https://www.politicheagricole.it/pnrr_42_progetti_infrastrutture_irrigue)

<sup>2332</sup> Outline of Emergency Proposal Toward the Launch of a “New Form of Capitalism” that Carves Out the Future, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 8 November 2021. Translation provided by the Secretariat of New Form of Capitalism Realization Headquarters. Access Date: 7 February 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/\\_00001.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/_00001.html)

<sup>2333</sup> The Government of Japan provides emergency assistance to the Afghanistan refugees and the host communities in Pakistan, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan (Islamabad) 9 November 2021. Translation provided by the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/11\\_000001\\_00296.html](https://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00296.html)

On 10 November 2021, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Koichi Hagiuda attended the International Conference on a Decade of Progress after Fukushima-Daiichi hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency.<sup>2334</sup> Minister Hagiuda emphasized Japan's responsibility to share past experiences and strategies regarding nuclear safety after the accident at Fukushima-Daiichi in 2011.

On 19 November 2021, the Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies held their first meeting.<sup>2335</sup> The Committee recognized the increased importance of government in solving various socioeconomic challenges such as digital growth, environmentally conscious growth and economic security of the Japanese economy in addition to workplace reform.<sup>2336</sup>

On 24 November 2021, Japan's Ambassador to Vietnam Takio Yamada alongside Deputy Minister of Finance of Vietnam Thanh Hung Vo and Deputy Minister of Transport of Vietnam Ngoc Dong Nguyen further developed The Second Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project and The Economic and Social Development Programme.<sup>2337</sup> The Second Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project loans up to JPY10.813 billion for sewerage and drainage improvement in Ho Chi Minh City, and The Economic and Social Development Programme grants a total of JPY500 million to improve Vietnam's maritime search and rescue resources. Both projects aim for social stabilization through strengthened infrastructure.

On 29 November 2021, the Prime Minister's Office hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for Gender Equality.<sup>2338</sup> The Intensive Policy for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality 2022 was further developed focusing on greater economic independence of women.

On 10 December 2021, Japan implemented the Emergency Grant Aid which provided USD500,000 for Belarus through the International Organization for Migration (IOM).<sup>2339</sup> The funds will support humanitarian assistance such as food, medical services, shelter, and other necessities for those impacted by domestic conflict.

On 13 December 2021, Japan sent approximately 790,000 out of the planned total of 1.49 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Bangladesh.<sup>2340</sup>

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<sup>2334</sup> Minister Hagiuda Attends "International Conference on a Decade of Progress after Fukushima-Daiichi" by IAEA, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 15 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 7 February 2022. [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1115\\_002.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1115_002.html)

<sup>2335</sup> Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies Established in the Industrial Structure Council, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 16 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1116\\_001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1116_001.html)

<sup>2336</sup> Press Conference by Minister Hagiuda (Excerpt): Opening Remarks: Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (Tokyo) 16 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. Access Date: 22 January 2022. [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press\\_conferences/2021/1116001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2021/1116001.html)

<sup>2337</sup> Exchange of Notes concerning Yen Loans and Grant Aid to Viet Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 2 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003062.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003062.html)

<sup>2338</sup> The Prime Minister in Action: Council for Gender Equality, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 29 November 2021. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 7 February 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202111/\\_00058.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202111/_00058.html)

<sup>2339</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press4\\_009208.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press4_009208.html)

<sup>2340</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the People's Republic of Bangladesh through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e\\_000356.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000356.html)

On 14 December 2021, Japan donated approximately 7,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Tonga.<sup>2341</sup>

On 16 December 2021, the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy and the Industrial Structure Council held a joint meeting to discuss the Clean Energy Strategy, which targets carbon neutrality by 2050 and aims for a carbon emissions reduction of 46 per cent by 2030.<sup>2342</sup>

On 20 December 2021, Japan announced plans to send emergency relief through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the Republic of the Philippines.<sup>2343</sup> This is in response to a corresponding request by the Philippines and will support survivors of Typhoon Odette.

On 21 December 2021, Japan announced the contribution of approximately USD100 million to Afghanistan and a total of USD9.15 million to Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.<sup>2344</sup> These funds are to address basic needs such as healthcare, food, security and water in the above-mentioned countries to address the expected influx of diasporic movements between borders.

On 24 December 2021, Japan announced an emergency grant of USD12.4 million to support the regions of Afar, Amhara and Tigray in Northern Ethiopia.<sup>2345</sup> The grant will support relief efforts through the UNHCR, the World Food Programme (WFP), the IOM and the United Nations Mine Action Service.

On 24 December 2021, Japan extended an emergency grant of USD28.95 million to Syria and its neighbouring countries.<sup>2346</sup> The grant will provide funding for basic provisions such as clothing, food, health and clean water for internally displaced persons and refugees.

On 24 December 2021, Japan sent approximately 150,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Syria to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.<sup>2347</sup>

On 25 December 2021, the 11th meeting of the Sustainable Development Goals Promotion Headquarters was led by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.<sup>2348</sup> The SDGs Action Plan 2022 was reviewed, while the office also determined the winners of the 5th Japan SDGs Award to promote sustainable

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<sup>2341</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Tonga through the COVAX Facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e\\_000358.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000358.html)

<sup>2342</sup> Press Conference by Minister Hagiuda (Excerpt): Opening Remarks: Clean Energy Strategy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 7 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 7 February 2022. [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press\\_conferences/2021/1207001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2021/1207001.html)

<sup>2343</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Philippines in Response to the Typhoon Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e\\_000360.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000360.html)

<sup>2344</sup> Support for Afghanistan and its Neighboring Countries from the FY2021 Supplementary Budget, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000294.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000294.html)

<sup>2345</sup> Emergency Grant Aid for People in the Northern Ethiopia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000297.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000297.html)

<sup>2346</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000298.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000298.html)

<sup>2347</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Syrian Arab Republic through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000301.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000301.html)

<sup>2348</sup> The Prime Minister in Action: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters, Cabinet Public Affairs Office (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 27 January 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202112/\\_00022.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202112/_00022.html)

actions domestically. Prime Minister Kishida further announced goals to create a “new form of capitalism” focusing on sustainable growth and distribution strategies and called for national cooperation with the most recent action plan.

On 27 December 2021, Japan sent the first provision of approximately 7000,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Egypt to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2349</sup>

On 12 January 2022, Japan sent approximately 350,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Iran out of the planned total of 700,000 doses.<sup>2350</sup> The vaccines are meant to prevent the spread of the virus in Iran.

On 14 January 2022, Japan provided USD13 million to the Philippines to fund emergency response efforts against damages caused by Typhoon Odette.<sup>2351</sup> This grant will provide survivors of the natural disaster food, shelter, health and clean water.

On 18 January 2022, Japan announced its plan to provide emergency relief supplies to Brazil.<sup>2352</sup> This announcement is in response to the request for aid by Brazil and will support survivors of the flood disaster that occurred in December 2021.

On 20 January 2022, Japan announced plans to provide emergency relief supplies through the JICA, as well as send the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Self-Defense Force Unit, to Tonga.<sup>2353</sup> This announcement seeks to support the response to the damage caused by the volcanic eruption and following tsunami in Tonga.

On 21 January 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hagiuda and State Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Arata Takebe attended the World Trade Organization (WTO) informal ministerial meeting.<sup>2354</sup> The virtual meeting was held to discuss plans for global responses to the pandemic, fisheries subsidies, agriculture and WTO reform, as reiterated by Minister Hayashi.

On 28 January 2022, Japan announced USD2 million in emergency aid funding for displaced persons from Rakhine State, Myanmar in Bangladesh.<sup>2355</sup> The grant provides funding for food and health supplies through the UNHCR and the WFP.

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<sup>2349</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Arab Republic of Egypt through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000302.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000302.html)

<sup>2350</sup> Provision of additional COVID-19 vaccines to the Islamic Republic of Iran through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000304.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000304.html)

<sup>2351</sup> Emergency Grant Aid for the Philippines in Response to Typhoon Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 14 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000244.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000244.html)

<sup>2352</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Federative Republic of Brazil in Response to the flood disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 18 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000247.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000247.html)

<sup>2353</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Damage Caused by Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami Disaster in the Kingdom of Tonga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000248.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000248.html)

<sup>2354</sup> Foreign Minister Hayashi’s attendance at the WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting hosted by Switzerland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000249.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000249.html)

<sup>2355</sup> Emergency Grant Aid for the displaced persons in the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000251.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000251.html)

On 28 January 2022, Japan announced plans to provide emergency relief supplies through the JICA to Madagascar.<sup>2356</sup> This is to support damages in Madagascar after the floods that occurred earlier in January.

On 4 February 2022, Japan announced plans to provide USD2.44 million to Tonga.<sup>2357</sup> The funds will finance necessities for those affected by the volcanic eruption and tsunami in January 2022 through UNICEF and the WFP.

On 7 February 2022, the JICA announced that emergency relief goods, emergency shelter and first aid materials will be shipped to Malawi.<sup>2358</sup> This is in response to the Government of Malawi's request for the flood disaster in January 2022.

On 8 February 2022, Japan extended emergency relief goods such as tents, blankets and water purifiers to Zambia at the request of the Government of Zambia in response to the flood disaster that occurred in January 2022.<sup>2359</sup>

On 8 February 2022, Japan provided USD18.5 million worth of food, shelter and medical supplies to Myanmar.<sup>2360</sup> This follows aid totaling approximately USD20 million as encouraged by Association of Southeast Asian Nations members in response to the government coup on 1 February 2022 and the corresponding economic stagnation in Myanmar.

On 16 February 2022, JICA announced that they will extend emergency relief goods such as tents, blankets and water purifiers to Madagascar in response to the flood disaster in February 2022.<sup>2361</sup>

On 17 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced that the country will begin its steps to exit the sixth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2362</sup> The government will be promoting booster shots for all in parallel to the gradual removal of emergency measures in several priority prefectures.

On 18 February 2022, the International Atomic Energy Agency conducted their first review mission on the safety aspects in handling Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) treated water at

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<sup>2356</sup> Emergency Assistance to Republic of Madagascar in Response to the Flood Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000254.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000254.html)

<sup>2357</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the volcanic eruption and tsunami in the Kingdom of Tonga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000255.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000255.html)

<sup>2358</sup> Emergency Assistance to Republic of Malawi in Response to the Flood Disaster, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 7 February 2022. Translation provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220207\\_71.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220207_71.html)

<sup>2359</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Republic of Zambia in Response to the Flood disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003081.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003081.html)

<sup>2360</sup> Humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000256.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000256.html)

<sup>2361</sup> Emergency Assistance to Republic of Madagascar in Response to Flood Disaster caused by Cyclone Batsirai, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 16 February 2022. Translation provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220216\\_71.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220216_71.html)

<sup>2362</sup> Press Conference by the Prime Minister, Cabinet Public Affairs Office (Tokyo) 17 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202202/\\_00005.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00005.html)

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, specifically during the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea.<sup>2363</sup> This review was conducted in accordance with international clean energy efforts.

On 21 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 500,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Tajikistan as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2364</sup>

On 22 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida condemned Russia's recognition of pro-Russian regions in Ukraine and announced the development of a set of sanctions in cooperation with the G7.<sup>2365</sup> These efforts affirmed Japanese support for Ukraine's territorial sovereignty.

On 22 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 860,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Nigeria as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2366</sup>

On 23 February 2022, Japan extended surplus liquefied natural gas from Japanese corporations to Europe and urged "oil-producing countries to stabilize the oil market and cooperate with the International Energy Agency."<sup>2367</sup> This was done to demonstrate solidarity with other countries promoting Ukrainian sovereignty and to ensure that the global oil supply is stabilized.

On 23 February 2022, Japan established a temporary liaison office in Lviv, Ukraine and organized flights out of Poland to support Japanese nationals fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.<sup>2368</sup>

On 24 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida offered formal instructions to the Cabinet to place all efforts for information collection on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, for the protection of all Japanese nationals in Ukraine, and to prioritize sustainable energy consumption for minimal effects on the Japanese economy.<sup>2369</sup>

On 24 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 280,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Malawi as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2370</sup>

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<sup>2363</sup> The IAEA Conducted Its Review Mission of Safety Aspects of Handling of ALPS Treated Water at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 18 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0218\\_001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0218_001.html)

<sup>2364</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Tajikistan through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003083.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003083.html)

<sup>2365</sup> Press Conference by the Prime Minister regarding the Situation in Ukraine, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Prime Minister's Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202202/\\_00008.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00008.html)

<sup>2366</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000323.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000323.html)

<sup>2367</sup> Japan's efforts toward the stabilization of the energy market in response to the situation in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 23 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000265.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000265.html)

<sup>2368</sup> Press Conference by the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 23 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202202/\\_00013.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00013.html)

<sup>2369</sup> Instructions by Prime Minister Kishida on the situation in Ukraine (14.30), Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 24 February 2022. Translation provided by the Prime Minister's Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/discourse/20220224\\_siji.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/discourse/20220224_siji.html)

<sup>2370</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Malawi through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000324.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000324.html)

On 25 February 2022, Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid USD30 million to Ecuador, El Salvador, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Belize, Bolivia, Honduras, Botswana, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Namibia, Niger, South Africa, Tanzania and Togo.<sup>2371</sup> This was done in recognition of the immense impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in these regions and will expand the capacity of institutions to provide vaccines by providing medical equipment such as cold-storage facilities.

On 27 February 2022, Japan announced the provision of total USD200 million to Ukraine in humanitarian assistance to support Ukrainian civilians affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.<sup>2372</sup>

On 3 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 2nd Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy which assessed domestic impacts of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, particularly the increasing energy prices, concluding to increase wages to reduce consumer burden and provide loans for small and medium enterprises that may struggle with higher oil prices.<sup>2373</sup> In addition, the Council noted that Japan will “seize this opportunity” and strengthen investments in carbon neutral practices and projects that promote sustainable growth.

On 3 March 2022, Japan extended “priority measures to prevent the spread” of COVID-19 in 18 prefectures where the Omicron strain was particularly concentrated.<sup>2374</sup> Japan also continues to promote vaccinations through the Self-Defense Forces and local medical practitioners, with more than “60 million people and municipalities” involved in the process of establishing vaccine stations.

On 3 March 2022, Japan announced the launch of “revitalization packages” for small-and-medium enterprises.<sup>2375</sup> These assistance efforts include liquidity support and extended loan deadlines and encourage debt forgiveness by banks against small and medium-sized enterprises in recognition of the financial burden that businesses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and now the increased energy costs due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 5 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida instructed his Cabinet to “dedicate maximum effort to gather and analyze information” and provide these to the public, to “ensure the safety of aircraft, vessels, and other assets” and to “take all possible measures for precaution” against reports of the missile launch by North Korea.<sup>2376</sup> These measures protect the wellbeing and integrity of the Japanese population and borders against possible contingencies.

On 8 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 4th New Capitalism Realization Conference where the key topic was the role of science and technology in sustainable growth.<sup>2377</sup> The Conference identified issues of disconnect between researchers, companies and research institutions, to which the

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<sup>2371</sup> Emergency Grant Aid promoting COVID-19 vaccination in Latin American and the Caribbean and African countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000266.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000266.html)

<sup>2372</sup> Press Conference by the Prime Minister regarding Japan’s Response to the Situation in Ukraine, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 25 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202202/\\_00014.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00014.html)

<sup>2373</sup> Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202203/03keizaishimon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/03keizaishimon.html)

<sup>2374</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202203/\\_00005.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00005.html)

<sup>2375</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202203/\\_00005.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00005.html)

<sup>2376</sup> Instructions by the Prime Minister in Response to the Missile Launch by North Korea (08:51), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 5 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/decisions/2022/\\_00008.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00008.html)

<sup>2377</sup> New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 8 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202203/08shihon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/08shihon.html)

government responded by committing to a research system that emphasizes public-private partnerships. Japan also will shift course to focus on quantum technology, continue efforts in medicine and biomanufacturing to resolve “social issues such as economic growth and global warming,” promote renewable energy and hydrogen and develop “non-carbon power sources such as small nuclear power.” These efforts lay out a sustainable economic future for Japan to be showcased at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo.

On 10 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 53rd National Strategic Special Zones Advisory Council. The Council designated Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City and Tsukuba City as a Super City, where test methods to realize a digitalised future through regulation reform will be enacted.<sup>2378</sup> In addition, Kibichuou Town and Kaga City was designated as Digital Rural Health Special Zones, where digital technology will be utilized to resolve issues in rural areas such as population decline and aging population. These efforts revitalize Japanese communities and encourage local reform.

On 11 March 2022, Japan extended USD100 million to international organizations (including UNHCR, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UNICEF, WFP, IOM and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) and Japanese non-governmental organizations (NGOs).<sup>2379</sup> These funds follow Prime Minister Kishida’s commitment announced 27 February 2022, and will respond to urgent needs in shelter, health, food and child protection in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

On 16 March 2022, Japan established a Liaison and Coordination Meeting to Advance Measures to Assist Ukrainian Evacuees under the Chief Cabinet Secretary to ensure smooth acceptance of Ukrainian refugees into Japan, done in solidarity with the international community against Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.<sup>2380</sup>

On 16 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced the beginning of transitioning back to “normal times” regarding restrictions against the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2381</sup> The country will increase financial support to hospitals for greater intake capacity and raise the number of medical institutions caring for people recovering from the virus at home to 22,000. Japan will also secure an additional 3 million doses of Merck and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines over the next six months for the ultimate goal of 15 million Pfizer vaccine doses and 70 million Moderna vaccine doses, as well as 350 million more antigen testing kits. Measures will be realized with the “greatest possible level of vigilance” through an allocated JPY1.35 trillion.

On 16 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida formally instructed the Cabinet to “assess the state of affairs regarding damage as soon as possible,” to “act in close coordination with local governments... under the principle of prioritizing human life above all else” in emergency disaster responses and provide timely evacuation information to the public.<sup>2382</sup> Measures will alleviate the impacts of the earthquake in Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

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<sup>2378</sup> National Strategic Special Zones Advisory Council, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 10 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202203/10senryaku\\_tokku.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/10senryaku_tokku.html)

<sup>2379</sup> Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 11 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003097.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003097.html)

<sup>2380</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202203/\\_00018.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00018.html)

<sup>2381</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202203/\\_00018.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00018.html)

<sup>2382</sup> Instructions from the Prime Minister Regarding the Earthquake Centered in Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures (23:38), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/decisions/2022/\\_00009.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00009.html)

On 17 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Uzbekistan as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2383</sup>

On 19 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 70,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Cameroon as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2384</sup>

On 19 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida visited India and reaffirmed the continued development of the high-speed rail and metro system in India through the support of the Japan official development assistance.<sup>2385</sup>

On 20 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 310,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Ghana as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2386</sup>

On 22 March 2022, Japan contributed approximately JPY659 million to the Adaptation Fund.<sup>2387</sup> The fund is a “multilateral climate fund which provides assistance for adaptation efforts of developing countries in addressing the adverse impacts of climate change” and supports developing countries in their efforts against climate change.

On 22 March 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications dispatched two groups of support staff to Fukushima prefecture in response to the earthquake that occurred on 16 March 2022.<sup>2388</sup> The staff provided expertise and support in disaster management.

On 23 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 3rd Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy.<sup>2389</sup> At the meeting, attendees confirmed efforts in sustainable growth by expanding disposable income and wage increases as well as promote decarbonization to achieve the 46 per cent emission reduction target for 2030.

On 26 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 300,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Senegal as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2390</sup>

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<sup>2383</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Uzbekistan through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 17 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003102.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003102.html)

<sup>2384</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Cameroon through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 19 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000342.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000342.html)

<sup>2385</sup> Contribution to The Indian Express by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio of Japan, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 19 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202203/\\_00019.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00019.html)

<sup>2386</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Ghana through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 20 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000343.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000343.html)

<sup>2387</sup> Japan’s contribution to the Adaptation Fund (AF), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page24e\\_000351.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page24e_000351.html)

<sup>2388</sup> Dispatch of support staff to Fukushima Prefecture under the emergency response staff dispatch system for damage caused by an earthquake whose epicenter is off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 22 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022.

[https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu\\_news/s-news/01gyosei11\\_02000175.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01gyosei11_02000175.html)

<sup>2389</sup> Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 23 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202203/23keizaishimon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/23keizaishimon.html)

<sup>2390</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Senegal through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000347.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000347.html)

On 26 March 2022, Minister Hayashi chaired the Tokyo International Conference on African Development Ministerial Meeting and met with 7 ministers of African countries along with the UN, UN Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the African Union Commission.<sup>2391</sup> Ministers affirmed priority issues on African development on Economy, Society and Peace and Stability and continued support for countries against the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 29 March 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications announced the Digital Rural City National Infrastructure Development Plan.<sup>2392</sup> This plan will promote the development of digital infrastructure to realize better integrated rural communities.

On 31 March 2022, Japan launched the energy-saving communication ranking system.<sup>2393</sup> This ranking considers the level of communication that energy retailers provide information to consumers to promote energy saving and provides the company with a label out of five stars. This system aims to incentivize companies to promote energy saving efforts to households and regular consumers.

On 1 April 2022, the Child Care and Family Care Leave Law took effect which promotes gender equality in the workplace and households obligating companies to confirm with expecting fathers when they would like to take paternal leave, should they choose to do so.<sup>2394</sup> This recognizes the social pressure placed on fathers to decline paternal leave due to external discouragement.

On 1 April 2022, Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid USD3.35 million to the Gaza Strip.<sup>2395</sup> These funds will provide food, COVID-19 support for patients and other healthcare services for Palestinians during the Israel- Palestine conflict.

On 1 April 2022, Japan extended an Emergency Grant Aid of USD8.3 million for “humanitarian assistance to the populations in the south east area of Myanmar.”<sup>2396</sup> These funds will be delivered through UNICEF, the WFP and the UNHCR for displaced people in the region facing food shortages and lacking other basic necessities.

On 4 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Kenya as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2397</sup>

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<sup>2391</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting (Overview), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000277.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000277.html)

<sup>2392</sup> Announcement of “Digital Rural City National Infrastructure Development Plan,” Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 29 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. [https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu\\_news/s-news/01kiban01\\_02000042.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01kiban01_02000042.html)

<sup>2393</sup> Start operation of energy-saving communication ranking system, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 31 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2021/03/20220331007/20220331007.html>

<sup>2394</sup> Law amendment aims to make paternity leave more accessible in Japan, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by the Japan Times. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/04/04/national/social-issues/child-care-leave-law-amendment/>

<sup>2395</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 1 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000357.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000357.html)

<sup>2396</sup> Emergency Grant Aid for humanitarian assistance to the populations affected by the coup in Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 1 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000280.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000280.html)

<sup>2397</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Kenya through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000359.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000359.html)

On 5 April 2022, the JICA dispatched a “needs assessment survey team for humanitarian and medical assistance” to Moldova.<sup>2398</sup> The medical personnel team and JICA staff utilized Japan’s expertise in disaster relief to coordinate emergency support such as patient data analysis and determine medical sector needs for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova.

On 5 April 2022, Japan announced an additional USD100 million to support emergency humanitarian assistance in Ukraine.<sup>2399</sup> Funds will be directed to the UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, ICRC, World Health Organization, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, IOM, UNDP, and Food and Agriculture Organization as well as other Japanese NGOs to support Ukrainians displaced by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 12 April 2022, Japan, together with Australia, India and the US, donated 4.65 million COVID-19 vaccine doses (of which about 1.3 million doses came directly from Japan) to Cambodia as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2400</sup>

On 12 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 5th New Capitalism Realization Conference.<sup>2401</sup> The meeting specified future efforts in startups development by providing funds and investments, expanding the SME technological innovation system (SBIR) to start-ups. Japan will also revisit the legal system to ensure smoother transactions for “freelancers” struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 13 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 700,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Iran as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2402</sup>

On 13 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 4th Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy.<sup>2403</sup> The meeting affirmed focus on “regional revitalization” in recognition of increased interest in rural migration using “digital transformation,” a more robust “industry-academia-government collaboration” climate and strengthen the tourism industry to attract business in rural areas.

On 21 April 2022, Japan, together with Australia, India and the US, donated 200,000 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to Thailand as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2404</sup>

On 21 April 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Ministry of the Environment held the first Study Group on the Proper Introduction and Management of Renewable

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<sup>2398</sup> Dispatch of Needs Assessment Survey Team (second survey team) to Moldova to assess the needs for humanitarian and medical assistance for the displaced Ukrainians, JICA (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by JICA. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220413\\_22\\_en.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220413_22_en.html)

<sup>2399</sup> Additional Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 5 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003108.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003108.html)

<sup>2400</sup> Vaccine Donation to Cambodia by Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000283.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000283.html)

<sup>2401</sup> New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 12 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Relations Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202204/12shihon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/12shihon.html)

<sup>2402</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Iran through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000364.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000364.html)

<sup>2403</sup> Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Relations Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202204/13keizaishimon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/13keizaishimon.html)

<sup>2404</sup> Vaccine Donation to Thailand by Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000286.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000286.html)

Energy Power Generation Facilities.<sup>2405</sup> This group of experts and practitioners will discuss the impacts of measures introduced to achieve the 36-38 per cent renewable energy by 2030.

On 23 April 2022, Japan hosted the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto City where Prime Minister Kishida reiterated Japan's commitment to clean water and encouraged discussions in disaster prevention and climate change.<sup>2406</sup>

On 26 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced the four pillar emergency measures responding to rising oil prices due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2407</sup> Japan will establish a new subsidy system for oil worth approximately JPY1.5 trillion to prevent oil prices from rising sharply, promote energy conservation and clean energies practices to “ensure the stable supply of energy,” ensure optimal transactions for SMEs to decrease costs and provide assistance of people experience poverty such as by providing a subsidy of JPY50,000 per child to low-income families and add JPY1 trillion to the Extraordinary Regional Revitalization Grants for local authorities to act on the above pillars.

On 28 April 2022, Minister Hayashi signed with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine Sergiy Korsunsky notes on the outline and conditions of the Emergency Economic Reconstruction Development Policy Loan and the Economic and Social Development Programme.<sup>2408</sup> The loan extends up to JPY13 billion to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Government of Ukraine that is currently facing a financial crisis for the stabilization of “self-sustained governance,” while the programme grants JPY300 million to strengthen the health and medical system in Ukraine.

On 28 April 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications established the Regional Cooperation Promotion Headquarters for Countermeasures against Coronavirus Infectious Diseases and Promotion of Digitalization.<sup>2409</sup> The entity will support local governments to encourage vaccinations and use of ‘My Number Cards’ that will prevent the spread of COVID-19 and make medical data collection more efficient.

On 29 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Sierra Leone as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.<sup>2410</sup>

On 4 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida instructed his Cabinet to “dedicate maximum effort to gather and analyze information” and provide these to the public, to “ensure the safety of aircraft, vessels, and

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<sup>2405</sup> We will hold a study group (1st) on the proper introduction and management of renewable energy power generation facilities., Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 19 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 May 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/04/20220419001/20220419001.html>

<sup>2406</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit and Bilateral Meetings and Other Events, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 23 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202204/\\_00017.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/_00017.html)

<sup>2407</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 26 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202204/\\_00012.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202204/_00012.html)

<sup>2408</sup> Support for Emergency Economic Recovery and Health and Medical System Development to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000289.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000289.html)

<sup>2409</sup> Establishment of “Regional Cooperation Promotion Headquarters for Countermeasures against Coronavirus Infectious Diseases and Promotion of Digitalization,” Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. [https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu\\_news/s-news/01gyosei01\\_02000267.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01gyosei01_02000267.html)

<sup>2410</sup> The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Sierra Leone through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000372.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000372.html)

other assets” and to “take all possible measures for precaution” against reports of the missile launch by North Korea.<sup>2411</sup> These measures protect the wellbeing and integrity of the Japanese population and borders against possible contingencies.

On 12 May 2022, the Japan-EU Digital Partnership was launched at the 28th Japan-EU Summit.<sup>2412</sup> The partnership will strengthen cooperation to “support an inclusive, sustainable, human-centric digital transformation” between the two parties.

On 13 May 2022, Japan attended the Second Global COVID-19 Summit.<sup>2413</sup> Prime Minister Kishida presented Japan’s contributions to the Global Action Plan, including Japan’s financial contribution to COVAX and other initiatives to strengthen transportation and vaccination capacities. Japan also announced additional assistance worth USD5 billion to developing countries to support their COVID-19 responses.

On 16 May 2022, the JICA signed a loan agreement with Ukraine under which Japan will provide an ODA loan of up to JPY13,000 million as part of the Emergency Economic Recovery Development Policy Loan.<sup>2414</sup> This loan will support Ukraine implement economic policy reforms and alleviate impacts of the economic crisis triggered by the military invasion.

On 20 May 2022, Japan revised the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in South Sudan for an additional year.<sup>2415</sup> This was done in recognition of the continued need for peace efforts in the country.

On 20 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 7th New Capitalism Realization Conference during which he emphasized investments in digital and green transformation, raising the minimum wage and encouraged the acceleration of work necessary to implement the plan in early June.<sup>2416</sup>

On 23 May 2022, the Governor Tadashi Maeda from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation signed a memorandum of cooperation with the US Trade and Development Agency.<sup>2417</sup> The memorandum declares joint support for infrastructure projects and studies in renewable energy and telecommunication and digital connectivity in developing countries, particularly in the Indo-Pacific.

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<sup>2411</sup> Instructions by the Prime Minister in Response to the Missile Launch by North Korea (12:08), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 8 May 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/decisions/2022/\\_00011.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00011.html)

<sup>2412</sup> The Launch of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0512\\_004.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0512_004.html)

<sup>2413</sup> The Second Global COVID-19 Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page1e\\_000394.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page1e_000394.html)

<sup>2414</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Ukraine: Financial support for Ukraine, which is facing an economic crisis caused by the military invasion, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 16 May 2022. Translation provided by JICA. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220516\\_11e.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220516_11e.html)

<sup>2415</sup> Revision of the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in South Sudan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000391.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000391.html)

<sup>2416</sup> New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202205/20shihon.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202205/20shihon.html)

<sup>2417</sup> JBIC Signs MOC with U.S. Trade and Development Agency: Strengthening Cooperation for Promoting Projects in Cooperation between Japan and the U.S. in Extensive Regions and Sectors, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (Tokyo) 23 May 2022. Translation provided by JBIC. Access Date: 6 June 2022. <https://www.jbic.jp/en/information/press/press-2022/0523-016329.html>

On 24 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida participated in the Quadrilateral Leaders' Meeting, which includes Japan, Australia, India and the US.<sup>2418</sup> The leaders discussed current regional and global events, methods to further promote cooperation on COVID-19, climate change and infrastructure and affirmed continued cooperation.

On 27 May 2022, Japan extended an Emergency Grant Aid of USD1.66 million to Ukraine.<sup>2419</sup> The aid included “fire-fighting equipment, communication devices, medicine” and other products through the United Nations which is intended to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

On 27 May 2022, Japan and Azerbaijan agreed in principle on a new tax convention between the two countries.<sup>2420</sup> The new convention eliminates international double taxation and promotes “mutual investments and economic exchanges.”

On 1 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 8th Digital Rural City National Concept Realization Conference.<sup>2421</sup> Participants discussed the basic policy draft of the Digital Rural City National Concept, which promote digitalization of systems in rural communities. The Prime Minister integrated three new grant programs for eligible cities to achieve this goal.

On 3 June 2022, the Prime Minister's Office held a joint meeting with the Recovery Promotion Council and the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters.<sup>2422</sup> The meeting recognized the damage and the progress of recovery made in the Fukushima Prefecture after the nuclear accident following the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and lifted the evacuation order for Futaba Town and part of Katsura Village to “accelerate the reconstruction of Fukushima.”

On 3 June 2022, the Prime Minister's Office held a joint meeting with the Headquarters for Creating a Society in Which All Women Shine and the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality.<sup>2423</sup> Participants finalized the Intensive Policy for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality 2022 to promote female financial independence as a “core of the new capitalism” project by addressing pay gaps and strengthening responses to gender violence.

On 7 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced JPY65 billion in additional support for emergency economic recovery support in Ukraine.<sup>2424</sup> This financial aid intends to help the Government of Ukraine reach short-term financial goals during the economic crisis related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

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<sup>2418</sup> QUAD Leaders' Meeting: Tokyo 2022, Quad Leaders' Meeting (Tokyo) 24 May 2022. Translation provided by Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 6 June 2022. <https://www.kantei.go.jp/quad-leaders-meeting-tokyo2022/index.html>

<sup>2419</sup> Emergency Grant Aid for the transportation of relief products for Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000396.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000396.html)

<sup>2420</sup> New Tax Convention with Azerbaijan Agreed in Principle, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Finance. Access Date: 6 June 2022. [https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/tax\\_policy/tax\\_conventions/press\\_release/20220527Aze.html](https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20220527Aze.html)

<sup>2421</sup> Digital Rural City National Concept Realization Conference, Cabinet Secretariat (Tokyo) 1 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022. [https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/digital\\_denen/index.html](https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/digital_denen/index.html)

<sup>2422</sup> Joint Meeting of Reconstruction Promotion Council and Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202206/03fukko\\_gensai.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03fukko_gensai.html)

<sup>2423</sup> Joint meeting of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine and the Headquarters for Gender Equality Promotion, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202206/03josei.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03josei.html)

<sup>2424</sup> Additional Support for Emergency Economic Recovery to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000299.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000299.html)

On 13 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida led the 54th National Strategic Special Zone Advisory Council with Minister of Regional Revitalization Seiko Noda.<sup>2425</sup> Participants passed that the government will “solicit ideas for special zones” from regional governments, private companies and other individuals to increase federal and local cooperation.

On 14 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 12th meeting of the Sustainable Development Goals Promotion Headquarters during which participants discussed the progress in initiatives related to the SDGs.<sup>2426</sup> At the meeting, the participants discussed the progress in initiatives on the SDGs.

On 24 June 2022, Japan provided emergency relief goods such as blankets and sleeping pads through the JICA to Afghanistan to assist damages caused by the earthquake that occurred on 22 June 2022.<sup>2427</sup>

On 25 June 2022, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States introduced a new mechanism supporting Pacific priorities: the Partners in the Blue Pacific.<sup>2428</sup> This initiative encourages greater engagement inclusively, expanded opportunities and thus will help to facilitate development in the Pacific region.

On 26 June 2022, Japan, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2429</sup>

On 29 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida hosted the Leaders’ Meeting of the four Asia-Pacific partners (AP4) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Madrid, Spain, which included Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.<sup>2430</sup> The leaders not only condemned Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, but also affirmed coordination and cooperation to “take the lead in deepening communication between the Indo-Pacific and NATO” for the “peace and stability” of the region. This is the first time a Japanese Prime Minister participated in the NATO Summit where he “expresse[d] the realization that the security of Europe and of the Indo-Pacific is inseparable.”<sup>2431</sup>

On 29 June 2022, Japan announced that it will host the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo on 3 December 2022.<sup>2432</sup> This annual international conference aims to advance global gender equality and female empowerment by highlighting topics on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on women specifically.

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<sup>2425</sup> National Strategic Special Zone Advisory Council, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 13 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

[https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202206/13senryaku\\_tokku.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/13senryaku_tokku.html)

<sup>2426</sup> Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202206/\\_00026.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/_00026.html)

<sup>2427</sup> Emergency Assistance to Afghanistan in Response to the Earthquake, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 24 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000416.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000416.html)

<sup>2428</sup> Joint Statement on the Announcement of the Partners in the Blue Pacific Initiative, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 25 June 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-announcement-partners-blue-pacific-initiative>

<sup>2429</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2430</sup> NATO Asia-Pacific partners (AP4) Leaders’ Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/a\\_o/ocn/ki/page1e\\_000413.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/ocn/ki/page1e_000413.html)

<sup>2431</sup> Outcome of Prime Minister Kishida’s Attendance at the NATO Summit Meeting, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 29 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/diplomatic/202206/\\_00006.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/diplomatic/202206/_00006.html)

<sup>2432</sup> World Assembly for Women: WAW! 2022, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr\\_ha/page3e\\_001217.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page3e_001217.html)

On 8 July 2022, Prime Minister Kishida condemned the assassination of former Prime Minister Abe Shinzo.<sup>2433</sup> He pointed to the timing of the attack, which occurred during a political campaign ahead of elections, as a disruption of democracy.

On 12 July 2022, Japan announced the extension of the Emergency Grant Aid of USD3 million to Afghanistan.<sup>2434</sup> The aid is intended to support the management of damages caused by the earthquake on 22 June 2022 in eastern Afghanistan.

On 12 July 2022, Japan announced the provision of emergency relief goods through the JICA to Kiribati to alleviate effects of the drought.<sup>2435</sup>

On 19 July 2022, Minister Hayashi hosted the COVID-19 Global Action Plan Foreign Ministerial Meeting with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken.<sup>2436</sup> Japan and the United States promoted the importance of continued information sharing and efforts to strengthen “global health architecture” as well as the continued risks of emerging COVID-19 variants.

On 27 July 2022, Prime Minister Kishida and Indonesian President Joko Widodo agreed to “strengthen cooperation on trade and investment” in areas related to green technology.<sup>2437</sup> President Widodo stated that Japanese technology will aid Indonesia in “down streaming of natural commodities [and] the development of electric cars and motorcycles...[and] innovative technologies such as hydrogen and ammonia technology.”

On 28 July 2022, Japan, with other G7 members, condemned the four executions of democracy activists and politicians conducted by the military junta in Myanmar and expressed the illegitimacy of the regime that took power in February 2021.<sup>2438</sup>

On 29 July 2022, Japan announced the provision of emergency relief goods through the JICA to the Philippines to alleviate damages caused by the earthquake in northern Philippines on 27 July 2022.<sup>2439</sup>

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<sup>2433</sup> Statement by Prime Minister Kishida on the Passing of Former Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 8 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

[https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202207/\\_00003.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202207/_00003.html)

<sup>2434</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the earthquake in eastern Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

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<sup>2435</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Republic of Kiribati in Response to the Drought Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e\\_000305.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000305.html)

<sup>2436</sup> The COVID-19 Global Action Plan Foreign Ministerial Meeting co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Secretary of State of the United States, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 19 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page1e\\_000423.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page1e_000423.html)

<sup>2437</sup> Indonesian President Jokowi and PM Kishida Agree to Strengthen Trade and Investment, Indonesia Information Portal (Jakarta) 27 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 August 2022.

<https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/5273/presiden-ri-jokowi-dan-pm-kishida-sepakat-perkuat-perdagangan-dan-investasi?lang=1>

<sup>2438</sup> G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on the executions by the military junta in Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e\\_003153.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003153.html)

<sup>2439</sup> Emergency Assistance to the Republic of the Philippines in Response to the Earthquake in the Northern Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 July 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022.

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On 4 August 2022, Japan and other G7 countries reaffirmed the “shared commitment to maintaining the rules-based international order, peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” in response to Chinese actions that could “jeopardize the status quo.”<sup>2440</sup>

On 6 August 2022, Prime Minister Kishida and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres attended the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony.<sup>2441</sup> Secretary-General Guterres’ attendance was notable in the denuclearization campaign led by Japan as current tensions related to the use ballistic missiles by China escalate.

On 8 August 2022, Ambassador of Japan in the Republic of Colombia Masahiro Takasugi exchanged notes with Colombian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Francisco Javier Echeverri regarding the Convention between Japan and the Republic of Colombia for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance.<sup>2442</sup> The Convention will enter into force on 4 September 2022, and is projected to eliminate tax evasion as well as double taxation while promoting “mutual investments and economic exchanges.”

On 10 August 2022, Prime Minister Kishida inaugurated the new LDP-Komeito coalition government after reshuffling the Kishida cabinet.<sup>2443</sup> The action reflects intentions to “carry out policies decisively and thereby overcome challenges” that Japan has been facing related to global issues, such as the Ukraine crisis and domestic problems, such as tax reform.

On 12 August 2022, Prime Minister Kishida reshuffled his cabinet to prioritize swift policy results mitigating rising costs of imported wheat and other groceries.<sup>2444</sup> The Cabinet placed a price cap on flour and Prime Minister Kishida called additional measures to be implemented in the near future.

On 27 August 2022, Prime Minister Kishida virtually attended the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development hosted in Tunisia.<sup>2445</sup> Prime Minister Kishida affirmed continued cooperation with African countries to promote economic development.

On 29 August 2022, the JICA extended emergency relief goods to Pakistan to support responses against damages caused by the flood disaster that began on 27 August 2022.<sup>2446</sup>

On 2 September 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 97th meeting of the Novel Coronavirus Infectious Diseases Control Headquarters.<sup>2447</sup> He announced new follow up measures to be implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including working with healthcare providers to

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<sup>2440</sup> G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement on Preserving Peace and Stability Across the Taiwan Strait, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 4 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000433.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000433.html)

<sup>2441</sup> Meeting between Prime Minister Kishida and UN Secretary-General Guterres and Their Visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 6 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/unp\\_a/page4e\\_001270.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/unp_a/page4e_001270.html)

<sup>2442</sup> Entry into force of the Tax Convention between Japan and Colombia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 8 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000434.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000434.html)

<sup>2443</sup> Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 10 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 August 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/statement/202208/\\_00007.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202208/_00007.html)

<sup>2444</sup> Prices, Wages and Living Standards Headquarters Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 15 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202208/\\_00010.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202208/_00010.html)

<sup>2445</sup> TICAD 8 - First Day, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 27 August 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202208/\\_00021.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202208/_00021.html)

<sup>2446</sup> Emergency Assistance to Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Response to Flood, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 3 September 2022. <https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2022/20220829.html>

<sup>2447</sup> New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control Headquarters (97th), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 3 September 2022. [https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202209/02corona.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202209/02corona.html)

ensure that non-COVID related care is also adequately offered, establishing the Cabinet Secretariat for Crisis Management of Infectious Diseases to swiftly coordinate action against infectious disease crises in the future and transfer food hygiene responsibilities from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to Consumer Affairs Agency.

On 13 September 2022, Japan announced that it would cancel the direct-ascent anti-satellite missile testing to promote international consideration of responsible behaviour in outer space.<sup>2448</sup>

On 16 September 2022, Japan announced USD7 million through an Emergency Grant Aid to Pakistan in response to the damages caused by the flood disaster that have occurred in Pakistan since mid-June.<sup>2449</sup>

On 29 September 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the fourth meeting of the Council for the Creation of Future Education and discussed to “build a sustainable society with diversity and inclusiveness” by the “strategic development of the current 300,000 Foreign Students Plan,” the “promotion of the internationalization of education” and the “creation of an environment with the engagement of the business community.”<sup>2450</sup>

Japan took strong actions to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all SDGs, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies (development) by extending financial, material and strategic aid to eligible countries. Japan has especially maintained international presence in COVID-19 pandemic response and joined G7 members against Russia in the Russia- Ukraine conflict. Japan also supported sustainability and inclusivity by launching new initiatives in sustainable energy development domestically.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

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#### **Korea: +1**

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 25 November 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the 3rd International Conference on Action with Women and Peace.<sup>2451</sup> The purpose of the conference was to discuss the situation of conflict-related sexual violence in Asia and the urgent need for women’s role and leadership in the process of peace-building. Korea also presented an action plan in the context of the Action with Women and Peace Initiative which promises to fulfill its contributions towards women, peace and the security agenda through concrete actions such as hosting its Annual International Conference on Action with Women and Peace, prioritizing the survivor-centered approach, responding to and preventing conflict-related sexual violence through the development of cooperative projects and through participating in the Women, Peace and Security Focal Point Network.

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<sup>2448</sup> Decision not to conduct Destructive, Direct-Ascent Anti-Satellite Missile Testing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e\\_000451.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000451.html)

<sup>2449</sup> Emergency Grant Aid in response to the Flood Disaster in Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e\\_000401.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000401.html)

<sup>2450</sup> Council for the Creation of Future Education, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202209/\\_00041.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202209/_00041.html)

<sup>2451</sup> 3rd International Conference on “Action with Women and Peace,” Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 29 November 2021. Access Date: 20 February 2022.

[https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320695&page=2](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320695&page=2)

From 11 December 2021 to 12 December 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chung Eui-yong attended the G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting in Liverpool, England.<sup>2452</sup> During the meeting, Minister Chung announced the country's commitment "to contribute to the COVID-19 recovery, to strengthen the resilience of global supply chains and to expand infrastructure investments in the Indo-Pacific region," emphasizing an inclusive and balanced approach in fulfilling these commitments. Minister Chung also brought attention to the need for participating countries to cooperate in restoring the sustainability and resilience of supply chains and expanding infrastructure investment for peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. Minister Chung also reaffirmed the Korean government's resolute position in the issue of sexual violence in conflict, particularly with regards to women's human rights in Myanmar and Afghanistan.

On 14 December 2021, President Moon Jae-in and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison agreed to update their bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership at the Korea-Australia Expanded Summit in Seoul.<sup>2453</sup> The two countries agreed to expand their cooperation to include "supply chain stability and the development and commercialization of low-carbon technology, as well as space and cyber technologies and other future-oriented high-tech fields."

On 21 January 2022, President Moon provided a series of opening remarks for the Saudi-Korean Investment Forum which was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.<sup>2454</sup> In his speech, President Moon emphasized three key areas for future cooperation between the two countries: cooperation in the field of hydrogen – a key energy source in the era of carbon neutrality; cooperation in future city construction; and cooperation of new growth engines such in healthcare and medical service-related cooperation with regards to diagnostic kits and other epidemic prevention and control supplies, as well as COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

On 14 February 2022, the Ministry of Science held the seventh meeting of Korea and the EU Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in Seoul.<sup>2455</sup> This meeting discussed policies to achieve carbon neutrality and brought attention to "five core areas for cooperation: information and communication technology; health and bio; climate change; emerging future technology; research hub; and human capital development." Korea pledged to research cooperatively with the EU to aid in global antibiotic resistance research, understand best practices for controlling the spread of COVID-19 and develop methods to accelerate carbon neutrality.

On 21 February 2022, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced it would be transferring blue carbon-driven advanced aquaculture technology to Vietnam as part of its official development assistance endeavours. In order to successfully implement the project, the Ministry will "leverage the untapped potential of blue carbon resources that sequester carbon (such as mangroves and other

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<sup>2452</sup> Minister of Foreign Affairs Attends G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 22 February 2022 [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320703&page=1](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320703&page=1)

<sup>2453</sup> Remarks by President Moon Jae-in at Korea-Australia Expanded Summit, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 21 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320701&page=1](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320701&page=1)

<sup>2454</sup> Remarks by President Moon Jae-in at Saudi-Korean Investment Forum, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 20 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5674/view.do?seq=320707&page=1](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320707&page=1)

<sup>2455</sup> The 7th meeting of the Republic of Korea (Korea) -- European Union (EU) Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological (S&T) Cooperation, Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 14 February 2022. Access Date: 22 February 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6306&type=O&insttCode=A110439&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

marine ecosystems) in the coastal region of Vietnam.”<sup>2456</sup> A full-scale project will be implemented from 2022 to 2026 with a total budget of KRW3 billion to share its leading aquaculture farming techniques with Vietnam. Bringing together Korea Forest Service’s ongoing mangrove reforestation efforts (330 hectares for 2020 to 2024) and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries’ aquaculture expertise, the goal of the project is “to restore habitats rich in organic matter through mangrove rehabilitation and to create synergy with shellfish farming.”

On 3 May 2022, the Ministry of Environment held a bilateral meeting with the Mongolian Ministry of Environment and Tourism where the two countries signed an agreement to cooperate in the mitigation of GHG in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as well as a memorandum of understanding on Environmental Cooperation.<sup>2457</sup> Both countries agreed to carry out the greenhouse gas reduction project and to organize a joint committee that will monitor the implementation of the arrangement. The Ministry of Environment also agreed to provide Mongolia with institutional and technical support to achieve carbon neutrality, including building a GHG emission inventory, technical support, and strengthening existing measurement, reporting and verification capabilities.

On 10 May 2022, Korea announced it would provide USD13.8 million in humanitarian assistance to Syria, as well as Lebanon and Jordan that have been hosting Syrian refugees, at the 6th Brussels Conference on “Supporting the future of Syria and the Region.”<sup>2458</sup> The funds will prioritize life-saving assistance such as food, water and health services, as well as long-term resilience-building initiatives for vulnerable communities.

On 11 May 2022, Minister of Environment Han Wha-jin outlined four policy directives to successfully implement the national task of “achieving carbon neutrality and creating a sustainable future.”<sup>2459</sup> The directives included establishing environmental policies grounded in science, technology and innovation; enhance the policies’ applicability through better communication and cooperation; respond to the international environmental order by proactively responding to international environmental norms, such as carbon barriers to trade, ending plastic pollution and green finance; and, enhance policies and administrative systems that match the advancement of present day science and technology.

On 12 May 2022, President Yoon Suk-yeol pledged to provide an additional USD300 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator initiative, sponsored by the World Health Organization, which will fund COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines for developing countries.<sup>2460</sup>

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<sup>2456</sup> MOF Transfers Blue Carbon-Driven Advanced Aquaculture Technology to Vietnam, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 23 February 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6313&type=O&insttCode=A110440&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

<sup>2457</sup> South Korea and Mongolia to Pursue Cooperation in the Mitigation of GHG in Accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 18 May 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1523930&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=5&gov=>

<sup>2458</sup> Korea Announces US\$13.8 Million in Humanitarian Assistance in Support of Syrian Refugees, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 19 May 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6410&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=4&gov=>

<sup>2459</sup> The New Minister of Environment of South Korea, Han Wha-jin, to “Create Sustainable Future through Convergence and Harmony,” Ministry of Environment (Seoul) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 20 May 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1525660&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=3&gov=>

<sup>2460</sup> S.Korea’s Yoon pledges \$300 million to global COVID response initiative, Reuters (Seoul) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/skoreas-yoon-pledges-300-million-global-covid-response-initiative-2022-05-12/>

On 13 May 2022, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced the official start of the “Ecosystem Guardians” initiative, which seeks to implement protective measures for the marine species such as the Southern bottlenose dolphin and their habitat.<sup>2461</sup> Some of these preservation measures includes the posting or installation of observation guidelines within boat interiors and making announcements during boat operations.

On 15 May 2022, Second Vice Minister of Health and Welfare Lee Ki-il attended the first meeting of health ministers of Korea and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the ninth ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers meeting in Bali, Indonesia.<sup>2462</sup> This year’s meeting centered around the themes of ‘Strengthening Health Systems for Sustainable Universal Coverage,’ and ‘Health Security for Resilient Health Systems.’ At the conference, Second Vice Minister Lee discussed the ASEAN-Korea Healthcare Partnership cooperation projects, including the K-Health International Cooperation Project, which will be carried out to share Korea’s experiences in health insurance, primary health care and public health reinforcement activities with ASEAN member states.

On 16 May 2022, Korea announced the expansion of eligibility for prescription oral antiviral pills for COVID-19 to include patients with underlying symptoms that meet the age requirement for emergency use.<sup>2463</sup> The government has placed an additional purchase order of 1.009 million doses, which has increased the total volume of antiviral treatment to 2.071 million doses.

On 29 May 2022, the Ministry of Environment announced that fourteen environmental bills passed the National Assembly plenary session and will be transferred for approval by the State Council.<sup>2464</sup> The bills that are to be transferred for approval include: the Framework Act on Environmental Policy; the Sewerage Act; The Act on the Integrated Control of Pollutant-discharging Facilities; The Wildlife Protection and Management Act; The Natural Environment Conservation Act; The Korea National Park Service Act; The River Act; The Persistent Organic Pollutants Control Act; The Special Act on the Reduction and Management of Fine Dust; The Natural Parks Act; the Act on Resource Circulation of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Vehicles; the Clean Air Conservation Act; and the Asbestos Safety Management Act.

From 21 May 2022 to 28 May 2022, Director General Yoon Chan Sik for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Health and Welfare attended the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.<sup>2465</sup> At the Assembly, Director General Yoon highlighted South Korea’s active

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<sup>2461</sup> Protecting the Southern Bottlenose Dolphins of Jeju, “Ecosystem Guardians” in Action, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Seoul) 13 May 2022. Access Date: 21 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6413&type=O&insttCode=A110440&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=6&gov=>

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<sup>2462</sup> Korea and ASEAN to discuss collaboration regarding universal medical coverage and health security issues, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 21 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=371528&type=N&insttCode=A260111&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

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<sup>2463</sup> Additional Purchase of Oral COVID-19 Pills and Expansion of Prescription Targets, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 20 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1528970&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

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<sup>2464</sup> The National Assembly passed fourteen environmental bills, Ministry of Environment (Seoul) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=371607&type=N&insttCode=A260111&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=2&gov=>

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<sup>2465</sup> MOHW Emphasizes International Cooperation for Peace and Health at the WHO 75th World Health Assembly, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022.

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participation in the efforts of the international community to bring an end to COVID-19, such as their contribution of USD300 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator initiative announced on 12 May 2022. Director General Yoon also announced that Korea will be co-hosting the ‘World Bio Summit’ with the World Health Organization in October 2022 in Seoul, which will “present a vision for the international community regarding preparation against future pandemic outbreaks.”

On 8 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that Korea would provide USD1.2 million in assistance through the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the safe and secure operation of Ukraine’s nuclear power plants under the threat of military conflict.<sup>2466</sup> The assistance will support efforts in Ukraine to ensure the safety and security of the plants, management of radioactive waste and implementation of safeguards measures.

On 8 June 2022, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Lee Chang-yang met with United Arab Emirates’ Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber to discuss industrial technology and energy supply chain cooperation.<sup>2467</sup> Their discussions focused on opportunities to expand economic cooperation in new industries like digital transition, e-learning and bio.

On 17 July 2022, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced that it will offer training for vaccine production personnel from low and middle income countries.<sup>2468</sup> The training will be provided to a total of 150 trainees from Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Ghana, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Nepal, Panama, Rwanda, South Africa, Senegal, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay and Vietnam in the aims of helping trainees attain a broader range of knowledge and competence in vaccine production across the entire vaccine life cycle.

On 22 July 2022, the Ministry of Unification released its 2022 Unification Work Plan, outlining the Yoon Suk-yeol government’s policy vision on unification and North Korea.<sup>2469</sup> The Work Plan outlined that the Ministry will be implementing Article 4 of the Constitution, which stipulates that the “Korea shall seek unification and shall formulate and carry out a policy of peaceful unification based on the basic free and democratic order.”

On 2 August 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that it will provide USD200,000 in humanitarian aid to the Philippines in response to earthquake.<sup>2470</sup>

On 9 August 2022, Foreign Minister Park Jin and Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi agreed to speed up the negotiations on the China-Korea free trade agreement to ensure the stability of industrial and

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<sup>2466</sup> ROK Government Provides US\$1.2 Million Worth of Assistance through IAEA for Safety and Security of Ukraine’s Nuclear Power Plants (8 June 2022), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6453&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=undefined>

<sup>2467</sup> Korea and UAE to kick energy and tech cooperation into high gear, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Seoul) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6456&type=O&insttCode=A110412&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=undefined>

<sup>2468</sup> Korea Offers Training for Vaccine Production Personnel from Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs), Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 17 July 2022. Access Date: 3 August 2022. [https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR\\_MENU\\_ID=1007&MENU\\_ID=100701&page=1&CONT\\_SEQ=372294](https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/nw0101vw.jsp?PAR_MENU_ID=1007&MENU_ID=100701&page=1&CONT_SEQ=372294)

<sup>2469</sup> 2022 Ministry of Unification Work Plan, Ministry of Unification (Seoul) 22 July 2022. Access Date: 13 August 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=54275&type=N&insttCode=A260105&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=15&gov=>

<sup>2470</sup> ROK Government Decides to Provide US\$200,000 in Humanitarian Aid to the Republic of the Philippines in Response to Earthquake, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 16 August 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6531&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=11&gov=>

supply chains and comply with their commitment to integrity, security, smoothness, openness and inclusiveness.<sup>2471</sup>

On 11 August 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that it will provide COVID-19 vaccines for Grenada and Mexico, as well as additional doses for Bosnia and Herzegovina.<sup>2472</sup> Over the period of two weeks starting from the beginning of August, Mexico will be receiving a total of 804,000 doses of Pfizer pediatric vaccine and Grenada will be receiving combined 5,850 and 6,000 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. In addition, Bosnia and Herzegovina will be receiving additional 20,4000 doses of the Moderna vaccine.

On 29 August 2022, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced that its 2023 budget would focus on the “expansion of customized services for families including single-parent families, multicultural families, and families requiring childcare, provision of stronger support for victims of the five leading cases of violence such as digital sex crimes, domestic violence, crimes perpetrated by those in power, dating violence, stalking and provision of stronger support for less privileged people like youths in crisis and young women.”<sup>2473</sup>

On 5 September 2022, the Ministry of Environment announced its plan to “significantly ease the criteria for recognizing circular resources” and to “establish a system to recycle pyrolysis oil from waste plastics and recycle Co2 captured using CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage) technology.”<sup>2474</sup>

On 22 September 2022, the Ministry of Environment announced its implementation plan for a disposable cups deposit scheme starting in December and a plan to support small business owners in the participating regions of Jeju-do and Sejong.<sup>2475</sup>

Korea took strong actions to promote a sustainable, equitable, inclusive and resilient recovery by strengthening its cooperation with trading partners, creating initiatives that support the health of women and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals. Korea also took part in numerous roundtables and discussions advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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<sup>2471</sup> China and ROK Agree to Jointly Keep Industrial and Supply Chains Stable, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022.

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<sup>2472</sup> Korea Provides COVID-19 Vaccines for Grenada, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 19 August 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6546&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=7&gov=>

<sup>2473</sup> Support for diverse types of families; stronger protection of victims of five leading cases of violence, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (Seoul) 29 August 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022.

[http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng\\_pr\\_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbtSn=708743](http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbtSn=708743)

<sup>2474</sup> ME to Speed up deregulation for waste recycling, Ministry of Education (Seoul) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=10&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1546940&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

<sup>2475</sup> The Ministry of Environment will implement a deposit scheme for disposable cups in Jeju-do island and the city of Sejong, starting from December 2, Ministry of Environment (Seoul) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?menuId=461&boardMasterId=522&boardId=1551470>

## **Mexico: +1**

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 16 December 2021, Mexico donated 1 million AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador as part of Mexico's pro tempore presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and in solidarity with the nations of the region during the pandemic.<sup>2476</sup>

On 12 January 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Novartis Mexico signed a memorandum of understanding to promote investment in health.<sup>2477</sup> The memorandum calls for cooperation in actions for economic recovery and promotion of health and investment in Mexico, with which Novartis Mexico will invest USD50 million. Together, they agreed to coordinate actions within the next five years that fall within four strategic pillars, which are: internal market, employment, and business; investment promotion and facilities; international trade; and regionalization and sectors.

On 2 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard visited the Center for Human Resources Specialization in the Automotive Sector and various hybrid assembly plants in Ciudad Modelo, Puebla to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.<sup>2478</sup> It was announced that the Foreign Ministry will connect the state of Puebla with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the UN Human Settlements Program to create an economic promotion atlas with the methodology that was developed for the Territorial-Industrial Investment Atlas.

On 2 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard announced a citizen consultation on urban policy priorities that invites citizens to share their concerns and ideas about the future of Mexican cities following the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2479</sup> In addition to the consultation, there will be “Interconnecting Smart Cities” forums that will take place in cities around the country that form part of Mexico's agenda at the 2022 UN-Habitat World Urban Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean in Poland this year.

On 8 February 2022, the Foreign Ministry and the University of California announced the creation of the Mexico-United States Electrical Vehicle Working Group – an initiative which aims to ensure a coordinated and strategic transition towards electromobility that encompasses work in five thematic areas: innovation, human capital, provider development, infrastructure development and governance structures.<sup>2480</sup> This initiative is in keeping with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's instructions

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<sup>2476</sup> Mexico donates 1 million COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador Press Release 589, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-donates-1-million-covid-19-vaccines-to-ecuador-press-release-589?idiom=en>

<sup>2477</sup> Ministry of Economy and Novartis Mexico sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Promote Investment in Health, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/se/galerias/2022-ene-12-secretaria-de-economia-y-novartis-mexico-firman-memorandum-de-entendimiento-para-fomentar-la-inversion-en-salud?idiom=es>

<sup>2478</sup> In Puebla, Foreign Secretary Ebrard announces international collaboration for electrical vehicle transition Press Release 33, Government of Mexico (Ciudad Modelo) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/in-puebla-foreign-secretary-ebard-announces-international-collaboration-for-electric-vehicle-transition?idiom=en>

<sup>2479</sup> Foreign Secretary Ebrard announces citizen consultation for the 2022 UN-Habitat world Urban Forum Press Release 34, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebard-announces-citizen-consultation-for-the-2022-un-habitat-world-urban-forum?idiom=en>

<sup>2480</sup> Foreign Secretary Ebrard presents binational electric vehicle working group Press Release 42, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 8 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebard-presents-binational-electric-vehicle-working-group?idiom=en>

to reactivate the economy by focusing on development and projects that attract investment with regards to transitioning the automotive sector to electric vehicles.

On 10 February 2022, Representatives from Mexico, Canada and the United States convened virtually for the Fifth North American Drug Dialogue to follow-up on the progress that has been made since the last meeting in December 2019.<sup>2481</sup> The meeting primarily focused on actions that were undertaken to address the production and trafficking of illegal drugs, the public health harms associated with drug use, overdoses, and illicit finance. Representatives of all three countries agreed to continue to work together to “finalize and adopt a framework that encompasses a comprehensive approach to address drug related issues; to improve and advance cooperation efforts and information sharing to better respond to North American illegal drug production and trafficking; to continue to facilitate information exchange of best practices to strengthen public health approaches to address harms associated with drug use and overdoses; and to strengthen cooperation to address illicit activities.”

On 11 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard took part in the One Planet Summit for the Ocean that was held in Brest, France.<sup>2482</sup> The purpose of the Summit was to increase the initiatives taken by the international community to protect marine ecosystems, fight ocean pollution and collectively address the impacts of the climate crisis.

On 18 February 2022, the Foreign Ministry reported that Mexico delivered 2,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Dominica on 17 February 2022 and 10,000 doses to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 18 February 2022.<sup>2483</sup>

On 21 February 2022, the Ministry of Economy announced the creation of an initiative called “Soluciones 2030,” which aims to promote sustainable development at the local level by linking local governments and organizations to innovative projects that provide solutions to the challenges of sustainable development.<sup>2484</sup> In the first edition of Soluciones 2030, up to 30 local governments and 50 initiatives for innovative solutions to socio-environmental challenges will be selected to participate in the Soluciones 2030 Meeting where participants will strengthen their proposals and work on multi-stakeholder procedures to implement solutions that respond to local challenges of sustainable development.

On 2 March 2022, Mexico and Japan launched a project to strengthen disaster risk governance in Mexico.<sup>2485</sup> The initiative will center around developing local plans to implement existing disaster risk reduction (DRR) investments in Mexico City and Chiapas with regards to their seismic and hydrological risks. The project will run from May 2022 to June 2025, and includes human resource training, local

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<sup>2481</sup> Fifth Meeting of the North American Dialogue Press Release 49, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/fifth-meeting-of-the-north-american-drug-dialogue?idiom=en>

<sup>2482</sup> Foreign Secretary Ebrard calls on world leaders to protect the oceans Press Release 48, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebard-calls-on-world-leaders-to-protect-the-oceans>

<sup>2483</sup> Mexico donates COVID-19 vaccines to Dominica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 18 February 2022. Access Date: 20 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-donates-covid-19-vaccines-to-dominica-and-saint-vincent-and-the-grenadines?idiom=en>

<sup>2484</sup> Solutions 2030: initiative to face local challenges in sustainable development, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/se/articulos/soluciones-2030-iniciativa-para-hacer-frente-a-desafios-locales-en-desarrollo-sostenible-295093?idiom=es>

<sup>2485</sup> Mexico and Japan begin a disaster risk reduction project in Mexico, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-and-japan-begin-a-disaster-risk-reduction-project-in-mexico?idiom=en>

DRR plans at the pilot sites, a training program to prepare the local plans and risk assessment that will be applied to other pilot sites in the second phase of the initiative.

On 11 March 2022, the Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora recognized Mexico's progress in implementing Decision 18.293 regarding the threats to totoaba and vaquita species in Mexico.<sup>2486</sup> According to the Mexican delegation, the country's progress has lowered the risk level of totoaba from "endangered" to "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

On 14 March 2022, Mexico participated in the United Nations' 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which focused on the effects of the climate crisis and pandemics on women's rights.<sup>2487</sup> Mexico called for broad promotion of women's rights and asserted its commitment to recognizing the multiple crises faced by women and girls as a consequence of the climate crisis and pandemics.

On 16 March 2022, Mexico reaffirmed its international commitment to gender equality by ratifying the International Labour Organization Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment, which aims to eradicate all forms of violence and discrimination against women in the workforce.<sup>2488</sup>

On 25 March 2022, the Foreign Ministry, the German Agency for International Cooperation in Mexico and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation held an event on 'Civil society and the prevention of violence against women and girls during COVID-19.'<sup>2489</sup> The aim of the event was to evaluate the results and findings of projects undertaken by these organizations in order to design inclusive public policies to prevent violence against women in the context of COVID-19 lockdowns.

On 27 March 2022, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation took part in the 4th session of the Monitoring Committee of the Mexico-Caricom-FAO initiative on 'Cooperation for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in the Caribbean' in Bridgetown, Barbados.<sup>2490</sup> The initiative includes projects related to the water-energy nexus in agriculture, resilient school food projects, as well as a resilient aquaculture sector to strengthen food security in the Caribbean.

On 24 May 2022, the Foreign Ministry and the UNDP concluded consultations with 70 women from government, civil society and academia in Querétaro, Mexico on environmental and urban issues.<sup>2491</sup>

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<sup>2486</sup> Mexico takes another step towards protecting the vaquita porpoise and totoaba, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 13 March 2022. Access Date: 4 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-takes-another-step-towards-protecting-the-vaquita-porpoise-and-totoaba?idiom=en>

<sup>2487</sup> Mexican delegation participates in the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 14 March 2022. Translation by Analyst. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexican-delegation-participates-in-the-66th-session-of-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women?idiom=en>

<sup>2488</sup> Mexico ratifies ILO Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-ratifies-ilo-convention-190-on-violence-and-harassment?idiom=en>

<sup>2489</sup> Foreign Ministry, Amexcid and GIZ Mexico promote strategies to prevent violence and discrimination against women and girls, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 25 March 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-amexcid-and-giz-mexico-promote-strategies-to-prevent-violence-and-discrimination-against-women-and-girls?idiom=en>

<sup>2490</sup> Amexcid participates in the 4th session of the Monitoring Committee for the Mexico-Caricom-FAO Initiative, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 27 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/amexcid-participates-in-the-4th-session-of-the-monitoring-committee-for-the-mexico-caricom-fao-initiative?idiom=en>

<sup>2491</sup> Foreign Ministry, UNDP conclude consultations with women in Querétaro, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 30 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-undp-conclude-consultations-with-women-in-queretaro?idiom=en>

The aim of the consultation was to incorporate these women's concerns into Mexico's positions in the lead-up to the World Urban Forum and Stockholm+50.

On 26 May 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard and Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Santiago Cafiero held a council meeting for the Mexico-Argentina Strategic Partnership Agreement during which they agreed to continue strengthening the political and economic-commercial cooperation between the two countries, and to continue focusing on issues pertaining to the digital agenda, international humanitarian assistance, comprehensive disaster risk management and gender equality.<sup>2492</sup>

On 10 June 2022, Mexico announced it will expand its temporary labor programs for foreigners and integrate refugees into its labor market by launching a new labor cooperation program for 15,000-20,000 Guatemalans and expanding the existing Border Worker Card Program, doubling it to include 10,000-20,000 additional beneficiaries per year.<sup>2493</sup>

On 14 June 2022, Mexico announced the launch of its First Ocean Caucus during the 'Field Mission to Sonora: promoting legislative work for a sustainable ocean economy.'<sup>2494</sup> The Caucus will collaborate with the executive and legislative branches to accelerate Mexico's transition to a sustainable ocean economy.

On 17 June 2022, Mexico participated in the UN'S 15th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.<sup>2495</sup> At the conference, Mexico reaffirmed its commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and called on States that have not ratified the Convention to do so. Mexico also announced it will hold a national consultation with people with disabilities later in 2022.

On 6 July 2022, Mexico deposited the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention (No. 190) instrument of ratification, joining the list of 18 countries that have ratified the Convention.<sup>2496</sup>

From 11 July 2022 to 15 July 2022, the Foreign Ministry hosted the eighth annual Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation for diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean.<sup>2497</sup> The diplomatic representatives participated in the discussions with international and national experts, government officials, academics and civil society representatives on issues regarding nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, arms control, risks of nuclear proliferation, nuclear security, terrorism and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

On 18 July 2022, the Foreign Ministry, the State Government of Querétaro, the Sierra Gorda Ecological Group and local civil society organizations presented a declaration on Climate Action to

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<sup>2492</sup> Mexico-Argentina Joint Statement, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-argentina-joint-statement?idiom=en>

<sup>2493</sup> Mexico to expand labor mobility programs and integrate refugees into its labor market, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-to-expand-labor-mobility-programs-and-integrate-refugees-into-its-labor-market?idiom=en>

<sup>2494</sup> The first Mexican Oceans Caucus is created with the accompaniment of the Foreign Ministry and Civil society, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 6 August 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/the-first-mexican-oceans-caucus-is-created-with-the-accompaniment-of-the-foreign-ministry-and-civil-society?idiom=en>

<sup>2495</sup> Mexico reaffirms its commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 17 June 2022. Access Date: 12 August 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-reaffirms-its-commitment-to-the-un-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities?idiom=en>

<sup>2496</sup> Mexico deposits the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention (No. 190) instrument of ratification, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 6 July 2022. Access Date: 3 August 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-deposits-the-ilo-violence-and-harassment-convention-no-190-instrument-of-ratification?idiom=en>

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Recover Mexico's Natural Heritage.<sup>2498</sup> The declaration promotes actions related to climate change, environmental services and regenerating nature which will help to ensure Mexico's contributions under the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the Global Biodiversity Framework.

On 5 August 2022, Mexico attended an event hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, entitled South-South in Action – SSTC in Agricultural Development: FAO's Experiences.<sup>2499</sup> The event promoted South-South and triangular cooperation, as well as emphasized the importance of mitigating hunger and malnutrition throughout the Global South.

On 12 August 2022, Mexico published its Instrumentation Strategy for a Sustainable Ocean Economy 2021-2024.<sup>2500</sup> This Strategy represents “a coordinated effort of the current administration to put Mexico on track to fulfill its main commitment to the [High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy] to move towards the sustainable management of its national waters.”

On 19 August 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Alumbra Innovations Foundation in La Paz, Baja California Sur to “promote the development of an International Ocean Innovation Cluster; the full participation of communities, the public and private sectors as a catalyst for creating a sustainable ocean economy; and will promote economic justice and the empowerment of coastal communities and artisanal fisheries and the aquaculture sector in global forums.”<sup>2501</sup>

On 14 September 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Development Program in Mexico presented the Mechanism for Investment Facilitation and Promotion Abroad which will “facilitate the processes faced by the private sector and local governments when promoting themselves internationally, and is in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals.”<sup>2502</sup>

Mexico took strong actions to promote a sustainable, resilient and equitable recovery by investing in public health resources, creating citizen consultations and donating over a million COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador and thousands of doses to Dominica, Saint Vincent, and the Grenadines.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

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## Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 16 December 2021, Russia approved the rules for posting publicly available information on the state of the environment. According to the new rules, federal, regional, and local authorities are obligated to publish information on the state of the environment, including the quality of atmospheric air, soil, water, and forest resources, harmful emissions, as well as radiation levels on their official websites or make it available to the public through state and municipal information systems.<sup>2503</sup>

On 28 December 2021, Russia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed two memoranda of understanding investing more than USD14 million in climate action projects.<sup>2504</sup> These projects consist of addressing marine litter in the Caspian Sea, supporting the UNDP Climate Box initiative, supporting local communities in Uzbekistan and funding the efforts to implement Sustainable Development Goals in Belarus. The goals of these projects are to drive sustainable climate action within various countries and to nationalize and localize SDGs.

On 29 March 2022, the Federal Project “Clean Air” was extended by two years – until 31 December 2026. The project aims to ensure a significant reduction in air pollution in 12 major industrial centers: Bratsk, Krasnoyarsk, Lipetsk, Magnitogorsk, Mednogorsk, Nizhny Tagil, Novokuznetsk, Norilsk, Omsk, Chelyabinsk, Cherepovets and Chita through measures to reduce emissions from industrial enterprises, municipal and transport infrastructure facilities.<sup>2505</sup>

On 21 April 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment announced that in March-April 2022 four new projects for the reclamation of landfills near Moscow “Safonovo,” “Yadrovo,” “Zavolenye” and “Taldomsky” were launched in accordance with the federal project “Clean Country” of the national project “Ecology.” Additionally, in December 2021, contracts were signed for the reclamation of the Egorievsky and Volovichy landfills.<sup>2506</sup>

On 22 April 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment reported that it had finished the drafting of the federal law “On Amending the Forest Code of the Russian Federation” and Article 9 of the Federal Law “On Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” The draft law is aimed at the implementation of climate projects in the field of forest relations on the territory of Russia, ensuring the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the absorption of greenhouse gases.<sup>2507</sup>

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Russia took some action to support the fulfillment of SDGs and a sustainable recovery by investing in climate action projects to promote sustainable development on a national and local level. However, Russia's actions were limited and were not strongly focused on inclusivity or equitability.

Thus, Russia has received a score of 0.

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### **Saudi Arabia: +1**

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the stated goals of the commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 13 December 2021, Minister of Finance Mohammed Al-Jadaan announced the government's plan to promote post-pandemic economic growth and continuation of social supports and benefits while remaining fiscally sustainable.<sup>2508</sup> The budget aims to implement strategic economic programs with economic and social dimensions.

On 23 January 2022, the National Center for Vegetation and Combating Desertification signed a two-year contract with an Imam Turki bin Abdullah Royal Reserve company promising to plant 400,000 tree seedlings.<sup>2509</sup> The goal of the contract is to preserve natural reserves, restore biodiversity in natural environments and improve quality of life throughout the country.

On 24 January 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed a memorandum of understanding with the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.<sup>2510</sup> The purpose of the memorandum is to increase cooperation between government officials and policy experts with scientists and researchers in order to leverage research and evidence in achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

On 3 February 2022, the Steering Committee for Sustainable Development held a meeting under the supervision of the Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal Alibrahim.<sup>2511</sup> The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Sustainable Development Goals, the Saudi Kingdom's performance during the past year and the roadmap towards achieving SDGs.

On 6 February 2022, the Deputy Governor of Madinah Prince Saud bin Khalid Al-Faisal oversaw the launch of the Smart Madinah Forum.<sup>2512</sup> The purpose of the forum was to discuss goals to make Medinah one of Saudi Arabia's three most livable cities by increasing its annual economic growth by 3 per cent and reducing unemployment by 5 per cent by 2030.

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On 24 February 2022, the Federation of Saudi Chambers and the UN Global Compact Network Saudi Arabia signed an agreement to strengthen sustainable development efforts.<sup>2513</sup> The agreement aims to promote corporate responsibility and the role of the private sector in achieving SDGs.

On 15 March 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that the Sustainable Tourism Global Centre appointed “eight international experts to lead the multi-country, multi-stakeholder coalition’s bid to reduce the industry’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.”<sup>2514</sup>

On 20 March 2022, Saudi Arabia attended the Gulf Cooperation Council’s first Gulf Women: Leadership for a Sustainable Tomorrow forum.<sup>2515</sup> This forum occurred as Saudi Arabia exceeded its 2030 30 per cent target for women’s labour market participation rate, reaching 32 per cent. The Gulf Cooperation Council discussed how to develop a vision for a joint action mechanism on women’s issues in the region.

On 27 March 2022, Saudi Arabia reiterated its interest in strengthening partnership and cooperation with the UN in development and women’s empowerment at the UN meeting on “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.”<sup>2516</sup> Saudi Arabia aims to contribute to this through strengthening laws, policies and regulatory frameworks.

On 17 April 2022, Saudi Arabia converted USD300 million deposit in Mauritania’s central bank into a soft loan.<sup>2517</sup> This will support development and inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

On 6 May 2022, Saudi Arabia participated in the ministerial session of the Seventh United Nations Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals, which aims to innovate technical solutions to address the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and promote sustainable development.<sup>2518</sup>

On 9 May 2022, Minister of Energy Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud signed a memorandum of understanding regarding renewable energy and a framework agreement for cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy with Morocco’s Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development.<sup>2519</sup>

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<sup>2515</sup> GCC to adopt joint mechanism for women’s issues, Arab News (Riyadh) 20 March 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2046421/saudi-arabia>

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On 14 May 2022, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), founded by King Salman bin Abdulaziz distributed 400 food baskets to the neediest groups in the Dourbali Governorate of Chad which benefitted 2,400 people.<sup>2520</sup>

On 27 May 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that surplus revenues from oil production would be invested in resilience, such as paying off debts accelerating transformation projects.<sup>2521</sup>

On 29 May 2022, Saudi Arabia participating in the World Economic Forum 2022 under the theme “History at a Turning Point: Government Policies and Business Strategies.”<sup>2522</sup> The Saudi delegation focused on Vision 2030 initiatives and discussed efforts to address SDGs related to climate and nature, fairer economics, technology and innovation, jobs and skills, social equality and global cooperation. Saudi Arabia also signed three memoranda of understanding with the World Economy Forum on enhancing the healthcare sector and food security.

On 1 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that it had invested over USD94.6 billion in humanitarian and relief aid before 1996 and 2022 to 164 countries.<sup>2523</sup> This was announced at the National Council of US-Arab Relations meeting. The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, established in 2015, had implemented 2,000 humanitarian projects in 84 countries worth nearly USD5.8 billion alongside the UN and international organizations.

On 3 June 2022, Minister of Finance and the Kingdom’s Governor of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Mohammed Aljadaan called on the IsDB to establish an “urgent and comprehensive plan to proactively address the challenges of food security in the member countries,” while reaffirming the Kingdom’s willingness to provide technical support for this goal.<sup>2524</sup>

On 7 June 2022, the Ministry of Tourism hosted the 116<sup>th</sup> UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council meeting which focused on the importance of rethinking tourism governance in order to develop the future of global tourism.<sup>2525</sup> First Vice Chair of the UNWTO Executive Council Ahmed Al Khateeb stated that “tourism is a vital driver of growth, opportunity, and development and today, [Saudi Arabia is] at global crossroads. [The] sector could create 58 million jobs in 2022, to reach more than 330 million, just 1 per cent below pre-pandemic levels. This can only be achieved with strong leadership, a clear vision and resources.”<sup>2526</sup>

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On 9 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced a grant of USD30 million for the Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund.<sup>2527</sup> The funding will go to development in Afghanistan to support the people and limit further deterioration.

On 11 June 2022, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Ahmed bin Sulaiman Al-Rajhi met with the Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mathias Cormann in Paris during the ministerial meeting of OECD Working and Employment Group.<sup>2528</sup> During the meeting, Minister Al-Rajhi stated the importance of such meetings to “intensify efforts and consolidate joint cooperation between countries to meet the challenges facing labor markets and societies,” and highlighted that the Saudi Arabian labor market has undergone a transformation in recent years that was “in line with the Kingdom’s vision 2030, which aims to build a more prosperous, developing and vibrant homeland.”

On 13 June 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. “The agreement aims to enhance the partnership between Saudi Arabia and the UN to accelerate their joint efforts to deliver progress on sustainable development in Saudi Arabia and meet the goals outlined in the 17 SDGs under the UN 2030 Agenda, as well as the socioeconomic ambitions of the Kingdom’s Vision 2030.”<sup>2529</sup>

On 21 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced a joint investment with Egypt in generating renewable energy through an electric power project with a capacity of 10 gigawatts through Aquapower Company. The two countries also “agreed to continue coordination and cooperation in the field of preserving the marine environment, enhance commercial exchange between the two countries, mainly in the field of agricultural products...enhance cooperation in the medical field and stressed keenness to support global initiatives aimed at combating pandemics and current and future health threats and challenges...welcomed increasing the level of scientific and educational cooperation, calling for increasing cooperation in the higher education, research and innovation fields, and encouraging universities and scientific institutions and research centers to enhance research cooperation in fields of joint interest.”<sup>2530</sup>

On 25 July 2022, Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman released development plans for “The Line” which highlighted innovative aspects of the city that focus on maintaining complete renewable energy.<sup>2531</sup>

On 9 August 2022, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center provided 1,408 food baskets to residents of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in Pakistan.<sup>2532</sup>

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<sup>2530</sup> Final Joint Statement for HRH Crown Prince’s Visit to Egypt Issued, Saudi Press Agency (Cairo) 21 June 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/2364362>

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On 11 August 2022, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center provided 35 tons of food baskets to those in need in Yemen's Abyan Governorate.<sup>2533</sup> It was the latest installment KSrelief's food security project in Yemen which aims to distribute upwards of 192,000 food baskets.

On 11 August 2022, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center provided over 500 housing units to refugees from Rohingya within Bangladesh, valued at USD334,933.<sup>2534</sup>

On 23 August 2022, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad and Senegal's Minister of Economy Amadou Hott co-signed an agreement to finance the rehabilitation and asphaltting project of a 62 kilometre Senegalese road.<sup>2535</sup> The project seeks to improve the roads safety in order to meet the standard set by the West African Monetary and Economic Union.

On 31 August 2022, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center distributed flood relief to those affected in Sudan.<sup>2536</sup> The reported relief consisted of ten tons, and 200 kilograms of food baskets, 50 shelter bags and 15 tents. This effort comes as part of continued efforts to support Sudan as it faces torrential rains.

On 4 September 2022, Minister of Investment Khalid Al-Falih signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chief Executive Officer of Eni, an Italian energy company, Claudio Descalzi which focuses on the field of sustainable development in the energy sector.<sup>2537</sup> The two parties shared insights regarding de-carbonization strategies, as well as Saudi Arabia's National Investment Strategy.

On 8 September 2022, Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal bin Fadel Al-Ibrahim led a delegation at the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting in Indonesia which focused on highlighting multilateralism and renewing the momentum behind the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.<sup>2538</sup> Ahead of the meeting, Minister Al-Ibrahim stated that "Saudi Arabia remains committed to advancing practical and collaborative solutions that would enable developed and developing economies alike to make tangible progress toward achieving the SDG agenda."

From 12 September 2022 to 18 September 2022, KSRelief funded the 67 emergency missions carried out in in Miniyeh Region, Northern Lebanon by the Ambulance Service of Subul Al-Salam Social Society.<sup>2539</sup>

On 21 September 2022, Advisor at the Royal Court and General Supervisor of KSrelief Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Rabeeah met with UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and

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<sup>2536</sup> KSrelief Distributes Relief Aid to People Affected by Floods in Sudan, Asharq Al-Awsat (London) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/3849571/ksrelief-distributes-relief-aid-people-affected-floods-sudan>

<sup>2537</sup> Saudi Arabia, Italian Energy company Eni sign MoU, Arabnews (Riyadh) 4 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2156031/saudi-arabia>

<sup>2538</sup> Saudi Arabia to highlight sustainability successes during G20 Development Ministerial Meeting, Arab News (Riyadh), 8 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2158471/business-economy>

<sup>2539</sup> Funded by KSrelief, Ambulance in Miniyeh Carries out 67 Missions in Northern Lebanon, Saudi Press Agency (Beirut) 20 September 2022. 1 October 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2385648#2385648>

Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths to discuss “the challenges facing the international humanitarian and relief work and best practices to address them.”<sup>2540</sup>

On 29 September 2022, Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman Al-Fadley highlighted the “importance of joining international efforts to face challenges of the food security crisis in the world due to the current situation that requires enhancing multilateral international cooperation to increase food production and provide immediate aid to alleviate the severity of the crisis in needy countries” during the G-20 Agriculture Minister Meeting held from 28 September 2022 to 29 September 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.<sup>2541</sup> During the meeting, Minister Al-Fadley “called for setting meaningful investment programs in rural areas and focusing on education, technology and spreading knowledge to provide opportunities for the youth and women, realize the sustainable development and have flexible food systems.”

Saudi Arabia has taken actions to promote sustainable and equitable recovery by committing to the development of biodiversity through planting 400,000 trees within two years and providing food to impoverished communities. Saudi Arabia has taken strong actions in support of an inclusive and resilient recovery to accelerate SDGs during the compliance period. Saudi Arabia has taken strong actions to advance SDGs and recovery such as signing the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

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### **South Africa: +1**

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery, promoting equity and accelerating progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 10 November 2021, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Barbara Creecy alongside Ministers of Brazil, India and China, representing Brazil, South Africa, India and China (BASIC), gathered in Glasgow, United Kingdom to attend the 26th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>2542</sup> This meeting highlighted that “the BASIC countries continue to lead from the front on climate change actions” and that South Africa had submitted an updated and “significantly more ambitious” Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement.

On 18 November 2021, Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel and industry stakeholders signed the Global Business Services Masterplan.<sup>2543</sup> The plan seeks to invite government, industry, social partners and labour to work together for a shared vision and agenda in the economic sector.

On 14 December 2021, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiza announced the start of the second phase of the South African Economic Reconstruction and Recovery

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<sup>2540</sup> General Supervisor of KSrelief Meets with UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Saudi Press Agency (New York) 21 September 2022. 1 October 2022.

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2385979#2385979>

<sup>2541</sup> Minister of Environment Calls for Joining International Efforts to Face Challenges of Food Security Crisis, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 29 September 2022. 1 October 2022.

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2388381#2388381>

<sup>2542</sup> Forestry, Fisheries and Environment releases joint statement on UNFCCC’s Glasgow Climate Change Conference, South African Government (Glasgow) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/basic-ministerial-joint-statement-unfccc%E2%80%99s-glasgow-climate-change-conference-cop26cmp16cma3>

<sup>2543</sup> Minister Ebrahim Patel’s keynote address at the signing of the GBS Masterplan, South African Government (Cape Town) 22 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/minister-ebrahim-patels-keynote-address-at-the-signing-of-the-gbs-masterplan/>

Plan.<sup>2544</sup> This programme seeks to support vulnerable individuals and groups, address the country's unemployment challenge and “sustain self-employment for subsistence producers.”

On 14 December 2021, the Umtata Women's Support Centre, funded by South Africa's National Development Agency, launched the Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme which aims to bring women in rural regions together using the Masiphunge, or “Let's Have a Cup of Tea' approach.<sup>2545</sup> This programme aims to make a safe space for women to “heal and encourage holistic wellness physically, spiritually and psychologically” to help reduce gender violence and gender inequality.

On 1 February 2022, Minister of Human Settlement Mmamoloko Kubayi announced the launch of the Property Practitioner Regulatory Authority with the initiation of the Property Practitioners Act.<sup>2546</sup> The Act seeks to strengthen the regulatory authority of the Human Settlement sector and protect consumers in the property industry. The Act will also help heal historical division and produce an inclusive economic recovery by helping practitioners who have been historically disadvantaged, such as women, people with disabilities and individuals who were disadvantaged by the Apartheid regime.

On 17 February 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa participated in the African Union – European Union Summit with Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor.<sup>2547</sup> Leaders involved in this summit exchanged views and commitments on financing for sustainable and inclusive growth, climate actions, peace, security and governance, as well as sustainable development. Leaders also pledged to launch an ambitious Africa-Europe Investment Package that aims to address global challenges, such as the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 17 February 2022, Deputy Minister of Basic Education Reginah Mhaule announced the launch of the Learner Pregnancy Policy.<sup>2548</sup> This policy addresses the negative consequences of early and unintended pregnancy through education, specifically through the provision of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education curriculum. The policy will also “link learners to sexual reproductive health services, care counselling and support.”

On 4 March 2022, Minister of Employment and Labour Thulas Nxesi launched a training project program through a partnership agreement with the Fuze Institute for Humanitarian Praxis and the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) in KwaZulu-Natal.<sup>2549</sup> The UIF will provide a SAR551 million investment for the program which will allow 19,921 beneficiaries to undergo training in “fibre optics, food handling and mixed farming sectors.”

On 8 April 2022, Minister of Human Settlements Mmamoloko Kubayi announced that the “Cabinet has approved just over 14,000 hectares made up of 167 portions of land held by the Department of

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<sup>2544</sup> Minister Thoko Didiza announces second phase of implementation of Presidential Employment Stimulus Initiative for subsistence producers, South African Government (Cape Town) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thoko-didiza-announces-second-phase-implementation-presidential-employment>  
<sup>2545</sup> National Development Agency on the launch of Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/umtata-women%E2%80%99s-support-centre-launches-masiphunge-women-empowerment-programme-14-dec-2021>

<sup>2546</sup> Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi: Launch of the Property Practitioner Regulatory Authority, South African Government (Cape Town) 1 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-launch-property-practitioner-regulatory-authority-1-feb-2022-0000>

<sup>2547</sup> President Cyril Ramaphosa participates in 6th AU-EU Summit in Brussels, 17-18 Feb, South African Government (Cape Town) 16 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/node/811716>

<sup>2548</sup> Deputy Minister Reginah Mhaule: Launch of the Learner Pregnancy Policy, South African Government (Cape Town) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/keynote-address-deputy-minister-basic-education-dr-mr-mhaule-launch-learner-pregnancy>

<sup>2549</sup> Minister Thulas Nxesi launches training projects in KwaZulu-Natal, 4 Mar, South African Government (Cape Town) 2 March 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/node/811936>

Public Works and Infrastructure for release for human settlements development.”<sup>2550</sup> This release of land serves to provide the poor and the marginalized in urban areas the access to land and thereby sustain inclusive economic growth in the urban region. The Minister noted that the government has made the decision to revise the income threshold for people applying for social housing. This change will make more people eligible for social housing and thereby allow more people to participate in an inclusive economy in urban areas.

On 5 May 2022, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana announced the launch of Southern Africa-Towards Inclusive Development Phase Two.<sup>2551</sup> The second phase of the programme invites academics and policymakers to respond to policy issues, including ways to develop enterprises to grow the employment rate; how to make structural adjustments and transform to address the labour markets and inequality; approaches to mobilize public revenue for inclusive development; macro-fiscal analysis and policy modelling; implementation of reforms; food, energy and water in light of the ongoing climate change.

On 12 May 2022, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development John Jeffery announced the launch of the Masibambisane Programme, an initiative with multidimensional approaches that seek to empower women of all ages, sexual orientations and gender identities who are affected by gender-based violence.<sup>2552</sup> The programme “builds on the community-based multistakeholder models that take a zero-tolerance approach to address [gender-based violence and femicide] and that involve local state actors, civil society and community members in prevention and response activities.”<sup>2553</sup>

On 15 May 2022, Minister Nxesi launched the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals and topics such as “education, crises and climate change, social protection, youth employment, financing, agriculture, supply chain and inequality.”<sup>2554</sup> Minister Nxesi also made note of and reaffirmed the South African government’s existing progress in slowing down and eliminating child labour.<sup>2555</sup>

On 23 May 2022, Minister Creecy launched the National Waste Management Fleet to improve the municipal level waste collection services.<sup>2556</sup> The SAR42.4million-worth plan aims to improve community health by preventing waste pollution as a result of poor, irregular waste services and management in communities.<sup>2557</sup>

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<sup>2550</sup> Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi: Affordable Housing Indaba, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-affordable-housing-indaba-8-apr-2022-0000>

<sup>2551</sup> Minister Enoch Godongwana: Launch of Southern Africa-Towards Inclusive Economic Development Phase 2, South African Government (Cape Town) 5 May 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-enoch-godongwana-southern-africa-towards-inclusive-economic-development-phase-2>

<sup>2552</sup> Deputy Minister John Jeffery: Launch of Masibambisane Programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-john-jeffery-launch-masibambisane-programme-12-may-2022-0000>

<sup>2553</sup> Masibambisane GBV Programme to be launched, South African Government News Agency (Cape Town) 11 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/masibambisane-gbv-programme-be-launched>

<sup>2554</sup> Minister Thulas Nxesi launches 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, South African Government (Cape Town) 5 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-launches-5th-global-conference-elimination-child-labour-5-may-2022>

<sup>2555</sup> Minister Thulas Nxesi on child labour at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, South African Government (Cape Town) 16 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-child-labour-5th-global-conference-elimination-child-labour-16-may>

<sup>2556</sup> Minister Barbara Creecy: Launch of national waste management fleet, South African Government (Cape Town) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-barbara-creecy-launch-national-waste-management-fleet-23-may-2022-0000>

<sup>2557</sup> South Africa: Improving Waste Services in Communities, AllAfrica (Cape Town) 31 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://allafrica.com/stories/202205310604.html>

On 30 May 2022, the Department of Social Development announced the Social Assistance Amendment Act to increase funding for payments concerning social grants, including “the implementation of the extended Child Support Grant policy for orphans in the care of relatives.”<sup>2558</sup>

On 3 June 2022, Minister of Health Joe Phaahla launched the Global Vax campaign, an initiative with the aim of contributing to the goal of vaccinating 70 per cent of the global population against COVID-19.<sup>2559</sup> The campaign will increase its capacity to vaccinate the population as well as promote awareness of the facts about the virus and the safety of vaccines.

On 8 June 2022, Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies Khumbudzo Ntshavheni announced that South Africa is implementing a Broadband Connectivity drive through the South Africa (SA) Connect programme.<sup>2560</sup> The goal of SA Connect is to ensure all South Africans have access to the internet by 2024 and will be complimented by a programme to deploy 4G and 5G networks by 2025.

On 21 June 2022, Cabinet Ministers met with COP President Alok Sharma in Pretoria to review the “progress made since COP26 in advancing the Just Energy Transition Partnership.”<sup>2561</sup> During the meeting, the parties also discussed South Africa’s future progress and affirmed their commitment to ensuring a just transition in which key interests of workers and communities are protected and opportunities for innovation and quality jobs are supported in the green hydrogen and electric vehicle sectors.

On 7 July 2022, the Treasury released the information on the funding framework for the response to the national disaster which was declared on 18 April 2022 due to the flooding that occurred.<sup>2562</sup> Minister Godongwana highlighted that SAR1 billion would be available funding for emergency relief and for recovery and repair.

On 19 July 2022, the Department of Water and Sanitation called for increased water conservation efforts at Nelson Mandela Bay Metro and reiterated calls for the prevention of water pollution on Mandela Day.<sup>2563</sup>

On 25 July 2022, President Ramaphosa called on all South Africans to “be part of the solution; to contribute in whatever way they can to ending energy scarcity in South Africa,” in relation to the ongoing energy crisis in the country.<sup>2564</sup>

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<sup>2558</sup> Social Development improves social grants process to benefit orphaned children, South African Government (Cape Town) 1 June 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/social-development-improves-social-grants-process-benefit-orphaned-children-1-jun-2022-0000>

<sup>2559</sup> Minister Joe Phaahla: Launch of Global Vax Campaign, South African Government (Cape Town) 3 June 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-joe-phaahla-launch-global-vax-campaign-3-jun-2022-0000>

<sup>2560</sup> Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni on Broadband Connectivity drive programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-khumbudzo-ntshavheni-pledging-connecting-unconnected-achieve-sustainable>

<sup>2561</sup> Government on meeting between COP president and South African Cabinet, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 22 June 2022. Access Date: 20 July 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/government-meeting-between-cop-president-and-south-african-cabinet-22-jun-2022-0000>

<sup>2562</sup> Treasury on funding framework for the response to the national disaster, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 7 July 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/treasury-funding-framework-response-national-disaster-7-jul-2022-0000>

<sup>2563</sup> Water and Sanitation calls for prevention of water pollution during Mandela Day, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation%2%A0calls-%2%A0prevention-water-pollution-during-mandela-day-19-jul-2022-0000>

<sup>2564</sup> President Cyril Ramaphosa: Address to the nation on energy crisis, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-address-nation-energy-crisis-25-jul-2022-0000>

On 25 July 2022, Minister Patel highlighted the need for “faster implementation of industrialisation efforts” which will “transform the continent’s rich natural resources to high-value capital and consumer goods.”<sup>2565</sup>

On 31 August 2022, Minister in the Presidency Mondli Gungubele hosted a dialogue on gender-based violence and femicide in Gugulethu, Western Cape to address the “prevalent cases of gender-based violence against children and women in Gugulethu and surrounding communities.”<sup>2566</sup>

On 31 August 2022, Minister Nxesi announced the rollout of a suite of funded courses for public servants, offered by the National School of Government, “as part of promoting the professionalization of the public service and improving the performance of public servants in their respective roles and responsibilities in the three spheres of government.”<sup>2567</sup>

On 23 September 2022, the Department of Water and Sanitation hosted a consultation session about the National Water Resource Strategy during which proposals were made that highlighted “the prioritisation of groundwater as a way to augment water supply, improvement of urban planning to prevent water pollution [and the] creation of platforms to promote ideas in the water sector.”<sup>2568</sup>

On 30 September 2022, Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities Maite Nkoana-Mashabane announced the gazetting of National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Bill.<sup>2569</sup> Minister Nkoana-Mashabane highlighted that this bill represents a “major step forward in driving a multi-sectoral, coherent strategic policy and programming framework to ensure a coordinated national response to the crisis of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide.”

South Africa took strong actions to support the inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by updating emissions targets through its NDC to the Paris Agreement, providing stimulus to underprivileged individuals and groups, providing more social housing for the poor and marginalized, launching programs designed to reduce gender inequality, introducing financial recovery assistance for economic recovery and investing in professional training and job creation.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of +1.

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## **Turkey: 0**

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

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<sup>2565</sup> Minister Ebrahim Patel on calling for deeper levels of African Industrialisation, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-patel-concludes-period-chairing-african-council-trade-ministers-%E2%80%93-calls-deeper>

<sup>2566</sup> Minister Mondli Gungubele hosts dialogue on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in Gugulethu, 31 Aug, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-presidency-host-dialogue-gbv-31-aug-2022-0000>

<sup>2567</sup> Minister Thulas Nxesi announces rollout of the National School of Government funded Training Programmes for public servants, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-announces-rollout-national-school-government-funded-training>

<sup>2568</sup> Water and Sanitation hosts consultation session on National Water Resource Strategy, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/nwrs-3-consultation-train-rolled-kzn-28-sep-2022-0000>

<sup>2569</sup> Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane on gazetting of National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Bill, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-maite-nkoana-mashabane-announces-gazetting-national-council-gender-based-violence>

On 24 November 2021, the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey (TKYB) signed a preliminary protocol with the AFD to purchase EUR100 million in bonds through a private placement.<sup>2570</sup> The aim is to accelerate climate adaptation and a transition to a low carbon economy through the financing of at least 75 per cent green projects in Turkey and promote gender equality with the implementation of a Technical Assistance Programme. TKYB will “use the proceeds to finance at least 75% Green projects that contribute to climate mitigation and/or adaptation.”

On 15 September 2022, Turkey participated in a third meeting of the Turkey-US Strategic Mechanism Dialogue during which they “reaffirmed their strong cooperation as partners and NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] Allies and engaged in substantive dialogue on strategic global and regional issues and areas of bilateral cooperation.”<sup>2571</sup>

On 19 September 2022, President Erdogan reaffirmed Turkey’s commitment to education at the Transforming Education Summit in New York, stating the “ideal of ‘strong society, strong country’ can only be achieved if human capital is utilized well, and is put through an education process of high quality.”<sup>2572</sup>

On 21 September 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a statement that “renewed [Turkey’s] support to Ukraine’s territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty, which [Turkey has] been emphasizing since the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014, and reiterated [Turkey’s] readiness to extend all necessary support to resolve the ongoing war on the basis of the said objectives and through peaceful negotiations.”<sup>2573</sup>

Turkey has taken some weak action to support a sustainable and resilient recovery by attending meetings and reaffirming their support for Ukraine’s territorial integrity. Turkey has taken strong action to support SDGs and support a sustainable and inclusive recovery by accelerating climate adaptation and promoting gender equality through its preliminary protocol with the ADF.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of 0.

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### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

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<sup>2570</sup> Climate: AFD Intends to Invest in Development and Investment Bank of Turkey’s First Ever EUR100 Million Sustainable Bond, French Agency of Development (Paris) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/afd-invest-development-and-investment-bank-turkey-first-ever-eu100-million-sustainable-bond>

<sup>2571</sup> No: 285, 15 September 2022, Joint Statement of the Third Türkiye-U.S. Strategic Mechanism Dialogue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Istanbul) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. [https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no\\_-285\\_-turkiye-abd-stratejik-mekanizmasi-ucuncu-tur-istisareleri-hakkinda-ortak-aciklama.en.mfa](https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no_-285_-turkiye-abd-stratejik-mekanizmasi-ucuncu-tur-istisareleri-hakkinda-ortak-aciklama.en.mfa)

<sup>2572</sup> “We have been taking historic steps to ensure equal opportunities and raise quality in education”, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (New York) 19 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/139694/-we-have-been-taking-historic-steps-to-ensure-equal-opportunities-and-raise-quality-in-education->

<sup>2573</sup> No: 292, 21 September 2022, Press Release Regarding Attempts to Stage Unilateral Referenda in Some Regions of Ukraine That Are Under Russian Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Istanbul) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. [https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no\\_-292\\_-ukrayna-nin-rus-kontrolu-altindaki-bazi-bolgelerinde-tek-tarafli-referandumlar-duzenlenmesine-yonelik-girisimler-hk.en.mfa](https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no_-292_-ukrayna-nin-rus-kontrolu-altindaki-bazi-bolgelerinde-tek-tarafli-referandumlar-duzenlenmesine-yonelik-girisimler-hk.en.mfa)

On 1 November 2021, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced government support for a five year study designed to increase opportunities for women.<sup>2574</sup> The UK's gender diversity has increased by 50 per cent over the past five years and this programme is designed to continue this increase and get more women into high-powered business sector positions.

On 2 November 2021, the UK Space Agency announced GBP3.9 million in funding for a mission dedicated to monitoring atmospheric carbon dioxide with France which was negotiated at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>2575</sup>

On 3 November 2021, the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced GBP18 million to “help level up communities around Scotland.”<sup>2576</sup> The Community Renewal Fund aims to fund projects that aid the UK to achieve their target of net zero emissions, increase productivity and support employment schemes.

On 24 November 2021, the Department for Education and the Office of the Children's Commissioner announced the implementation of a new plan to “improve student outcomes.”<sup>2577</sup> Universities will now be expected to improve the education outcomes for those with low-socioeconomic backgrounds.

On 24 November 2021, the government announced GBP8 million to “remove barriers to post-graduate research for Black, Asian and minority ethnic students, with projects looking at admissions and targeted recruitment.”<sup>2578</sup>

On 1 December 2021, the Department for Work and Pensions unveiled the autumn budget which revealed a tax cut of GBP2.2 billion for people with low-income rates which will save families approximately GBP1,000.<sup>2579</sup>

On 2 December 2021, the Department for Education announced GBP30 million earmarked for ten ‘SAFE’ taskforces led by local schools that will target areas with serious youth violence.<sup>2580</sup> The program aims to increase school attendance and bring together vulnerable youth and educators to decrease likelihood of criminal activity.

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<sup>2574</sup> Ministers renew efforts to increase opportunities for talented women at the top of UK business, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, and Paul Scully MP (London) 1 November 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-renew-efforts-to-increase-opportunities-for-talented-women-at-the-top-of-uk-business>

<sup>2575</sup> UK and France reach new agreement on climate change mission, UK Space Agency (London) 2 November 2021, Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-reach-new-agreement-on-climate-change-mission>

<sup>2576</sup> £18 million to help level up communities across Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, and The Rt Hon Alister Jack MP (London) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18-million-to-help-level-up-communities-across-scotland>

<sup>2577</sup> New levelling up plans to improve student outcomes, Department for Education, Office of the Children's Commissioner, and The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP (London) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-levelling-up-plans-to-improve-student-outcomes>

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<sup>2579</sup> Thousands of low earners to benefit from income boost today, Department for Work and Pensions and The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP (London) 1 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-low-earners-to-benefit-from-income-boost-today>

<sup>2580</sup> Support for vulnerable young people in serious violence hotspots, Department for Education and Will Quince MP (London) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-vulnerable-young-people-in-serious-violence-hotspots>

On 14 December 2021, the Department for Work and Pensions revealed annual reports showing a total of GBP1 billion in child maintenance payments which means about 800,000 children are now covered by this program.<sup>2581</sup> These payments lift approximately 120,000 above the poverty line and has been a large part of breaking the poverty cycle in the UK.

On 15 December 2021, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities revealed new building regulations which will create a 30 per cent decrease in carbon dioxide per household.<sup>2582</sup> This extends beyond housing to general building regulations across the UK and these will come into effect in June 2022 and aid UK on their goal to being net carbon zero in 2030.

On 20 December 2021, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced an additional GBP28 million to vaccinate the homeless and rough sleepers.<sup>2583</sup> This will aid increasing vaccine uptake among the homeless and funding emergency accommodation to keep people off the streets. This initiative is also an expansion on the UK government's current COVID-19 strategy.

On 26 January 2022, HM Revenue and Customs announced a GBP2,000 credit for Tax-Free childcare.<sup>2584</sup> This allows for nearly 316,000 families to receive a share of GBP35 million which is one of the ways the UK government is supporting households with children on low incomes.

On 31 January 2022, UK Export Finance backed a commercial loan of GBP625 million to Jaguar Land Rover to create more sustainable electric cars which is a central part of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's plan for a green industrial revolution.<sup>2585</sup> This loan is a part of a GBP2.5 billion plan backed by both the government and commercial enterprises.

On 1 February 2022, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport announced the National Youth Guarantee backed by GBP560 million.<sup>2586</sup> This plan will bring afterschool activities to all children ages 11 to 18 and up to 25 years old with special needs. The plan has just opened for applications for funding from local organizations.

On 4 March 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the funding for the green heat network with a total GBP288 million to be rolled out over the next three years.<sup>2587</sup> This

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<sup>2581</sup> Record £1 billion in child support, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-1-billion-in-child-support>

<sup>2582</sup> New homes to produce nearly a third less carbon, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Eddie Hughes MP (London) 15 December 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-homes-to-produce-nearly-a-third-less-carbon>

<sup>2583</sup> Push to protect and vaccinate rough sleepers with £28 million government funding boost, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Eddie Hughes MP (London) 20 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/push-to-protect-and-vaccinate-rough-sleepers-with-28-million-government-funding-boost>

<sup>2584</sup> Don't miss out on up to £2,000 towards childcare costs, HM Revenue & Customs and Helen Whately MP (London) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dont-miss-out-on-up-to-2000-towards-childcare-costs>

<sup>2585</sup> £500 million loan guarantee supports Jaguar Land Rover's electric vehicle plans, UK Export Finance (London) 31 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/500-million-loan-guarantee-supports-jaguar-land-rovers-electric-vehicle-plans>

<sup>2586</sup> Government outlines ambitious plans to level up activities for young people, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, The Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP, Nigel Huddleston MP, and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (London) 1 February 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-ambitious-plans-to-level-up-activities-for-young-people>

<sup>2587</sup> £288 million fund opens for green heating projects, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Lord Callanan (London) 4 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/288-million-fund-opens-for-green-heating-projects>

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On 11 March 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing Communities announced the allocation of GBP3 million to the new development in local neighbourhoods aimed at creating “beautiful places to live and work.”<sup>2588</sup>

On 31 March 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions doubled the household support with a GBP500 million extension making a total of GBP1 billion.<sup>2589</sup> This extension will aid those in low socio-economic brackets deal with the rising cost of living. This support is part of an overarching fund of GBP22 billion towards families in 2022-23.

On 1 April 2022, Minister of State in the Department for Transport Wendy Morton announced increased funding totalling at GBP32 million to improve transport and create a safer seawall on the Dawlish Coast.<sup>2590</sup> The increased funding is intended to protect the mainly tourist economy and aid in COVID-19 recovery.

On 2 April 2022, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities released an upwards of GBP1 billion funding initiative across three primary targeted investments and 75 secondary investments such as the GBP302 million designated to create family hubs or the GBP100 towards early infancy interventions.<sup>2591</sup> This plan is designed to increase benefits for infants, children and families through investing in social welfare programs aimed at family care services and education, perinatal mental health support and general family support through existing programs creating an initiative that is “in line with the work set out in our Inclusive Britain strategy, which will help create a country where a person’s race, social or ethnic background is no barrier to achieving their ambitions.”

On 4 April 2022, the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills released an updated report on the impact of COVID-19 in primary and secondary schools, as well as prison.<sup>2592</sup> The report cites strong evidence of resilience in the education system and is designed to improve education nationwide.

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<sup>2588</sup> Communities empowered to shape design of neighbourhoods, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (London) 11 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

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<sup>2589</sup> Household Support Fund doubled to help most vulnerable tackle cost of living, Department for Work and Pensions and The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP (London) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

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<sup>2590</sup> Government protects vital Dawlish coastal rail route with a further £32 million, Wendy Morton MP, Department for Transport and Network Rail (London) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022.

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<sup>2591</sup> Infants, children and families to benefit from boost in support, Minister of State (Minister for Levelling Up Communities) and Minister of State (Minister for Equalities) Kemi Badenoch, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Patient Safety and Primary Care) Maria Caulfield, Secretary of State for Education Rt Hon Nadim Zahawi, Department of Education, Department of Health and Social Care and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 2 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infants-children-and-families-to-benefit-from-boost-in-support>

<sup>2592</sup> Strong signs of recovery across education, but challenges remain, Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills (London) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/strong-signs-of-recovery-across-education-but-challenges-remain>

On 4 April 2022, Homes England announced a finance package partnership with HSBC to build 1,000 new homes.<sup>2593</sup> The increased supply of family homes with approximately 30 per cent remaining affordable is designed to address the lack of affordable housing in England.

On 5 April 2022, Minister of State for Care and Mental Health Gillian Keegan announced that GBP500 million would be dedicated to develop the adult social care workforce through the Health and Social Care levy.<sup>2594</sup> This is designed to target social care workers through certifications, training, increased development budgets and improved policies for recruitment.

On 6 April 2022, National Highways approved funding of GBP785,000 “from its Environment and wellbeing fund for the Trust to restore and recreate 16.8 hectares of woodland, orchard, grassland and heathland” in Cornwall. This project is designed to create and improve areas for wildlife, improving transport connectivity, and mitigating the negative environmental impacts of the A30 highway.<sup>2595</sup>

On 12 April 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced GBP33 million in support of the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme.<sup>2596</sup> The new funding will help enable councils to “train many more frontline staff who regularly come into contact with families facing conflict,” in addition to supporting the programme’s initiatives which are designed to increase future economic opportunities for children, improve child mental health, improve child health and improve education.

On 12 April 2022, the British Embassy in Panama City began accepting proposals with potential funding up to USD30,000.<sup>2597</sup> This initiative is designed to create programs that support open societies, climate change and accessible education in Panama. The embassy is running this program as part of its International Programme Fund objectives which support the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office’s goals which operate on the “primary objective, the promotion of economic development and welfare, while ensuring gender equality, and compliance with Paris Agreement objectives.”

On 13 April 2022, the Department of Transportation announced that 51 projects designed to create more innovative and greener transport proposals would be awarded a share of GBP1.96 million through the Transport Research and Innovation Grant programme.<sup>2598</sup> This funding is designed to decrease emissions in the transport sector, make the transport sector more resilient and aid in COVID-19 recovery.

On 13 April 2022, the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced that Wales would receive GBP585 million through the UK

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<sup>2595</sup> National Highways funding gives the ‘green’ light to Cornwall eco improvements, National Highways (London) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-highways-funding-gives-the-green-light-to-cornwall-eco-improvements>

<sup>2596</sup> Families supported by £33 million to drive down parental conflict, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Work and Pensions) and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Women) Baroness Deborah Stedman-Scott and the Department for Work and Pensions (London) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/families-supported-by-33-million-to-drive-down-parental-conflict>

<sup>2597</sup> Call for project bids 2022: open societies, climate change and accessible education in Panama, British Embassy Panama City (Panama) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-project-bids-2022-open-societies-climate-change-and-accessible-education-in-panama>

<sup>2598</sup> Government awards nearly £2 million to innovative transport proposals, Department of Transport and Trudy Harrison MP (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-awards-nearly-2-million-to-innovative-transport-proposals>

Shared Prosperity Fund.<sup>2599</sup> This funding is intended to “spread opportunity and reverse the country’s geographical disparities.”

On 13 April 2022, the United Kingdom announced GBP300 million of additional funding to “improve drug treatment in most deprived areas.”<sup>2600</sup> Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid stated that this initiative will “help to reverse the upward trend in drug use by tackling this major driver of crime which disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable and poorest communities.”

On 13 April 2022, the Marine Management Organisation announced the implementation of four new bylaws designed to protect four marine life habitats; “the four bylaws ban the use of bottom trawls, dredges, demersal seines and semi-pelagic trawls, collectively known as bottom towed gear, over certain areas.”<sup>2601</sup> There are also additional restrictions in two of the sites preventing the use of certain static gears such as pots, nets or lines over especially sensitive areas.” This is designed to aid in nature recovery off the coast of England.

On 14 April 2022, the Cabinet Office, Office for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defense People and Veterans Leo Docherty launched grants totalling GBP5 million to 51 projects designed to aid the mental health of veterans.<sup>2602</sup> These projects will increase mindfulness opportunities, exercise, accessibility to service dogs and more projects spread all through the United Kingdom.

On 20 April 2022, the Disclosure and Barring Service collaborated with the Skills for Care program to provide increased free, specialized training to social care providers.<sup>2603</sup> Using workshops, this plan aims to give adult social care staff better understanding of the governmental system and their role within the system to better protect their patients.

On 20 April 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission implemented a new requirement for the forestry sector where suppliers will demonstrate their compliance with the industry benchmark Plant Health Management Standard.<sup>2604</sup> This is designed to increase and stabilize biosecurity and decrease net-loss to forested areas.

On 21 April 2022, Prime Minister Johnson announced a new partnership with India to increase jobs and technology sharing with a total of GBP1 million in new business investments which will create

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<sup>2599</sup> Communities in Wales handed control of £585 million to level up, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Wales Rt Hon Simon Hart, Office of the Secretary of State for Wales and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-in-wales-handed-control-of-585-million-to-level-up-in-wales>

<sup>2600</sup> Government to improve drug treatment in most deprived areas, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Minister of State (Minister for Crime and Policing) Rt Hon Kit Malthouse, Department of Health and Social Care and Home Office (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-improve-drug-treatment-in-most-deprived-areas>

<sup>2601</sup> Government uses Brexit freedoms to protect our seas, Marine Management Organisation (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-uses-brexit-freedoms-to-protect-our-seas>

<sup>2602</sup> Stepped up mental health funding for veterans of Afghanistan, the Cabinet Office, Office for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defense People and Veterans Leo Docherty (London) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/stepped-up-mental-health-funding-for-veterans-of-afghanistan>

<sup>2603</sup> DBS works with Skills for Care to support safer recruitment, Disclosure and Barring Service (London) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 9 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dbs-works-with-skills-for-care-to-support-safer-recruitment>

<sup>2604</sup> New pilot requirement for tree suppliers announced to strengthen UK biosecurity, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Forestry Commission (London) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-pilot-requirement-for-tree-suppliers-announced-to-strengthen-uk-biosecurity>

around 11,000 jobs across the United Kingdom.<sup>2605</sup> The commercial deals are intended to increase prosperity for both the UK and India while fostering international cooperation.

On 26 April 2022, Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) Peru announced six low-carbon projects designed to support access to finance for climate forward projects.<sup>2606</sup> The CFA is a portion of the UK's strategy to aid Peru in tackling climate change. Projects range from alternative energy, reforestation, waste management, and ecotourism which are all designed to meet CFA Peru's commitments made at the UN Glasgow climate conference in 2021.

On 28 April 2022, the Cabinet Office announced the Civil Service apprenticeship programme which aims to have one in 20 civil servants being an apprentice by 2025.<sup>2607</sup> With at least 39 per cent of the positions going to those from low-socioeconomic backgrounds, this program aims to “bring the government closer to the communities it serves” by diversifying the perspectives in the civil service, increasing accessibility to government jobs and increasing accessibility to private sector jobs in the long term.

On 28 April 2022, Health and Social Care Minister Javid with the Department of Health and Social Care received royal assent on the Health and Care bill touted as a milestone and the “most significant health legislation in a decade” this bill aims to address the harm COVID-19 did to the healthcare system by introducing GBP36 billion over the next three years.<sup>2608</sup> Containing measures to rebuild social care service, decrease health disparities and create safer services designed to put the system on more sustainable footing, this bill represents the UK's ambitious health care plan by tackling the way the systemic issues within the system.

On April 28 2022, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Market Scully, Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility Lord Callanan and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced a new subsidy control initiative designed to regulate subsidies and boost the economy.<sup>2609</sup> In transferring authority to local authorities, the new system increases flexibility while increasing the value of the taxpayer investment in a timely manner which increases economic growth.

On 29 April 2022, the Environment Agency have begun a project to aid fish and eel passage through the Bristol Frome.<sup>2610</sup> Changing a defense system enacted in the 1960s, this initiative will increase the

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<sup>2605</sup> PM announces £1bn new commercial deals on landmark India visit, Prime Minister's Office and PM Boris Johnson (London) 21 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-1bn-new-commercial-deals-on-landmark-india-visit>

<sup>2606</sup> Climate Finance Accelerator Peru: First Cohort of projects announced, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (Lima) 26 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-finance-accelerator-peru-first-cohort-of-projects-announced>

<sup>2607</sup> Civil Service to deliver thousands of high quality apprenticeships across the UK, Cabinet Office and MP Heather Wheeler (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/civil-service-to-deliver-thousands-of-high-quality-apprenticeships-across-the-uk>

<sup>2608</sup> Health and Care Bill granted Royal Assent in milestone for healthcare recovery and reform, Department of Health and Social Care and Minister of Health and Social Care Sajid Javid (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-and-care-bill-granted-royal-assent-in-milestone-for-healthcare-recovery-and-reform>

<sup>2609</sup> New subsidy control system will support UK jobs, boost the economy and strengthen the union, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Paul Scully MP and Lord Callanan (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-subsidy-control-system-will-support-uk-jobs-boost-the-economy-and-strengthen-the-union>

<sup>2610</sup> Improving fish and eel passage on the Bristol Frome, Environment Agency (London) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-fish-and-eel-passage-on-the-bristol-frome>

diversity of eels and fish, increase birth rates of the fish and eels, and aid in increasing biodiversity and security.

On 6 May 2022, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs George Eustice, the Rural Payments Agency and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced plans to make two direct payments to aid farmers with cash flow.<sup>2611</sup> This is partially in response to agricultural commodities being linked with gas prices which have skyrocketed since Putin's actions in Ukraine.

On 8 May 2022, Prime Minister Johnson announced the Schools Bill which will improve education designed to provide a spring board into long term job security and economic growth.<sup>2612</sup> This set of legislation includes laws to raise school standards, improve attendance and safeguard the schools themselves. The Schools Bill is intended aid in delivering the Levelling Up initiative's goals of 90 per cent of children graduating primary school by 2030 as well as filling local skills gaps.

On 9 May 2022, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Office for the Secretary of State for Scotland, Lord Offord of Garvel and Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility Callanan announced a consultation for the expansion of aid for low-income and vulnerable homes' heating bills throughout the winter.<sup>2613</sup> The programme is to receive and additional GBP13 million added to the GBP22 billion support package for UK households and the GBP200-pound discount and can now reach and additional 50,000 families in Scotland.

On 9 May 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care, Health and Social Care Minister Javid and Minister Helen Whately announced GBP5.4 million from the suicide prevention fund to go to 113 charities across the UK in honour of Mental Health Awareness Week.<sup>2614</sup> This also comes as part of the social enterprise grant fund and is designed to address the demand for services, the backlog from COVID-19 and stigma busting initiatives.

On 11 May 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced the Renters Reform Bill designed to improve standards in both the private and socially rented housing.<sup>2615</sup> This includes banning "no fault" evictions which is monumental in tenant protections and extending the "Decent Homes Standard" to the private sector which enforces the right to a safe, dry and warm home.

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<sup>2611</sup> Payments brought forward to help farmers with cashflow, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Rural Payments Agency, and MP George Eustice (London) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/payments-brought-forward-to-help-farmers-with-cashflow>

<sup>2612</sup> PM to announce new laws to level up education opportunity so no child is left behind, PM Boris Johnson (London) 8 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-to-announce-new-laws-to-level-up-education-opportunity-so-no-child-is-left-behind>

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<sup>2615</sup> Government to deliver 'new deal' for renters, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (London) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-deliver-new-deal-for-renters>

On 12 May 2022, the Department for Education announced that GBP7 million will be invested into senior mental health lead training for schools and colleges.<sup>2616</sup> This is in conjunction with other reforms designed to “support the wellbeing and mental health of young people alongside their academic recovery.”

On 12 May 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs released a policy announcement designed to guide ministers away from environmentally damaging decisions.<sup>2617</sup> The principles ensure government decisions aim to prevent environmental harm, the codification of the polluter pay principle and more.

On 23 May 2022, the Department for Education announced the reform and refunding of the social care program.<sup>2618</sup> This will include seven new areas getting a portion of the GBP3 million that funds a network of family hubs throughout the UK that began in 2020.

On 23 May 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced GBP553 million in funding to introduce affordable, low carbon heating and energy efficiency upgrades in public buildings.<sup>2619</sup> This initiative to move away from fossil fuel use expects to save taxpayers GBP650 million per year on energy bills over the next 15 years.

On 27 May 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced a new GBP15 billion cost of living support package designed to improve quality, providing industry training and networks.<sup>2620</sup> This package will help “almost all of the eight million most vulnerable households across the UK,” as they are set to receive at least GBP1,200 this year, including a new one-off GBP650 cost of living payment.

On 29 May 2022, the Department for Education announced the doubling of funds for the education recovery programme in secondary schools starting next year.<sup>2621</sup> The programme is set to distribute GBP1 billion across all secondary schools in the UK and is designed to “get pupils back on track by funding evidence-based activities from additional tutoring, to extra time in school, or speech and language therapy.”

On 31 May 2022, the Ministry of Justice and the Legal Aid Agency announced increased access to free legal support for those at risk of eviction with new injections of GBP10 million annually.<sup>2622</sup> This

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<sup>2616</sup> Increased mental health support for children and young people, Department for Education, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, Department of Health and Social care, Office for health improvement and disparities, Minister for Children and Families Will Quince, Minister for Care and Mental Health Keegan and Minister for Sport, Tourism, Heritage and Civil Society (London) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

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<sup>2617</sup> Environmental Principles Policy Statement published, Department of Education, Food and Rural Affairs and Minister for Nature Recovery and the Domestic environment (London) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

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<sup>2618</sup> Fundamental shift in children’s social care set out, Department for Education, Office of the Children’s Commissioner and MP Zahawi (London) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

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<sup>2619</sup> Public building upgrades to save taxpayers £650 million per year, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (London) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-building-upgrades-to-save-taxpayers-650-million-per-year>

<sup>2620</sup> Prime Minister rallies employers to help get 500,000 into work, Department for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (London) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-rallies-employers-to-help-get-500-000-into-work>

<sup>2621</sup> Education recovery funding doubles for secondary schools, Department for Education and Minister for School Standards Robin Walker (London) 29 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/education-recovery-funding-doubles-for-secondary-schools>

<sup>2622</sup> Millions invested to help people facing eviction or repossession, Ministry of Justice (London) 31 May 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-invested-to-help-people-facing- eviction-or-repossession>

initiative will be implemented in the spring of 2023 and is set to introduce one on one legal advice and advising which will decrease the strain on the housing court system and ideally decrease the number of evictions and repossession notices.

On 6 June 2022, the Ministry of Justice announced a second aid package for the International Criminal Court's investigation of war crimes in Ukraine.<sup>2623</sup> The UK will provide police officers and a specialist legal team, made up of seven UK lawyers, that will work in collaboration with the Ukrainian Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova.

On 13 June 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a food strategy to increase domestic production, spread jobs and grow the economy.<sup>2624</sup> The strategy outlines incentives for industry and investment in research, including GBP270 million that will be invested across farming innovation funding programmes until 2029, and "aims to support farmers to boost home-grown fruit and vegetable production, and in turn create new job opportunities across the country."

On 14 June 2022, the Department for Education announced GBP18 million of new funding for universal infant free school meals.<sup>2625</sup> This investment will help schools provide for 1.25 million children with a healthy and nutritious lunch for free, in recognition of the rising cost of living.

On 16 June 2022, the Forestry Commission announced the GBP7.8 million Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund.<sup>2626</sup> The Fund will provide at least 50 Local Authorities with financial support for the "new staff and expertise needed to kickstart woodland creation and tree planting plans."

On 16 June 2022, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) announced they have become a full-time partner of three international work-sharing partnerships devoted to ensuring that medical equipment and medicine are regulated safely worldwide. The MHRA joined the US-based Medical Devices Innovation Consortium which is designed as a public-private organization for the development and assessment of medical equipment advances. The MHRA also rejoined the International Medical Device Regulatory Forum and the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use, which they were a part of pre-BREXIT.

On 20 June 2022, the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Social Care announced up to GBP3 million to close gaps in NHS mental health care services and university students across the UK.<sup>2627</sup> The funding will be invested throughout the school year and will create regional partnerships, potentially including physical hubs, set to decrease delays in services when students begin university.

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<sup>2627</sup> Gaps in student mental health services to be tackled, Department for Education (London) 20 June 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gaps-in-student-mental-health-services-to-be-tackled>

On 25 June 2022, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States introduced a new mechanism supporting Pacific priorities: the Partners in the Blue Pacific.<sup>2628</sup> This initiative encourages greater engagement inclusively, expanded opportunities and thus will help to facilitate development in the Pacific region.

On 26 June 2022, the UK, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2629</sup>

On 25 July 2022, the Home Office and Secretary of State for the Home Department Priti Patel awarded an additional GBP50 million to the Safer Streets Fund, which addresses violence against women and girls as well as “making the streets safer.”<sup>2630</sup> The funding for this initiative now totals GBP120 million and has been awarded to more than 100 projects across the UK, with funding going to the police and authorities, transport police, community groups that are eligible to receive funding, and into public services like increased CCTV and streetlights.

On 29 July 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced GBP54 million in funding to go towards the enabling use of clean energy in 28,000 homes across the UK.<sup>2631</sup> These funds will be distributed among four innovative heat network projects that intend to distribute heat from a renewable source. In particular, GBP28 million will fund two network projects in London, GBP17 million will go to a project in Bedfordshire and GBP9 million will go to a project in Woking. The funding is coming from the GBP320 million set aside for the Heat Networks Investment project whose aim is to create decarbonised heat networks across England and Wales.

On 29 July 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced the total amount of aid from the first wave of Household Support Fund grants given to support families in England with energy, food and other essentials totalling at GBP8.9 million.<sup>2632</sup> The household support fund has given out GBP400 million in the first six months of operations and is projected to supply GBP1.262 billion in England and GBP238 million in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

On 2 August 2022, the United Kingdom announced GBP12 million for the testing and implementation of government projects that utilize new approaches to deep rooted systemic issues, which will be facilitated by the Evaluation Task Force (ETF).<sup>2633</sup> The ETF has spent GBP47.9 billion across 162 projects already, and the new projects being funded include GBP933,000 spent on testing wastewater in prisons for drug traces, GBP200,000 in one-time payments to homeless youth ageing out of the system and GBP1.7 million towards the College of Police for tackling violence against women.

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<sup>2629</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2630</sup> Safer Streets Fund continues to make streets safer, Home Office and Rt Hon Priti Patel (London) 25 July 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/safer-streets-fund-continues-to-make-streets-safer>

<sup>2631</sup> £54m heat network funding helps households ditch fossil fuels, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Lord Callanan (London) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/54m-heat-network-funding-helps-households-ditch-fossil-fuels>

<sup>2632</sup> Nearly nine million grants from first round of Household Support Fund, Department for Work and Pensions and David Rutley MP (London) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nearly-nine-million-grants-from-first-round-of-household-support-fund>

<sup>2633</sup> £12 million funding boost for cutting-edge government projects, Cabinet Office, Evaluation Task Force and Modernisation and Reform (London) 2 August 2022. Access Date: 5 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/12million-funding-boost-for-cutting-edge-government-projects>

On 3 August 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced that GBP6 million would be allocated to support vulnerable tenants through improving quality of housing and increased enforcement of regulations.<sup>2634</sup> The GBP6 million comes from the GBP20 million Supported Housing Improvement Programme designed to increase quality and regularity of habitability inspections in supported housing. Additionally, this will create an increase in supported housing which provides support to those who have experienced mental health issues, homelessness or domestic abuse.

On 4 August 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the allocation of GBP37 million from the GBP1 billion Net Zero Innovation Portfolio towards innovative biomass initiatives.<sup>2635</sup> GBP32 million is going towards the funding of 12 projects, which are designed to increase the UK biomass production, and the remaining GBP5 million is being shared among 22 projects to develop hydrogen creation technologies from biomass. Projects include the breeding of biomass-specific grass variants, seaweed farming and harvesting techniques and the development of an app enabling farmers to make biomass choices for their given area.

On 5 August 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission unveiled a new climate investment of GBP44.2 million that will plant trees across England.<sup>2636</sup> The investment will see approximately 2,300 hectares of trees absorbing an estimated 600,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2050 and is set to create more green jobs within forestry, aiding in diversifying the economic impact across England.

On 11 August 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced a GBP8 million in funding to repair vital bridges and transportation infrastructure with the intentions of boosting local industries and tourism.<sup>2637</sup> In addition to improving infrastructure, this funding is expected to boost skilled jobs in the area and improve quality of life for the residents.

On 15 August 2022, the Treasury and Northern Ireland Executive Ministers announced a joint taskforce to determine the rollout of the GBP400 Energy Support Scheme.<sup>2638</sup> This support scheme is intended to aid constituents in Northern Ireland who are struggling with rising energy prices.

On 18 August 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the National Highways Agency announced a series of actions focused on improvement of air quality all under the

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<sup>2634</sup> £6 million funding to improve housing and support for vulnerable tenants, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/6-million-funding-to-improve-housing-and-support-for-vulnerable-tenants>

<sup>2635</sup> Renewable energy innovation boosted by £37 million government funding across the UK, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (London) 4 August 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/renewable-energy-innovation-boosted-by-37-million-government-funding-across-the-uk>

<sup>2636</sup> Major expansion of woodlands for communities across England, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 8 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-expansion-of-woodlands-for-communities-across-england>

<sup>2637</sup> £8 million levelling up boost for Grimsby to repair vital bridges and boost local industry, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8-million-levelling-up-boost-for-grimsby-to-repair-vital-bridges-and-boost-local-industry>

<sup>2638</sup> UK Chancellor announces joint taskforce to solve the delivery of equivalent support to £400 Energy Bill Support Scheme in Northern Ireland, HM Treasury (London) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chancellor-announces-joint-taskforce-to-solve-the-delivery-of-equivalent-support-to-400-energy-bill-support-scheme-in-northern-ireland>

Environment Act.<sup>2639</sup> The new standards are aimed at improving local government's ability to create clear achievable standards for air quality improvement.

On 19 August 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced a GBP36 million aid package for humanitarian funding in Ukraine, East Africa and Syria.<sup>2640</sup> The funding is going towards providing emergency care in Ukraine and Syria, as well as addressing food shortages in East Africa.

On 22 August 2022, the Department for Transport announced that 11 local regions will receive GBP12.7 million over the course of three years, from 2022 through 2025, for social prescription pilot projects.<sup>2641</sup> Social prescription pilot projects aim to offer alternative methods to traditional treatment of mental and physical health with prescriptions ranging from walking groups to adult cycle training and free bike loans. The funding will also go to improving infrastructure around biking and walking.

On 31 August 2022, the Environment Agency collaborated with other partners to invest a total of GBP3 million towards environmental improvements.<sup>2642</sup> Investments include the planting of 8,000 trees and the enhancement of 32 hectares of Stillwater areas. Several ongoing projects also received additional funding, including the Blyth Estuary Habitat Enhancement, the EU Life Wader, the Wilds of Wanney project, the design and installation of a floating ecosystem and the preservation of 150m<sup>2</sup> of saltmarsh.

On 1 September 2022, the Environment Agency announced an investment of GBP5 million to boost the environment habitat quality through the Environment Agency's Yorkshire based improvement projects.<sup>2643</sup> Projects range from decreasing marine pollution, de-silting 1.6 kilometres of canals, set up coastal partnerships and improving habitat and water quality.

On 2 September 2022, the Department for Education announced GBP200 million to address the "disadvantage gap" in schools through the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).<sup>2644</sup> The EEF will invest GBP137 million in Early Years Stronger Practice hubs which use evidence based practices to "help boost young children's development," GBP66 million towards the Accelerator Fund which is designed to "increase access to high-quality literacy and numeracy programmes in schools over the next three academic years" and the remaining funding will go towards increasing evidence, scaling up existing programs and supporting implementation.

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<sup>2639</sup> Package of measures introduced to improve air quality, Department Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, National Highways (London) 18 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/package-of-measures-introduced-to-improve-air-quality>

<sup>2640</sup> UK commits millions to helping the world's most vulnerable on World Humanitarian Day, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-commits-millions-to-helping-the-worlds-most-vulnerable-on-world-humanitarian-day>

<sup>2641</sup> Walking, wheeling and cycling to be offered on prescription in nationwide trial, Department for Transport, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 22 August 2022. Access Date: 23 August 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/walking-wheeling-and-cycling-to-be-offered-on-prescription-in-nationwide-trial>

<sup>2642</sup> Multi-million pound investment brings environmental improvements, Environment Agency (London) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multi-million-pound-investment-brings-environmental-improvements>

<sup>2643</sup> Almost £5million investment brings boost to Yorkshire environment, Environment Agency (London) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/almost-5million-investment-brings-boost-to-yorkshire-environment>

<sup>2644</sup> £200 million of funding announced to address the disadvantage gap, Department for Education (London) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/200-million-of-funding-announced-to-address-the-disadvantage-gap>

On 3 September 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced GBP2 billion would be invested in an initiative to end “rough sleeping.”<sup>2645</sup> The new strategy pledges to create 14,000 beds, 3,000 additional staff and an extra 2,400 long-term support homes.

On 3 September 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced an initiative designed to improve quality of life in rural areas.<sup>2646</sup> The funding will be dispersed among projects like turning rural buildings into business oriented buildings, increased investments into rural tourism, multiple capital grants and the creation of “new footpaths and cycle paths, particularly in areas of health needs.”

On 8 September 2022, Prime Minister Liz Truss announced the Energy Price Guarantee which will save a “typical household” GBP1,000 on energy bills over two years.<sup>2647</sup> The guarantee is designed to curb the effect of energy specific inflation resulting from both COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine.

From 8 September to 9 September 2022, Argentina and the United Kingdom co-chaired the 2022 conference of the Coalition for Equal Rights in Buenos Aires, where 42 Member States of the Equal Rights Coalition and more than 140 civil society organizations will jointly commit to defend the human rights of LGBTI+ people.<sup>2648</sup>

On 20 September 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions released the initial disability cost of living payments which are part of the government’s GBP37 billion support package.<sup>2649</sup> The payment is designed to aid “disabled people with the cost of living, acknowledging the higher disability-related costs they often face, such as for care and mobility needs.”

On 21 September 2022, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced a new aid package of GBP22.8 million designated for “humanitarian, health and nutrition” initiatives in the Horn of Africa, specifically Somalia.<sup>2650</sup> This combined with other additional packages takes the total humanitarian aid to GBP52.8 million. The aid is a response to the major droughts in the Horn of Africa and the estimation that 300,000 Somalis will face famine by October.

On 21 September 2022, the Regulator of Social Housing introduced a series of tenant satisfaction measures (TSMs) to be implemented on 1 April 2023, which are designed to improve quality of life

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<sup>2645</sup> Rough sleepers helped to rebuild their lives with new strategy backed by £2bn government support, Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 3 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rough-sleepers-helped-to-rebuild-their-lives-with-new-strategy-backed-by-2bn-government-support>

<sup>2646</sup> £110m fund to level up rural communities unveiled, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 3 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/110m-fund-to-level-up-rural-communities-unveiled>

<sup>2647</sup> Government announces Energy Price Guarantee for families and businesses while urgently taking action to reform broken energy market, Prime Minister’s Office (London) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-energy-price-guarantee-for-families-and-businesses-while-urgently-taking-action-to-reform-broken-energy-market>

<sup>2648</sup> Global conference to address the urgent challenges facing LGBTI+ people around the world, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 30 September 2022. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/conferencia-global-para-abordar-los-desafios-urgentes-los-que-se-enfrentan-las>

<sup>2649</sup> £150 Disability Cost of Living Payments begin this month, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/150-disability-cost-of-living-payments-begin-this-month>

<sup>2650</sup> UK announces new support for people facing famine in Horn of Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (London) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-new-support-for-people-facing-famine-in-horn-of-africa>

and housing for tenants in Social Housing through adding the ability of tenants to “scrutinize” landlord choices.<sup>2651</sup> TSMs will also include information on repairs, safety checks and general complaints.

On 22 September 2022, Health and Social Care Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister Thérèse Coffey announced the Our plan for patients program, which will inject GBP500 million of additional funding into adult social care to “help people get out of hospitals and into social care support.”<sup>2652</sup>

On 23 September 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced GBP49.4 million government funding to “help British industry end their reliance on fossil fuels and reduce energy costs.”<sup>2653</sup>

On 29 September 2022, the UK launched a GBP60 million clean maritime competition to mark World Maritime Day.<sup>2654</sup> The program will run from April 2023 to March 2025 and help innovative companies and scientists make emission-free maritime a reality.

The United Kingdom has taken strong actions towards all the SDGs with actions being completed in all four of the dimensions of recovery and progress. They have introduced many programs, policies and have invested in everything from education reform and recovery to environmental policies. Additionally, the UK has reduced barriers to employment and health care through providing inclusive and equity forward policies.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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### **United States: +1**

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, the United States, with the European Union and 103 other partners, launched the Global Methane Pledge.<sup>2655</sup> This initiative includes over 70 per cent of the global economy and will limit global warming to 1.5°C by reducing methane emissions.

On 3 November 2021, the Department of State’s Managing Director for Global Partnerships Thomas Debass announced the launch of the Climate Entrepreneurship for Economic Development

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<sup>2651</sup> Regulator of Social Housing to introduce tenant satisfaction measures from 1 April 2023, Regulator of Social Housing (London) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulator-of-social-housing-to-introduce-tenant-satisfaction-measures-from-1-april-2023>

<sup>2652</sup> Health and Social Care Secretary sets out plan for patients with new funding to bolster social care over winter, National Health Care Service (London) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-and-social-care-secretary-sets-out-plan-for-patients-with-new-funding-to-bolster-social-care-over-winter>

<sup>2653</sup> Nearly £50 million boost for Britain’s industrial future, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (London) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nearly-50-million-boost-for-britains-industrial-future>

<sup>2654</sup> UK marks World Maritime Day with £60 million boost for clean shipping, Department for Transport (London) 29 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-marks-world-maritime-day-with-60-million-boost-for-clean-shipping>

<sup>2655</sup> United States, European Union, and Partners Formally Launch Global Methane Pledge to Keep 1.5C Within Reach, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-european-union-and-partners-formally-launch-global-methane-pledge-to-keep-1-5c-within-reach/>

Initiative.<sup>2656</sup> This project creates partnerships between American leaders and businesses and climate entrepreneurs in developing countries to support climate-focused partners.

On 3 November 2021, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Bonnie Jenkins announced USD25 million would be allocated to expand access to clean nuclear energy.<sup>2657</sup> This Nuclear Futures Package will support safe innovations in nuclear technologies.

On 4 November 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris announced the country's first National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality. This encourages each federal agency to develop formal plans to enable “the full potential of all individuals, regardless of their sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, and socioeconomic status.”<sup>2658</sup>

On 6 November 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal into law.<sup>2659</sup> The Deal increases federal funding on domestic infrastructure to deliver safe water, high-speed internet and updated roads and transit systems.<sup>2660</sup> This is expected to increase jobs available to the populace as well as reduce emissions.

On 9 November 2021, the Department of Commerce hosted the Interagency Convening on Equitable Economic Growth.<sup>2661</sup> The goal is to connect private and public stakeholders and increase collaboration in projects promoting economic equity for marginalized communities.

On 10 November 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that US-based Global COVID Corps will offer expertise, tools and support without charge in low and middle-income countries.<sup>2662</sup> The Department also launched the Global COVID-19 Access Tracker to collect infection data and progress nationally in addition to a partnership with Johnson & Johnson to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to those residing in conflict zones.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People.<sup>2663</sup> This order establishes Native American wellbeing and safety as a top priority of the

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<sup>2656</sup> Department of State Launches the Climate Entrepreneurship for Economic Development (CEED) Initiative, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/department-of-state-launches-the-climate-entrepreneurship-for-economic-development-ceed-initiative/>

<sup>2657</sup> The United States Announces \$25 Million to Support Access to Clean Nuclear Energy, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-announces-25-million-to-support-access-to-clean-nuclear-energy/>

<sup>2658</sup> The First National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-first-national-strategy-on-gender-equity-and-equality/>

<sup>2659</sup> Commerce Department Applauds president Biden's Signing of Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal into Law, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2021/11/commerce-department-applauds-president-bidens-signing-bipartisan>

<sup>2660</sup> Fact Sheet: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 November 2021. Access Date: 2 February 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/06/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/>

<sup>2661</sup> Department of Commerce Hosts Biden Administration's First Interagency Equity Convening, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 12 November 2021. Access Date: 19 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2021/11/department-commerce-hosts-biden-administrations-first-interagency-equity>

<sup>2662</sup> Innovative Next Steps in the Global COVID-19 Response, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/innovative-next-steps-in-the-global-covid-19-response/>

<sup>2663</sup> Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/11/15/executive-order-on-improving-public-safety-and-criminal-justice-for-native-americans-and-addressing-the-crisis-of-missing-or-murdered-indigenous-people/>

administration, as well as encourages greater sensitivity in law enforcement for the prevention of violence against Native Americans and proper support of victims.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.<sup>2664</sup> This Act places priority on efficient use of public funds, increasing the competitiveness of the economy by necessitating the use of goods made domestically and establishing an Infrastructure Implementation Task Force to rebuild national transportations, health and environmental infrastructures.

On 15 November 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced the launch of an interagency initiative with the Departments of the Interior, Education and Health and Human Services to build on the Native American Languages Act of 1990.<sup>2665</sup> New goals and programs will strengthen Native languages spoken by federally recognized Native American groups and aims to preserve Native American cultures.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden announced the creation of the Tribal Homelands Initiative with the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.<sup>2666</sup> This effort will incorporate Indigenous voices related to federal stewardship of lands, waters and wildlife to protect their interests in relevant decisions.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden brought into effect the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination And Collaboration For The Protection Of Tribal Treaty Rights And Reserved Rights.<sup>2667</sup> The Department of the Interior and 16 other federal agencies formally recognized their commitment to protect Tribal treaty rights in policymaking and regulatory processes.

On 16 November 2021, Vice President Harris announced that the first three grants of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program were awarded to various Indigenous communities.<sup>2668</sup> The grants will set up broadband services, computers and digital skills training to these communities.

On 16 November 2021, Secretary Haaland announced the establishment of the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.<sup>2669</sup> Through the new committee, Tribal leaders can directly engage in regular conversations with the Department of the Interior.

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<sup>2664</sup> Executive Order on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date 20 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/11/15/executive-order-on-implementation-of-the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/>

<sup>2665</sup> Departments of the Interior, Education, and Health & Human Services Launch Multi-Agency Initiative to Protect and Preserve Native Languages, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/departments-interior-education-and-health-human-services-launch-multi-agency>

<sup>2666</sup> Interior and Agriculture Departments Take Action to Strengthen Tribal Co-Stewardship of Public Lands and Waters, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-and-agriculture-departments-take-action-strengthen-tribal-co-stewardship>

<sup>2667</sup> Interior Department, Federal Partners Commit to Protect Tribal Treaty Rights, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-federal-partners-commit-protect-tribal-treaty-rights>

<sup>2668</sup> Department of Commerce's NTIA Awards First Grants to Tribal Groups Seeking to Expand Broadband, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 20 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2021/11/department-commerces-ntia-awards-first-grants-tribal-groups-seeking>

<sup>2669</sup> Interior Department Announces Formation of First Tribal Advisory Committee to Strengthen Nation-to-Nation Relationship with Tribes, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-formation-first-tribal-advisory-committee-strengthen>

On 18 November 2021, President Biden signed The Minority Business Development Act making the Minority Business Development Agency a permanent entity.<sup>2670</sup> It is the only government body dedicated to minority business enterprises, and the Act further increases the Agency's capabilities.

On 18 November 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department would invest USD86 million to improve access to jobs, education, housing and other necessities for over 425,000 people residing in rural areas.<sup>2671</sup>

On 19 November 2021, the House of Representatives passed the Build Back Better Act.<sup>2672</sup> This legislature includes several policy changes and investments in childcare, climate change, health care, education and equity that aims to support lower to middle income families.<sup>2673</sup>

On 19 November 2021, Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small announced that the Department will be investing USD222 million in rural community infrastructure in 44 states, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico.<sup>2674</sup> The funding aims to support rural communities to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and revitalize the economy by strengthening health facilities and other critical infrastructure.

On 3 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will be investing USD633 million in climate-smart and resilient infrastructures for rural communities.<sup>2675</sup> These funds will support initiatives to reduce the impacts of climate change by expanding access to renewable energy infrastructure.

On 3 December 2021, President Biden formally updated the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking. This three-year plan aims to “strengthen prosecution of traffickers, enhance victim protections, and prevent the crime from occurring within our borders and abroad.”<sup>2676</sup>

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<sup>2670</sup> The Minority Business Development Agency is Permanently Authorized in Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022.

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<sup>2673</sup> The Build Back Better Framework: President Biden's Plan to Rebuild the Middle Class, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build-back-better/>

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<sup>2675</sup> USDA Invests \$633 Million in Climate-Smart and Resilient Infrastructure for People in Rural Communities, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 29 January 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/03/usda-invests-633-million-climate-smart-and-resilient-infrastructure>

<sup>2676</sup> Release of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/release-of-the-national-action-plan-to-combat-human-trafficking/>

On 7 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will be allocating USD800 million for biofuel producers and the renewable fuel market.<sup>2677</sup> Funds are meant as economic relief for markets impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 8 December 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability.<sup>2678</sup> With the goal to establish a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035 and net-zero emissions by 2050, this Order sets clear goals for the government to reduce greenhouse gas emission, increase energy and water efficiency and reduce waste and pollution.

On 9 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program.<sup>2679</sup> The Program supports greater opportunities and fair prices for farmers as well as food security by strengthening the food supply chain as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

On 10 December 2021, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland announced the launch of a new website to support solving missing and murdered cases of Indigenous individuals.<sup>2680</sup> This website will work as an additional tool to resolve and raise awareness on issues affecting Indigenous communities.

On 16 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department is investing USD5.2 billion in critical rural infrastructure.<sup>2681</sup> This investment will improve access to broadband, safe water and power infrastructures to rural communities.

On 21 December 2021, Secretary of State Blinken announced that the United States will be allocating an additional USD580 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to support partner countries by providing vaccines, economic and humanitarian assistance against the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2682</sup>

On 22 December 2021, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control issued three additional General Licenses.<sup>2683</sup> The licenses will increase existing credentials for American humanitarian assistance and other provisions to those affected by the crisis in Afghanistan.

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<sup>2677</sup> USDA to Make Up to \$800 Million Available to Provide Economic Relief to Biofuel Producers and Restore Renewable Fuel Markets Hit by the Pandemic, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 4 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/07/usda-make-800-million-available-provide-economic-relief-biofuel>

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<sup>2679</sup> USDA Launches Loan Guarantee Program to Create More Market Opportunities, Promote Competition and Strengthen America's Food Supply Chain, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/09/usda-launches-loan-guarantee-program-create-more-market>

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<sup>2681</sup> USDA Invests \$5.2 Billion to Build and Improve Critical Rural Infrastructure in 46 States and Puerto Rico, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/16/usda-invests-52-billion-build-and-improve-critical-rural>

<sup>2682</sup> Supporting Multilateral Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/supporting-multilateral-responses-to-the-covid-19-crisis/>

<sup>2683</sup> Issuance of Additional General Licenses and Guidance in Support of Assistance to Afghanistan, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/issuance-of-additional-general-licenses-and-guidance-in-support-of-assistance-to-afghanistan/>

On 23 December 2021, President Biden signed the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act.<sup>2684</sup> This addressed the recognized genocide in Xinjian, China, and provides US agencies additional tools to block imports of goods made in that area.

On 12 January 2022, the United States announced several clean energy projects.<sup>2685</sup> These projects advance affordable and pollution-free electricity domestically by developing offshore wind, leveraging public lands and transmission lines.

On 19 January 2022, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced the launch of the Rural Energy Pilot Program.<sup>2686</sup> With USD10 million allocated, this program will support community-run renewable energy projects to reduce pollution.

On 26 January 2022, Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh announced that the Department will invest USD1 billion in rural infrastructure.<sup>2687</sup> Efforts will improve access to health care, education and public safety in rural communities in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Guam.

On 26 January 2022, Department of State Spokesperson Ned Price announced that the United States will provide an additional USD2.5 million to the Kingdom of Tonga.<sup>2688</sup> These funds will contribute to humanitarian assistance such as safe water, shelter and food for communities affected by the volcanic disaster.

On 2 February 2022, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will invest USD1.4 million to programs directed at rural communities.<sup>2689</sup> The programs include job training, business expansion and technical assistance in 49 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico that aim to create 50,000 more jobs.

On 3 February 2022, the US Department of Justice announced the expansion of President Biden's Comprehensive Strategy to Reduce Gun Crime.<sup>2690</sup> New actions include efforts to increase resources for district-specific violent crime strategies, enforce stronger actions against the illicit "Iron Pipeline" gun trade originating in the southern states, launch a National Ghost Gun Enforcement Initiative to build stronger cases against those that use ghost guns for crimes and prioritize federal prosecutions of

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<sup>2684</sup> The Signing of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-signing-of-the-uyghur-forced-labor-prevention-act/>

<sup>2685</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Races to Deploy Clean Energy that Creates Jobs and Lowers Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/12/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-races-to-deploy-clean-energy-that-creates-jobs-and-lowers-costs/>

<sup>2686</sup> USDA Launches Pilot Program to Deploy Renewable Energy Infrastructure to People in Rural Towns, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/01/19/usda-launches-pilot-program-deploy-renewable-energy-infrastructure>

<sup>2687</sup> USDA Invests \$1 Billion to Improve Community Infrastructure for People Living in Rural Towns Across the Country, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/01/26/usda-invests-1-billion-improve-community-infrastructure-people>

<sup>2688</sup> Assistance to Tonga in the Wake of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai Eruptions and Tsunami, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/assistance-to-tonga-in-the-wake-of-the-hunga-tonga-hunga-haapai-eruptions-and-tsunami/>

<sup>2689</sup> USDA Invests \$1.4 Billion to Support Local Businesses, Create Good-Paying Jobs and Strengthen the Economy in Rural America, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/02/02/usda-invests-14-billion-support-local-businesses-create-good-paying>

<sup>2690</sup> President Biden Announces More Actions to Reduce Gun Crime and Calls on Congress to Fund Community Policing and Community Violence Intervention, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/02/03/president-biden-announces-more-actions-to-reduce-gun-crime-and-calls-on-congress-to-fund-community-policing-and-community-violence-intervention/>

unlawful firearm dealers. These measures work to reduce gun violence and decrease the flow of firearms used to commit crimes.

On 4 February 2022, the House of Representatives passed the America Competes Act of 2022.<sup>2691</sup> This bill will invest USD45 billion in American-made semiconductors and strengthens domestic supply chains to maintain competitiveness in American manufacturing at the global stage.

On 4 February 2022, President Biden authorised the Executive Order on Use of Project Labor Agreements for Federal Construction Projects.<sup>2692</sup> The policies outline dispute settlement processes and commits stakeholders to prevent work stoppages so that “projects will proceed efficiently without unnecessary interruptions.”

On 11 February 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Protecting Certain Property of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) for the Benefit of the People of Afghanistan.<sup>2693</sup> The United States declared the humanitarian crisis and instability in Afghanistan following the Taliban’s leadership as a national emergency and prohibited future transactions of all property and interests in property held by DAB in the United States to protect assets held by the people of Afghanistan.

On 11 February 2022, the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced USD1.5 billion for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.<sup>2694</sup> The program fosters “cooperative partnerships between federal and state agencies ... to enhance recreational opportunities while advancing sustainable resource goals.”

On 17 February 2022, Secretary Haaland established the first Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Council.<sup>2695</sup> The Council will develop and implement specific policies, program and initiatives that assess underserved communities’ access to government facilities, services and benefits.

On 22 February 2022, Secretary Haaland announced a list of potential replacement names for more than 660 geographic features with the name ‘squaw’ through consultations with Tribes, which this aims to make federal land “accessible and welcoming to people of all backgrounds.”<sup>2696</sup>

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<sup>2691</sup> America Competes Act of 2022: AMERICA CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURING, PRE-EMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH ACT OF 2022, House of Representatives (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://science.house.gov/amicacompetes>

<sup>2692</sup> Executive Order on Use of Project Labor Agreements For Federal Construction Projects, The White House (Washington D.C.) 4 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/02/04/executive-order-on-use-of-project-labor-agreements-for-federal-construction-projects/>

<sup>2693</sup> Executive Order on Protecting Certain Property of Da Afghanistan Bank for the Benefit of the People of Afghanistan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/02/11/executive-order-on-protecting-certain-property-of-da-afghanistan-bank-for-the-benefit-of-the-people-of-afghanistan/>

<sup>2694</sup> Interior Department Announces Over \$1.5 Billion to Support State Wildlife Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-over-15-billion-support-state-wildlife-conservation-and>

<sup>2695</sup> Interior Department Takes Action to Foster Equity and Inclusion Across Its Bureaus, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-takes-action-foster-equity-and-inclusion-across-its-bureaus>

<sup>2696</sup> Interior Department Announces Next Steps to Remove “Sq\_\_\_” from Federal Lands: Engagement to include Tribal consultations and public comment period, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-next-steps-remove-sq-federal-lands>

On 22 February 2022, Department of the Interior announced that USD1.7 billion will be allocated to water resource projects for Tribal communities as part of President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.<sup>2697</sup> These projects will contribute to settling water rights settlements.

On 1 March 2022, President Biden authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to “provide a 100 per cent Federal cost share” for all work in emergency protective measures.<sup>2698</sup> This encourages State, local, Tribal and territorial governments to protect their communities and respond adequately to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 4 March 2022, Secretary Haaland announced the allocation of USD144 million to Tribes for abandoned mine land reclamation efforts and help ensure “communities have healthy lands and waters in their neighbourhoods.”<sup>2699</sup>

On 12 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD200 million worth of military articles and services as well as education and training for Ukraine.<sup>2700</sup> This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 15 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the STANDUP Act of 2021.<sup>2701</sup> The Act prioritizes educational agencies in certain grant programs that encourage suicide awareness and prevention training policies.

On 16 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD800 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as education and training for Ukraine.<sup>2702</sup> This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia- Ukraine conflict.

On 6 March 2022, President Biden signed into the law the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022.<sup>2703</sup> This Act builds on the VAWA passed in 1994 and reauthorizes grant programs until 2027, expands special criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts for non-Native perpetration of sexual assault, increases services for survivors from marginalized communities and commits reform for various sectors to support women that have or are experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence.

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<sup>2697</sup> Tribes to Receive \$1.7 Billion from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Fulfill Indian Water Rights Settlements: Funding will help develop infrastructure projects that fulfill the terms of Tribal water settlements, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

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<sup>2698</sup> Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance to Respond to COVID-19, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/01/memorandum-on-maximizing-assistance-to-respond-to-covid-19-2/>

<sup>2699</sup> Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$144 Million to Create Good-Paying Union Jobs, Revitalize Coal Communities, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 4 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-144-million-create-good-paying-union-jobs>

<sup>2700</sup> Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/12/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

<sup>2701</sup> Bills Signed: S. 1543, S. 1662, S. 3706, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/03/15/bills-signed-s-1543-s-1662-s-3706/>

<sup>2702</sup> Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/16/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-2/>

<sup>2703</sup> Fact Sheet: Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/16/fact-sheet-reauthorization-of-the-violence-against-women-act-vawa/>

On 16 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD10 million in commodities and services from any agency of the United States Government for Ukraine.<sup>2704</sup> This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia- Ukraine conflict.

On 18 March 2022, the US launched the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse with Australia, Denmark, South Korea, Sweden and the United Kingdom.<sup>2705</sup> Countries will advance three strategic objectives: develop and advance shared principles, increase programming and resources and expand data and access to gender-based online harassment and abuse to promote the safety of women globally.

On 18 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act which creates additional grants for hospitals, medical professional associations and other medical entities for activities that “improve mental and behavioral health among health care providers.”<sup>2706</sup>

On 29 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the Emmet Till Antilynching Act which makes lynching a federal hate crime.<sup>2707</sup>

On 30 March 2022, President Biden condemned anti-transgender bills proposed across the country on Transgender Day of Visibility.<sup>2708</sup> He encouraged all Americans to promote the voices of transgender people and “work toward eliminating discrimination against all transgender, gender and nonbinary people.”

On 31 March 2022, President Biden determined that the mining and beneficiation, national defense and other industrial facilities must protect “sustainable and responsible domestic production capabilities” by, for example, reporting the domestic industrial base to the President and Congress annually in recognition of “unreliable foreign sources” for key materials needed for clean energy transition such as lithium and nickel.<sup>2709</sup> Such measures ensure a “robust, resilient, sustainable and environmentally responsible domestic industrial base” to develop a “clean energy economy.”

On 5 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19.<sup>2710</sup> Government departments will provide information on coordination efforts to support individuals with ‘long COVID’ to the Secretary of Health and Human Services with a specific

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<sup>2704</sup> Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 552(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/16/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-552c2-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

<sup>2705</sup> Launching the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/gpc/briefing-room/2022/03/18/launching-the-global-partnership-for-action-on-gender-based-online-harassment-and-abuse/>

<sup>2706</sup> H.R.1667 - Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, Congress (Washington D.C.) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1667>

<sup>2707</sup> Bill Signed: H.R. 55, The White House (Washington D.C.) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/03/29/bill-signed-h-r-55/>

<sup>2708</sup> A Proclamation on Transgender Day Of Visibility, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/30/a-proclamation-on-transgender-day-of-visibility-2022/>

<sup>2709</sup> Memorandum on Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/31/memorandum-on-presidential-determination-pursuant-to-section-303-of-the-defense-production-act-of-1950-as-amended/>

<sup>2710</sup> Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-addressing-the-long-term-effects-of-covid-19/>

address to the experiences surrounding marginalized communities. This recognizes the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts as the country returns to pre-pandemic society.

On 5 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 which extends up to USD100 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as military education and training for Ukraine.<sup>2711</sup> This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 8 April 2022, President Biden signed into law the Ending Importation of Russian Oil Act and the Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act.<sup>2712</sup> Prohibition of energy products from Russia as well as other normal trade with Russia and Belarus were suspended to “leverage trade and human rights sanctions.”

On 11 April 2022, the Department of the Interior announced USD46 million funding to Tribal communities to strengthen climate change initiatives and adaptation projects.<sup>2713</sup>

On 13 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.<sup>2714</sup> This Memorandum extends up to USD800 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as military education and training for Ukraine. This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 22 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation’s Forests, Communities, and Local Economies.<sup>2715</sup> This Order pursues sustainable forest and land management to restore the country’s Federal forests, retain carbon storage, conserve biodiversity and promote local economic development by expanding the scope of intergovernmental cooperation on forestry and wildlife conservation strategies.

On 14 April 2022, the Department of the Interior published its first Equity Action Plan.<sup>2716</sup> The Plan outlines efforts to advance equity, remove barriers to equal opportunity and ensure services are available for all citizens equitably.

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<sup>2711</sup>Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-3/>

<sup>2712</sup> Bills Signed: H.R. 6968 and H.R. 7108, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/04/08/bills-signed-h-r-6968-and-h-r-7108/>

<sup>2713</sup>Biden-Harris Administration Announces Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to Build Climate Resilience in Tribal Communities, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-funding-build>

<sup>2714</sup> Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-3/>

<sup>2715</sup> Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation’s Forests, Communities, and Local Economies, The White House (Washington D.C.) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/22/executive-order-on-strengthening-the-nations-forests-communities-and-local-economies/>

<sup>2716</sup> Interior Department Releases Action Plan, Outlines Steps to Advance Equity, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-releases-action-plan-outlines-steps-advance-equity>

On 20 April 2022, the US launched the Rural Partners Network.<sup>2717</sup> This Network will connect all levels of government to promote investments and infrastructure development in rural communities.

On 21 April 2022, the USDA announced that USD420 million will be invested in 132 infrastructure projects across the country.<sup>2718</sup>

On 22 April 2022, the USDA invested USD800 million in climate-smart infrastructures across the country.<sup>2719</sup> These funds strengthen the health of people in rural communities by expanding access to safe water and/or clean energy.

On 29 April 2022, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue in the Department of the Interior announced the allocation of USD252 million to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.<sup>2720</sup> This fund will support these states in coastal restoration and conservation.

On 3 May 2022, the Department of the Interior allocated USD10.65 million of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for repairs and upgrades on Indian Affairs-owned water systems.<sup>2721</sup>

On 4 May 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Enhancing the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee.<sup>2722</sup> This Order strengthens development of quantum information science (QIS), which can “enable transformative advances in knowledge and technology for industry, academia and government” by soliciting information on QIS to advance innovations.

On 6 May 2022, the administration launched the Additive Manufacturing Forward program.<sup>2723</sup> The program will improve the global competitiveness of American small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by increasing investments in SMEs through a voluntary compact between large manufacturers and “smaller US-based suppliers” utilizing 3D printing technology.

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<sup>2717</sup> Biden-Harris Administration Launches Nationwide Network of Partners to Tap Resources for Rural America, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/20/biden-harris-administration-launches-nationwide-network-partners>

<sup>2718</sup> President Biden, USDA Announce \$420 Million Investment in Watershed Infrastructure Projects to Benefit Rural and Historically Underserved Communities, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 21 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/21/president-biden-usda-announce-420-million-investment-watershed>

<sup>2719</sup> On Earth Day, USDA Invests Nearly \$800 Million in Critical Infrastructure to Combat Climate Change Across Rural America, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/22/earth-day-usda-invests-nearly-800-million-critical-infrastructure>

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<sup>2721</sup> Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$10 Million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Investments for Tribal Water Systems, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 3 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022.

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<sup>2722</sup> Executive Order on Enhancing the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee, The White House (Washington D.C.) 4 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/04/executive-order-on-enhancing-the-national-quantum-initiative-advisory-committee/>

<sup>2723</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden Administration Celebrates Launch of AM Forward and Calls on Congress to Pass Bipartisan Innovation Act, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/06/fact-sheet-biden-administration-celebrates-launch-of-am-forward-and-calls-on-congress-to-pass-bipartisan-innovation-act/>

On 6 May 2022, Secretary Haaland announced USD61.1 million funding for 26 cities across the country to create new parks and trails as part of the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program.<sup>2724</sup> The program recognizes the importance of outdoor spaces on community building and health.

On 7 May 2022, the Biden Administration arranged additional resources including “firefighting crews, aircraft, engines and incident management teams from the US Forest Service and the Department of the Interior” to New Mexico.<sup>2725</sup> These resources will support state, local and Tribal firefighters against wildfires in New Mexico.

On 9 May 2022, President Biden and Vice President Harris announced that high-speed internet costs will decrease by up to USD30, or up to USD75 on Tribal lands, per month.<sup>2726</sup> This is part of the Affordable Connectivity Program and, with commitments from “20 leading internet providers... covering 80 per cent of the US population,” recognizes the necessity of internet services.

On 9 May 2022, President Biden signed into law the “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.”<sup>2727</sup> The law will allow authorities to “lend or lease defense articles to Ukraine or to Eastern European countries” in light of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 11 May 2022, President Biden announced a series of measures to combat rising supply costs and increasing food prices due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.<sup>2728</sup> The Department of Agriculture will launch programs to decrease costs for farmers by increasing technical assistance. Additionally, the Biden-Harris Administration will increase the number of counties eligible for double cropping insurance, encouraging production and increase funding for domestic fertilizer production to USD500 million.

On 11 May 2022, Secretary Haaland released the first volume of the investigative report as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.<sup>2729</sup> The report examines intergenerational trauma and the full impacts created by federal Indian boarding school policies and will help the government address Indigenous cultural assimilation.

On 12 May 2022, the United States hosted the second Global COVID-19 Summit.<sup>2730</sup> The US committed USD200 million to the pandemic preparedness and global health security financial fund at

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<sup>2724</sup> Secretary Haaland Announces \$61 Million to Increase Outdoor Access in Urban Spaces, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 June 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-announces-61-million-increase-outdoor-access-urban-spaces>

<sup>2725</sup> FACT SHEET: The Biden Administration Responds to Early Wildfires in New Mexico, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/07/fact-sheet-the-biden-administration-responds-to-early-wildfires-in-new-mexico/>

<sup>2726</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden and Vice President Harris Reduce High-Speed Internet Costs for Millions of Americans, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/09/fact-sheet-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-reduce-high-speed-internet-costs-for-millions-of-americans/>

<sup>2727</sup> Bill Signed: S. 3522, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/05/09/bill-signed-s-3522/>

<sup>2728</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces New Actions to Address Putin’s Price Hike, Make Food More Affordable, and Lower Costs for Farmers, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/11/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-address-putins-price-hike-make-food-more-affordable-and-lower-costs-for-farmers/>

<sup>2729</sup> Department of the Interior Releases Investigative Report, Outlines Next Steps in Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 9 June 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-releases-investigative-report-outlines-next-steps-federal-indian>

<sup>2730</sup> 2nd Global COVID-19 Summit Commitments, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/2nd-global-covid-19-summit-commitments/>

the World Bank, and reaffirmed intent to share COVID-19 vaccine-related information and products to advance global health security.

On 12 May 2022, President Biden announced additional measures to address the infant formula shortage.<sup>2731</sup> Measures include updated policies to make it easier for families to purchase formula with government benefits, tackle unfair price gouging or market prices and increase supply through greater imports. These steps aim to alleviate the impacts of the infant formula shortage.

On 12 May 2022, President Biden approved the Rhode Island Disaster Declaration.<sup>2732</sup> This will increase federal assistance to Rhode Island residents affected by the winter storm on 28-29 January 2022.

On 12 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced policy commitments for sustainable development and inclusive prosperity as part of the summit between the U.S. and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).<sup>2733</sup> Such measures include commitments for the US to invest USD40 million to clean energy infrastructure, launch a US-ASEAN Climate Solutions Hub to provide technical assistance for green initiatives in ASEAN countries, promote forestry conservation and reduce methane emissions by focusing on green infrastructure and digital development in ASEAN countries.

On 16 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the Housing Supply Action Plan.<sup>2734</sup> The Plan will alleviate housing costs by “boosting the supply of quality housing” across the country through increased housing and federal financing of “affordable multifamily development and preservation.”

On 16 May 2022, the US-EU Trade and Technology Council established joint economic and technology policies and initiatives.<sup>2735</sup> The agreement will further US-EU cooperation by increasing information exchange on US and EU technology, developing a joint roadmap on Artificial Intelligence research and establishing a framework for future dialogue on trade concerns.

On 18 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration launched the third round of COVID-19 home tests available through COVIDTests.gov.<sup>2736</sup> This will make COVID-19 testing more accessible and increase pandemic data.

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<sup>2731</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces Additional Steps to Address Infant Formula Shortage, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-additional-steps-to-address-infant-formula-shortage/>

<sup>2732</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Rhode Island Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-rhode-island-disaster-declaration/>

<sup>2733</sup> FACT SHEET: US-ASEAN Special Summit in Washington D.C., DC, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-rhode-island-disaster-declaration/>

<sup>2734</sup> President Biden Announces New Actions to Ease the Burden of Housing Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/16/president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-ease-the-burden-of-housing-costs/>

<sup>2735</sup> FACT SHEET: US-EU Trade and Technology Council Establishes Economic and Technology Policies & Initiatives, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/16/fact-sheet-u-s-eu-trade-and-technology-council-establishes-economic-and-technology-policies-initiatives/>

<sup>2736</sup> Press Briefing by White House COVID-19 Response Team and Public Health Officials | May 18, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/05/18/press-briefing-by-white-house-covid-19-response-team-and-public-health-officials-may-18-2022/>

On 18 May 2022, President Biden announced additional measures to address the infant formula shortage.<sup>2737</sup> Measures include invoking the Defense Production Act to ensure that suppliers send resources needed for formula directly to infant formula manufacturers and launching ‘Operation Fly Formula,’ which will increase the import volume of infant formula to make the formula more available.

On 21 May 2022, President Biden signed into law the “Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022.”<sup>2738</sup> The bill provides additional emergency aid to federal agencies to respond to, and assist, Ukraine during the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. President Biden also signed into law the “Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022,” which waives certain program requirements in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to make infant formula more accessible.

On 21 May 2022, Director of the White House Gender Policy Council Jennifer Klein, Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President Rohini Kosoglu and Vice President Harris met with reproductive justice leaders.<sup>2739</sup> The meeting discussed concerns on women’s health that would be realized by overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

On 23 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced further agreements within the US-Japan Climate Partnership.<sup>2740</sup> Efforts include enhancing bilateral cooperation to promote innovation in renewable energy, increasing measures to match the Global Methane Pledge and accelerate offshore wind installations.

On 23 May 2022, President Biden launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity with a dozen other partners representing 40 per cent of the world GDP.<sup>2741</sup> The framework will increase American investment in the Indo-Pacific to increase jobs and trade in the region.

On 23 May 2022, the United States launched the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness with the Quad nations (Australia, India and Japan).<sup>2742</sup> The partnership will allow countries in the region to fully monitor the water in near-real-time to promote border security in the maritime as well as the protection of fisheries.

On 25 May 2022, President Biden signed an Executive Order to advance effective, accountable policing and strengthen public safety.<sup>2743</sup> The Order promotes accountability by creating “a new national

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<sup>2737</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces New Actions to Address Infant Formula Shortage, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/18/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-address-infant-formula-shortage/>

<sup>2738</sup> Bills Signed: H.R. 7691 and H.R. 7791, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/05/21/bills-signed-h-r-7691-and-h-r-7791/>

<sup>2739</sup> Readout of White House Meeting with Reproductive Justice Leaders, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/21/readout-of-white-house-meeting-with-reproductive-justice-leaders/>

<sup>2740</sup> FACT SHEET: US-Japan Climate Partnership, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/u-s-japan-climate-partnership-fact-sheet/>

<sup>2741</sup> FACT SHEET: In Asia, President Biden and a Dozen Indo-Pacific Partners Launch the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/fact-sheet-in-asia-president-biden-and-a-dozen-indo-pacific-partners-launch-the-indo-pacific-economic-framework-for-prosperity/>

<sup>2742</sup> FACT SHEET: Quad Leaders’ Tokyo Summit 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/fact-sheet-quad-leaders-tokyo-summit-2022/>

<sup>2743</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden to Sign Historic Executive Order to Advance Effective, Accountable Policing and Strengthen Public Safety, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/25/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-sign-historic-executive-order-to-advance-effective-accountable-policing-and-strengthen-public-safety/>

database of police misconduct,” ensure more thorough discipline and internal investigations, mandate body cameras and improves training and crisis response. These measures are implemented in recognition of the protests that followed the death of George Floyd in May 2020.

On 25 May 2022, President Biden approved the Kansas Disaster Declaration.<sup>2744</sup> This will increase federal assistance to Kansas residents affected by the winter storm on 17-22 March 2022.

On 27 May 2022, President Biden removed tariffs on steel imports from Ukraine for one year.<sup>2745</sup> This was done in support of Ukraine’s economy that has been damaged due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 31 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration published the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook.<sup>2746</sup> The document provides Tribal communities with information on resources and funding available under the law and will make infrastructure reform in these communities more accessible.

On 1 June 2022, Vice President Harris launched the White House Action Plan on Global Water Security.<sup>2747</sup> The plan elevates water security as a foreign policy and national security priority in recognition of the importance of water stress impacts on issues such as drinking water and climate change by “promoting sustainable management and protection of water resources” and encourage multilateral action to achieve this goal.

On 1 June 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the National Initiative to Advance Building Codes.<sup>2748</sup> The updated set of standards for buildings will ensure more resilient infrastructure against natural disasters and expected to lower costs for residents by lowering utility bills and reducing property damage.

On 1 June 2022, the US procured approximately 4.6 million 8-ounce bottles of Bubs Australia infant formula, to be imported on 9 June 2022 and 11 June 2022.<sup>2749</sup> The imports alleviate the effects of the ongoing domestic infant formula shortage.

On 2 June 2022, President Biden and Vice President Harris announced the launch of the White House Internship Program starting Fall 2022, in which interns will be paid for the first time in recent

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<sup>2744</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Kansas Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/25/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-kansas-disaster-declaration-2/>

<sup>2745</sup> A Proclamation: Adjusting Imports of Steel Into the United States (Ukraine), The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/27/a-proclamation-adjusting-imports-of-steel-into-the-united-states-ukraine/>

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<sup>2747</sup> FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces Action Plan on Global Water Security and Highlights the Administration’s Work to Build Drought Resilience, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-action-plan-on-global-water-security-and-highlights-the-administrations-work-to-build-drought-resilience/>

<sup>2748</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Launches Initiative to Modernize Building Codes, Improve Climate Resilience, and Reduce Energy Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-launches-initiative-to-modernize-building-codes-improve-climate-resilience-and-reduce-energy-costs/>

<sup>2749</sup> President Biden Announces Fourth Operation Fly Formula Mission, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/president-biden-announces-fourth-operation-fly-formula-mission/>

history.<sup>2750</sup> The compensated position addresses barriers to equal opportunities by allowing individuals with low income to maintain a salary in the role.

On 2 June 2022, President Biden called for gun reform measures.<sup>2751</sup> He listed actions such as banning assault weapons, raising the legal age to purchase guns to 21 and stricter storage laws. This call for action follows the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas, on 24 May 2022.

On 6 June 2022, President Biden authorized the use of the Defense Production Act to “accelerate domestic production of clean energy technologies.”<sup>2752</sup> This will promote production of goods such as solar panel parts, equipment for clean electricity-generated fuels and power grid infrastructures.

On 6 June 2022, Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre spoke against the Louisiana Abortion Bill that criminalized “abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest and punish reproductive healthcare professionals with up to ten years in prison.”<sup>2753</sup> Press Secretary Jean-Pierre also affirmed the Biden Administration’s commitments to protecting abortion as a “constitutional right.”<sup>2754</sup>

From 6 June 2022 to 10 June 2022, the US hosted the Ninth Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles.<sup>2755</sup> The Summit was attended by key US government departments such as the United States Agency for International Development, as well as the Head of State, and government officials from the governments of the Americas to discuss pressing issues facing society in the continent such as the COVID-19 pandemic and equity recovery to build a “sustainable, resilient, and equitable future.”<sup>2756</sup>

On 7 June 2022, Vice President Harris announced a series of new commitments for public and private sector bodies to support female economic empowerment in the Western Hemisphere.<sup>2757</sup> Initiatives include joint efforts between governments, companies and organizations to connect women in Central and Latin America to the financial sector, investing in women-owned businesses and providing training for women in critical job skills.

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<sup>2750</sup> Biden-Harris Administration Announces the First Session of the White House Internship Program, Administration Will Pay Interns for the First Time in History, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/02/biden-harris-administration-announces-the-first-session-of-the-white-house-internship-program-administration-will-pay-interns-for-the-first-time-in-history/>

<sup>2751</sup> Remarks by President Biden on Gun Violence in America, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/06/02/remarks-by-president-biden-on-gun-violence-in-america/>

<sup>2752</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Takes Bold Executive Action to Spur Domestic Clean Energy Manufacturing, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/06/fact-sheet-president-biden-takes-bold-executive-action-to-spur-domestic-clean-energy-manufacturing/>

<sup>2753</sup> Statement from Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on the Louisiana Abortion Bill, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/06/statement-from-press-secretary-karine-jean-pierre-on-the-louisiana-abortion-bill/>

<sup>2754</sup> Statement from Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on the Louisiana Abortion Bill, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/06/statement-from-press-secretary-karine-jean-pierre-on-the-louisiana-abortion-bill/>

<sup>2755</sup> SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS, U.S. Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/summit-of-the-americas>

<sup>2756</sup> SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS, U.S. Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/summit-of-the-americas>

<sup>2757</sup> FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces New Commitments Supporting Women’s Economic Empowerment in Latin America, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/07/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-new-commitments-supporting-womens-economic-empowerment-in-latin-america/>

On 7 June 2022, the Biden Administration announced additional investments from the American Rescue Plan to expand internet access country-wide.<sup>2758</sup> Approximately USD10 billion from the Treasury Department will be allocated for local governments for such projects.

On 8 June 2022, Secretary Haaland issued Secretary's Order 3407 which aims to "reduce the procurement, sale and distribution of single-use plastic products and packaging with a goal of phasing out single-use plastic products on Department-managed lands by 2032."<sup>2759</sup> The Order recognizes plastic waste as a "priority environmental problem" and works to lead green initiatives in government.

On 8 June 2022, President Biden announced the beginning of "nation-to-nation coordination" between the Federal government and Tribes in the Bering Sea over the stewardship of the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area.<sup>2760</sup> These efforts seek to promote a "new model for nation-to-nation coordination" in the discussion of sustainability.

On 8 June 2022, President Biden announced the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity.<sup>2761</sup> In collaboration with Latin American and Caribbean countries, the plan seeks to deepen international economic cooperation and domestic economic activities that weakened during the COVID-19 pandemic by promoting investments, strengthening supply chains and create sustainable jobs.

On 8 June 2022, the Biden Administration led Latin American and Caribbean countries to adopt the Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas.<sup>2762</sup> The plan looks to help partner countries "prevent, prepare for, and respond to future pandemic threats and other public health emergencies while also expanding the equitable delivery of healthcare and public health services to remote, vulnerable, and marginalized populations." The United States will continue to promote vaccinations in these countries while sharing information on the new variants.

On 9 June 2022, the US Department of Health and Human Services facilitated the fifth Operation Fly Formula to deliver infant formulas from Germany to Texas which included 110,000 pounds of Nestlé NAN formula which is approximately 1.6 million 8-ounce bottles.<sup>2763</sup>

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<sup>2758</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$25 Billion in American Rescue Plan Funding to Help Ensure Every American Has Access to High Speed, Affordable Internet, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/07/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-over-25-billion-in-american-rescue-plan-funding-to-help-ensure-every-american-has-access-to-high-speed-affordable-internet/>

<sup>2759</sup> Secretary Haaland Issues Order to Phase Out Single-Use Plastics, Protect Public Lands and Waters, U.S. Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-issues-order-phase-out-single-use-plastics-protect-public-lands-0>

<sup>2760</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Celebrates World Ocean Day with Actions to Conserve America's Deepest Atlantic Canyon, Cut Plastic Pollution, and Create America's First-Ever Ocean Climate Action Plan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/08/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-celebrates-world-ocean-day-with-actions-to-conserve-americas-deepest-atlantic-canyon-cut-plastic-pollution-and-create-americas-first-ever-o/>

<sup>2761</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/08/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-the-americas-partnership-for-economic-prosperity/>

<sup>2762</sup> Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Action on COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Improving Health Systems and Health Security in the Americas, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/08/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-action-on-covid-19-pandemic-response-and-improving-health-systems-and-health-security-in-the-americas/>

<sup>2763</sup> President Biden Announces Fifth Operation Fly Formula Mission, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/06/president-biden-announces-fifth-operation-fly-formula-mission/>

On 9 June 2022, President Biden announced USD331 million for humanitarian assistance, food security assistance and disaster risk reduction assistance at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles.<sup>2764</sup> This funding aims to address rising food costs in the Western Hemisphere.

On 10 June 2022, the USDA announced its intent to develop a pilot program, utilizing up to USD65 million in American Rescue Plan funding, to strengthen the food supply chain, reduce irregular migration and improve working conditions for both domestic and foreign farmworkers.<sup>2765</sup>

On 13 June 2022, the US Environmental Protection Agency announced USD6.5 billion in total funding through the Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and the State Infrastructure Financing Authority WIFIA program to support USD13 billion in water infrastructure projects, while creating more than 40,000 jobs.<sup>2766</sup>

On 13 June 2022, the United States affirmed, along with Argentina, Brazil, Canada and Mexico, the vital role each country plays as agricultural exporters to strengthen global food security.<sup>2767</sup> The countries agreed to cooperate to improve sustainable production and maintain affordable food prices.

On 13 June 2022, Congress passed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act that will help “lower costs for American retailers, farmers and consumers” by allowing the Federal Maritime Commission to investigate conducts of ocean carriers to incentivize economical actions.<sup>2768</sup>

On 15 June 2022, President Biden signed the Executive Order on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Individuals.<sup>2769</sup> Federal policies will reflect the commitment to address legislative attacks on LGBTQI+ individuals by expanding available resources and anti-discriminatory education.

On 15 June 2022, the US Environmental Protection Agency announced USD1 billion to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water and other emerging contaminants in

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<sup>2764</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Commitments to Advance Food Security in the Western Hemisphere, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/09/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-commitments-to-advance-food-security-in-the-western-hemisphere/>

<sup>2765</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture to Invest up to \$65 Million in Pilot Program to Strengthen Food Supply Chain, Reduce Irregular Migration, and Improve Working Conditions for Farmworkers, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/06/10/us-department-agriculture-invest-65-million-pilot-program>

<sup>2766</sup> EPA Announces \$6.5 Billion in New Funding Available for Water Infrastructure Projects, US Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-65-billion-new-funding-available-water-infrastructure-projects>

<sup>2767</sup> Summit of the Americas Agriculture Producers Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 June 2022.

Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/13/summit-of-americas-agriculture-producers-declaration/>

<sup>2768</sup> S.3580 - Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3580>

<sup>2769</sup> Executive Order on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 June 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/06/15/executive-order-on-advancing-equality-for-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-queer-and-intersex-individuals/>

drinking water, specifically in small or disadvantaged communities.<sup>2770</sup> The investment aims to strengthen public health protections with infrastructure funding to help communities provide clean water.

On 17 June, the US launched the Talent Pipeline Challenge to fill high quality jobs that will help rebuild domestic infrastructure and supply chains and encourage economic recovery and growth.<sup>2771</sup> This initiative encourages employers, education and training providers, states, local, Tribal and territorial governments as well as philanthropic organizations to make tangible commitments that support equitable workforce development in three critical infrastructure sectors: Broadband, Construction, and “Electrification” (EV Charging Infrastructure and Battery Manufacturing).

On 17 June 2022, Vice President Harris announced a USD50 billion investment to support the amelioration of lead in paint and pipes, as well as reaffirmed the Administration’s commitment to remove all lead pipes within 10 years through the Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan.<sup>2772</sup> The funding will support public education on the issue, as well as supporting local governments in facilitating testing and the removal of lead pipes.

On 25 June 2022, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States introduced a new mechanism supporting Pacific priorities: the Partners in the Blue Pacific.<sup>2773</sup> This initiative encourages greater engagement inclusively, expanded opportunities and thus will help to facilitate development in the Pacific region.

On 26 June 2022, the US, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to “raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries” and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2774</sup>

On 14 July 2022, President Biden approved the Minnesota Disaster Declaration.<sup>2775</sup> This will make federal funding available for local organizations to respond to damages caused by the severe storms and flooding that occurred from 22 April 2022 to 15 June 2022.

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<sup>2770</sup> EPA Announces New Health Advisories on PFAS Chemicals in Drinking Water, \$1 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Act Funding to Strengthen Health Protections, US Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 15 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/la-epa-anuncia-nuevos-avisos-de-salud-sobre-las-sustancias-quimicas-pfas-en-el-agua>

<sup>2771</sup> FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration Launches the Talent Pipeline Challenge: Supporting Employer Investments in Equitable Workforce Development for Infrastructure Jobs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 17 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/17/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administration-launches-the-talent-pipeline-challenge-supporting-employer-investments-in-equitable-workforce-development-for-infrastructure-jobs/>

<sup>2772</sup> Remarks by Vice President Harris on the Biden-Harris Administration’s Historic Investments to Remove and Replace Lead Pipes, The White House (Washington D.C.) 17 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/06/17/remarks-by-vice-president-harris-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-historic-investments-to-remove-and-replace-lead-pipes/>

<sup>2773</sup> Joint Statement on the Announcement of the Partners in the Blue Pacific Initiative, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 25 June 2022. Access Date: 7 August 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-announcement-partners-blue-pacific-initiative>

<sup>2774</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

<sup>2775</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Minnesota Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/14/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-minnesota-disaster-declaration-2/>

On 25 July 2022, President Biden approved the US Virgin Islands Emergency Declaration.<sup>2776</sup> This will make federal assistance available to respond to water shortages and other health impacts caused by the ongoing sargassum seagrass influx.

On 3 August 2022, President Biden signed the Executive Order on Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services.<sup>2777</sup> Federal policies will reflect the commitment to support abortion as a legitimate healthcare service by recognizing the “devastating implications for women’s health and public health more broadly” that the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* signified.

On 9 August 2022, President Biden signed the CHIPS and Science Act.<sup>2778</sup> This legislation will establish an International Technology Security and Innovation Fund worth total USD100 million to support semiconductor supply chains and develop secure telecommunications networks to advance national and economic security.

On 11 August 2022, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra allowed the FDA to increase the number of Monkeypox vaccines.<sup>2779</sup> The addition will raise vaccines by up to fivefold.

On 15 August 2022, the United States sanctioned key Liberian officials for their involvement in ongoing political corruption in the country.<sup>2780</sup> These sanctions are reflective of the United States’ commitment on countering corruption globally.

On 24 August 2022, President Biden announced a “targeted debt relief to address the financial harms of the pandemic.”<sup>2781</sup> The Department of Education will cancel up to USD10,000 in student debt if their income is less than USD125,000 and federal student loan repayments will be paused until 31 December 2022.

On 25 August 2022, President Biden ordered the implementation of the CHIPS Act of 2022.<sup>2782</sup> The Act incentivizes “semiconductor research, development and manufacturing” by investing in the sector to “restore and advance” semiconductor research and products.

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<sup>2776</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Minnesota Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/14/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-minnesota-disaster-declaration-2/>

<sup>2777</sup> Executive Order on Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 August 2022. Access Date: 4 August 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/03/executive-order-on-securing-access-to-reproductive-and-other-healthcare-services/>

<sup>2778</sup> The Passage of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-passage-of-the-chips-and-science-act-of-2022/>

<sup>2779</sup> Press Briefing by White House Monkeypox Response Team and Public Health Officials, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/08/11/press-briefing-by-white-house-monkeypox-response-team-and-public-health-officials/>

<sup>2780</sup> Imposing Sanctions on Senior Liberian Government Officials, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 15 August 2022. Access Date: 15 August 2022. <https://www.state.gov/imposing-sanctions-on-senior-liberian-government-officials/>

<sup>2781</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces Student Loan Relief for Borrowers Who Need It Most, The White House (Washington D.C.) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/24/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-student-loan-relief-for-borrowers-who-need-it-most/>

<sup>2782</sup> Executive Order on the Implementation of the CHIPS Act of 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/25/executive-order-on-the-implementation-of-the-chips-act-of-2022/>

On 26 August 2022, President Biden approved the Alaska Disaster Declaration and ordered federal assistance for the flooding that occurred from 8 May 2022 to 11 May 2022.<sup>2783</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 30 August 2022, President Biden approved the Mississippi Disaster Declaration and ordered federal assistance for the flooding the water crisis that began 30 August 2022.<sup>2784</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 2 September 2022, President Biden approved the Disaster Declaration for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and ordered federal assistance for the severe storms that occurred from 17 August 2022 to 18 August 2022.<sup>2785</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 12 September 2022, President Biden ordered the implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.<sup>2786</sup> The Act invests in infrastructure to accelerate the “deployment of clean energy technologies” and daily energy efficiency products such as electric vehicles with the “goal of realizing net-zero emissions” by 2050.

On 12 September 2022, President Biden ordered the Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure Bioeconomy.<sup>2787</sup> This policy promotes biotechnology and biomanufacturing as “innovative solutions in health, climate change, energy, food security, agriculture, supply chain resilience and national and economy security.” The federal government will invest in research and development and “expand domestic biomanufacturing production capacity” with a focus on sustainable practices.

On 16 September 2022, President Biden approved the American Samoa Disaster Declaration and ordered federal assistance for areas affected by “high surf, high winds and flooding” from 12 July 2022 to 15 July 2022.<sup>2788</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 20 September 2022, President Biden approved the Disaster Declaration for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and ordered federal assistance for areas affected by “severe storms, tornadoes and flooding”

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<sup>2783</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Alaska Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 26 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/26/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-alaska-disaster-declaration-6/>

<sup>2784</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Mississippi Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 August 2022. Access Date: 12 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/30/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-mississippi-emergency-declaration-2/>

<sup>2785</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Disaster Declaration for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 15 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/02/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-disaster-declaration-for-the-salt-river-pima-maricopa-indian-community/>

<sup>2786</sup> Executive Order on the Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/12/executive-order-on-the-implementation-of-the-energy-and-infrastructure-provisions-of-the-inflation-reduction-act-of-2022/>

<sup>2787</sup> Executive Order on Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/12/executive-order-on-advancing-biotechnology-and-biomanufacturing-innovation-for-a-sustainable-safe-and-secure-american-bioeconomy/>

<sup>2788</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves American Samoa Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/16/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-american-samoa-disaster-declaration/>

from 2 May 2022 to 8 May 2022.<sup>2789</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 21 September 2022, President Biden approved the Puerto Rico Disaster Declaration and ordered federal assistance for areas affected by Hurricane Fiona.<sup>2790</sup> The additional funding is available for local governments to coordinate emergency measures.

On 21 September 2022, President Biden announced USD2.9 billion to address global food insecurity at the United Nations General Assembly.<sup>2791</sup> The investment will be administered through the United States Agency for International Development for food security programming in countries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis, as well as the supply chain delays due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 21 September 2022, Secretary Blinken announced the United States would provide nearly USD200 million in additional humanitarian assistance in Mexico and Central America.<sup>2792</sup> The funding will support the “humanitarian and protection needs of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, stateless persons, and vulnerable migrants” through international organizations and NGO partners.

On 22 September 2022, the US announced USD170 million in additional humanitarian assistance for Rohingya inside and outside Burma and will “enable the provision of food, safe drinking water, health care, protection, education, shelter, and psychosocial support.”<sup>2793</sup>

On 22 September 2022, the US announced USD376 million in humanitarian assistance to support Venezuela during the ongoing regional crisis.<sup>2794</sup> The funding will go towards food assistance, emergency shelter, access to health care, protection for vulnerable groups including women, youth, LGBTQI+ individuals, and indigenous people and more.

On 23 September 2022, the US announced USD327 million in additional humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan and will provide emergency cash, shelter, healthcare and reintegration assistance to internally displaced persons and returnees, as well as protection, life-saving reproductive and maternal health and gender-based violence prevention and response services.”

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<sup>2789</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Disaster Declaration for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/20/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-disaster-declaration-for-the-muscogee-creek-nation/>

<sup>2790</sup> President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Puerto Rico Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 20 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/21/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-puerto-rico-disaster-declaration-2/>

<sup>2791</sup> FACT SHEET: At United Nations General Assembly, President Biden Announces \$2.9 Billion in Additional Funding to Strengthen Global Food Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/21/fact-sheet-at-united-nations-general-assembly-president-biden-announces-2-9-billion-in-additional-funding-to-strengthen-global-food-security/>

<sup>2792</sup> Humanitarian Assistance for Mexico and Central America, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/humanitarian-assistance-for-mexico-and-central-america/>

<sup>2793</sup> United States Announces More Than \$170 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for the Rakhine State/Rohingya Refugee Crisis, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-announces-more-than-170-million-in-humanitarian-assistance-for-the-rakhine-state-rohingya-refugee-crisis/>

<sup>2794</sup> Humanitarian Assistance to Respond to the Venezuela Regional Crisis, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/humanitarian-assistance-to-respond-to-the-venezuela-regional-crisis/>

On 26 September 2022, the US announced USD457.5 million in civilian security assistance to “enhance the efforts of Ukrainian law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to improve their operational capacity and save lives.”<sup>2795</sup>

Though the United States remains split on the matter of women’s health and reproductive rights as well as gun reform, it took strong actions to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery domestically with an increased focus on rebuilding supply chains in the manufacturing and agriculture sector and supporting Indigenous and rural communities by extending financial, material and strategic aid to eligible communities and SMEs. The United States also supported sustainability and inclusivity globally by extending funds and humanitarian aid to partner countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and political conflicts in addition to leading multiple green initiative projects abroad.

Thus, the United States has received a score of +1.

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### **European Union: +1**

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and United States President Joe Biden co-hosted a discussion on the margins of the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>2796</sup> The meeting focused on infrastructure initiatives that are in line with Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. President von der Leyen, alongside President Biden and United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson, endorsed five key principles for infrastructure development: climate resilience, inclusive partnerships, well maintained financing and construction, mobilization of capital to meet net-zero by 2050 and the construction of sustainable jobs that boost economic recovery. The goal is to ensure economic growth and development through sustainable and equitable means.

On 2 November 2021, the European Union, the United States and partners launched the ‘Global Methane Plan.’<sup>2797</sup> This initiative aims to reduce global and methane emissions and maintain the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

On 2 November 2021, the European Union, Germany, France, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States announced a ‘Just Energy Transition Partnership’ to support South Africa’s effort towards decarbonization.<sup>2798</sup> The goal of this partnership is to reduce emissions rates and support climate action.

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<sup>2795</sup> \$457.5 Million in New U.S. Civilian Security Assistance for Ukraine, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 September 2022. Access Date: 1 October 2022. <https://www.state.gov/457-5-million-in-new-u-s-civilian-security-assistance-for-ukraine/>

<sup>2796</sup> U.S. President Biden, European Commission President von der Leyen and UK Prime minister Johnson announce Commitment to addressing climate crisis through infrastructure development, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement\\_21\\_5767](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_21_5767)

<sup>2797</sup> Launch by United States, the European Union, and Partners of the Global Methane Pledge to Keep 1.5C Within Reach, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement\\_21\\_5766](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_21_5766)

<sup>2798</sup> France, Germany, UK, US and EU launch ground-breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_21\\_5768](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768)

On 9 November 2021, the European Commission pledged EU100 million for the ‘Adaptation Fund’ at COP26.<sup>2799</sup> This contribution aims to support climate adaptation objectives and support countries and populations most vulnerable to climate change.

On 10 November 2021, the Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen participated in the Global Education Meeting “Invest now for the recovery and the futures of education.”<sup>2800</sup> The European Union committed to increasing its contribution, providing an estimated EU6 billion by 2027. This funding will contribute to improving access to education worldwide and enable socio-economic change.

On 11 November 2021, Members of the European Parliament from the Employment and Social Affairs Committee voted in support of implementing minimum requirements to ensure minimum wage employment can provide a decent standard of living and to protect workers’ rights to collective bargaining.<sup>2801</sup> The goal is to reduce poverty and protect workers’ rights through this draft law.

On 24 November 2021, the European Commission launched the 2022 European Semester cycle of economic policy coordination.<sup>2802</sup> The 2021 ‘Annual Sustainable Growth Survey’ (ASGS) proposed an agenda for 2022 that promotes a sustainable and fair recovery and strengthens the EU’s economy’s resilience. It outlines the ‘Recovery and Resilience Facility’ as being a large proponent of the upcoming cycle. The ASGS also outlines how Sustainable Development Goals will be integrated into the European Semester, subsequently working to improve the fulfillment of SDGs across Member States.

On 25 November 2021, the European Commission approved an investment package of over EU290 million to fund over 132 environment and climate change programs under the ‘LIFE programme.’<sup>2803</sup> This funding will amount to a total investment of EU562 million towards the programs, which will be implemented in almost every Member State. These projects work toward achieving the goals of climate-neutrality on the continent by 2050, the recovery of Europe’s biodiversity and a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 2 December 2021, the European Commission disbursed EU1.8 billion for Romania in pre-financing under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2804</sup> These funds will be used to begin the implementation of the investment and reform measures in Romania’s recovery and resilience plan.

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<sup>2799</sup> EU at COP26: Commission pledges €100 million to the Adaptation Fund, European Commission (Brussels) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_5886](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_5886)

<sup>2800</sup> Commission Urpilainen: the EU will devote for than 6 billion euros to education worldwide, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/commissioner-urpilainen-to-devote-6-billion-education-worldwide\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/commissioner-urpilainen-to-devote-6-billion-education-worldwide_en)

<sup>2801</sup> New rules for fair minimum wages in the EU, News European Parliament (Brussels) 11 November 2021. Access Date: 24 January 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20211107IPR16808/new-rules-for-fair-minimum-wages-in-the-eu>

<sup>2802</sup> European Semester Autumn Package: rebounding stronger from the crisis and making Europe greener and more digital, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_6105](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6105)

<sup>2803</sup> LIFE Programme: More than €290 million in EU funding for nature, environment and climate action projects, European Commission (Brussels) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_6178](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6178)

<sup>2804</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission disburses €1.8 billion in pre-financing to Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 2 December 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_6471](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6471)

On 3 December 2021, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Spain's request for EU10 billion disbursement in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2805</sup> This assessment is an important step in the implementation of the Facility.

On 17 December 2021, the European Union endorsed the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) Declaration 2025 and became a member of the ATI.<sup>2806</sup> This endorsement reaffirms the EU's commitment to just and effective mobilization of domestic revenue in efforts to address inequity and promote sustainable development.

On 14 January 2022, the European Commission published a proposal for a 'Council of Recommendation on learning for environmental sustainability.'<sup>2807</sup> This proposal aims to promote and support understanding and skills on climate change, the environment and sustainability within Member States, all education providers and non-government organizations.

On 18 January 2022, the European Union launched seven projects to protect health, education and livelihood in Afghanistan and five projects to address forced displacement and migration, cumulatively funded by EU268.3 million.<sup>2808</sup> The goal of these projects is to support the basic needs of those in Afghanistan, particularly vulnerable populations.

On 26 January 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of France's request for EU7.4 billion disbursement in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2809</sup> These grants would be used to finance reforms in public finance, mobility, housing, unemployment insurance, skills and health. Other areas of investment are the energy renovation of buildings, decarbonization, green vehicles, youth employment and education.

On 7 February 2022, the European Union and UNICEF, in collaboration with Eni, launched a partnership project with the Basra Governorate to ameliorate water quality in Basra City for 850,000 people, including more than 160,000 children.<sup>2810</sup> This project works to support a climate-resilient environment by providing safe and sustainable drinking water to vulnerable populations. This project also aims to create sustainable and green jobs within Basra. The goal is to address water scarcity and salinization in Iraq, while creating sustainable solutions through strong partnerships and strengthening communities.

On 28 February 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Italy's request for EU21 billion disbursement, EU10 billion in grants and EU11 billion in loans under the

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<sup>2805</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission adopts positive preliminary assessment of Spain's request for €10 billion disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_6597](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6597)

<sup>2806</sup> Tax systems that work for people and planet: EU endorses Addis Tax Initiative Declaration 2025, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 17 December 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/tax-systems-work-people-and-planet-eu-endorses-addis-tax-initiative-declaration-2025\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/tax-systems-work-people-and-planet-eu-endorses-addis-tax-initiative-declaration-2025_en)

<sup>2807</sup> Commission calls for environmental sustainability to be at the core of EU education and training systems, European Commission (Brussels) 14 January 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_327](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_327)

<sup>2808</sup> Afghanistan: EU supports the education, health and livelihoods of the Afghan people with €268.3 million, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 18 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/afghanistan-eu-supports-education-health-livelihoods\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/afghanistan-eu-supports-education-health-livelihoods_en)

<sup>2809</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of France's request for €7.4 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 26 January 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_576](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_576)

<sup>2810</sup> The European Union and UNICEF, in collaboration with Eni, launch a project to improve the water quality for 850,000 people in Basra, United Nations (Iraq) 7 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://iraq.un.org/en/171245-european-union-and-unicef-collaboration-eni-launch-project-improve-water-quality-850000>

Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2811</sup> These funds would be used to finance reforms in public administration, justice, post-secondary education and strengthen the autonomy of individuals with disabilities.

On 28 February 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Greece's request for EU3.6 billion disbursement, EU1.7 billion in grants and nearly EU1.9 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2812</sup> These funds would be used to finance reforms and investments in energy efficiency, electric mobility, waste management, labour market, healthcare and public transportation.

On 1 March 2022, the European Commission adopted its first annual report on the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).<sup>2813</sup> The RRF is providing up to EU723.8 billion in grants and loans to Member States to financially support investments and reforms which promote a strong recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 23 March 2022, the European Commission announced it would be actively engaging in eight global Coalitions for Action.<sup>2814</sup> The eight coalitions are: 'Food is never waste,' 'Health Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children & all,' 'School Meals Coalition,' 'Aquatic and Blue Foods,' 'Argo-ecology,' 'Zero Hunger,' 'Fighting food crises along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus' and 'Sustainable Productivity Growth.' These coalitions work to assist partner countries to transform food systems and to internationally support the Farm to Fork strategy.

On 25 March 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Portugal's request for EU1.16 billion, EU553.44 million in grants and EU609 in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2815</sup> These funds would be used to finance reforms in health, social housing, social services, investment and innovation, bio-economy, renewable gases, public finances and public administration.

On 29 March 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Sweden's request for EU3.3 billion in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2816</sup> These funds would be used to finance green and digital transitions, job creation as well as strengthen economic and social resilience.

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<sup>2811</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Italy's request for €21 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1356](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1356)

<sup>2812</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Greece's request for €3.6 billion disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2022. Access Date: June 3 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1354](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1354)

<sup>2813</sup> NextGenerationEU: First annual report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility finds implementation is well underway, European Commission (Brussels) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1198](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1198)

<sup>2814</sup> Food security: Commission steps up support for global action to transform food systems via eight Global Coalitions, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-security-commission-steps-support-global-action-transform-food-systems-eight-global\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-security-commission-steps-support-global-action-transform-food-systems-eight-global_en)

<sup>2815</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Portugal's request for €1.16 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 25 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1965](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1965)

<sup>2816</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Sweden's €3.3 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1992](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1992)

On 1 April 2022, the European Commission signed grant agreements amounting to EU1.1 billion to fund seven large-scale projects through the EU's Emissions Trading System.<sup>2817</sup> The goal of these projects is to reduce emissions by over 76 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>eq) during their first 10 years of operation. These projects will take place in Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Italy and France.

On 4 April 2022, Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen addressed the General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance in Madrid to discuss poor access to food and water, specifically highlighting how this issue is exacerbated by Russia's war on Ukraine.<sup>2818</sup> The Commissioner reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to supporting its partners and maintaining strong partnerships.

On 5 April 2022, the European Commission proposed two regulations to control fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) and ozone depleting substances (ODS), which aim to limit rising global temperatures within the range outlined in the Paris Agreement.<sup>2819</sup> The F-gas regulation proposal aims to prevent 40 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 while the ODS proposal aims to prevent the equivalent of 180 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and 30,000 tons of ozone depleting potential emissions by 2050.

On 6 April 2022, Commissioner Urpilainen and Commissioner Lenarčič participated in a forum organized by the European Union, the OECD's Sahel and West Africa Club, and the Global Network Against Food Crises on Food Security and Nutrition in the Sahel and West Africa Region.<sup>2820</sup> This forum discusses effective solutions to food insecurity in the region through awareness and support from international partners.

On 7 April 2022, the European Commission raised an additional EU6 billion in NextGenerationEU funds with its second NextGenerationEU green bond syndication.<sup>2821</sup> The proceeds accumulated from this deal will support Europe's green transformation through providing financing sustainable investments to Member States' resilient and sustainable recovery plans.

On 7 April 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive assessment of Bulgaria's recovery and resilience plan, which requested EU6.3 billion in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2822</sup> These funds would be used to decarbonize the energy sector, triple power generation from renewable sources by 2026 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the power sector by 40 per cent by 2025. This

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<sup>2817</sup> Commission awards over €1 billion to innovative projects for the EU climate transition, European Commission (Brussels) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_2163](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2163)

<sup>2818</sup> Food crisis: EU kick starts a week of intensive multilateral engagement to address food insecurity in the Sahel, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel_en)

<sup>2819</sup> Green Deal: Phasing down fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_2189](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2189)

<sup>2820</sup> Food crisis: EU kick starts a week of intensive multilateral engagement to address food insecurity in the Sahel, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel_en)

<sup>2821</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission supports Europe's sustainable transition with second green bond syndication, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_2271](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2271)

<sup>2822</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Bulgaria's €6.3 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_2282](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2282)

plan also promotes water management, biodiversity conservation and restoration and to support the digital transition.

On 10 May 2022, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a guarantee agreement stating that the European Commission will support up to EU26.7 billion of EIB operations to promote public investments over the next seven years.<sup>2823</sup> This guarantee agreement aims to improve sustainable energy, digital and transportation infrastructure, health and education. This guarantee agreement will also support investments in the Western Balkans, the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood regions, as well as Ukraine's post-war recovery.

On 10 May 2022, the European Commission adopted an amendment to the Horizon Europe Work Programme of 2021-2022 by increasing its budget by approximately EU562 million to support 'EU Missions' towards innovative solutions to health, environmental sustainability and digital challenges.<sup>2824</sup> The goal of these programs is to implement and support innovative and sustainable solutions to issues within Europe and beyond.

On 23 May 2022, the European Commission released its Spring Package, which aims to provide Member States with financial support to promote a resilient, green and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.<sup>2825</sup>

On 1 June 2022, the European Commission endorsed Poland's recovery and resilience plan, which requested EU23.9 billion in grants and EU11.5 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2826</sup> These funds would be used to decarbonize Poland's economy, increase renewable energies such as offshore windfarms and support the digital transition.

On 7 June 2022, the European Commission proposed an annual EU budget of EUR185.6 billion for 2023, to be complemented by an estimated EUR113.9 billion in grants under NextGenerationEU.<sup>2827</sup> This budget will continue to mobilise significant investments to boost Europe's strategic autonomy, the ongoing economic recovery, safeguard sustainability and create jobs while allowing the Commission to continue to prioritise green and digital investments while addressing pressing needs arising from recent and current crises.

On 26 June 2022, the EU, alongside the other G7 members, pledged to "raise USD600 billion in private and public funds for developing countries" and alleviate food insecurity and soaring energy prices during the meeting in the Bavarian Alps.<sup>2828</sup>

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<sup>2823</sup> European Commission and EIB sign an Agreement to enable further investments worldwide, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-commission-and-eib-sign-agreement-enable-further-investments-worldwide\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-commission-and-eib-sign-agreement-enable-further-investments-worldwide_en)

<sup>2824</sup> Commission boosts Horizon Europe budget to support green, health and digital innovations and displaced researchers of Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_2843](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2843)

<sup>2825</sup> European Semester Spring Package: Sustaining a green and sustainable recovery in the face of increased uncertainty, European Commission (Brussels) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_22\\_3182](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_3182)

<sup>2826</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Poland's €35.4 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_3375](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_3375)

<sup>2827</sup> EU budget 2023: Empowering Europe to continue shaping a changing world, European Commission (Brussels) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 11 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_3473](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_3473)

<sup>2828</sup> G7 Leaders Pledge USD600 Billion for Developing Countries, Urge Unity on Ukraine, France24 (Paris) 26 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20220626-g7-starts-amid-ukraine-war-stagflation-risk>

On 27 June 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Spain's recovery and resilience plan, which requests its second payment of EUR12 billion in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2829</sup>

On 27 June 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Slovakia's recovery and resilience plan, which requests EUR398.7 million in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2830</sup>

On 29 July 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Latvia's recovery and resilience plan, which requests EUR201 million in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2831</sup>

On 1 August 2022, the European Commission disbursed EUR500 million of the EUR1 billion macro-financial assistance operation for Ukraine.<sup>2832</sup> This disbursement aims to address Ukraine's immediate financial needs, as well as to support macroeconomic stability and resilience.

On 5 August 2022, the European Union reached the benchmark of successfully coordinating 1,000 medical evacuations of Ukrainian patients through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and relocating these patients to hospitals across Europe to receive specialized healthcare.<sup>2833</sup> This effort aims to relieve overwhelmed hospitals and ensure patients are receiving adequate care.

On 9 August 2022, the European Commission and Moderna reached an agreement to better meet Member States' needs for COVID-19 vaccines for the remainder of summer into the winter period.<sup>2834</sup> This agreement ensures Member States have timely access to vaccines for vaccination campaigns and to support global partners, while also ensuring Member States may choose to receive adapted vaccines under the current contract should they receive marketing authorization.

On 11 August 2022, the EU reached the benchmark of coordinating the delivery of 66,224 tonnes of in-kind assistance to Ukraine.<sup>2835</sup> This assistance included 180 ambulances, 125 fire-fighting vehicles, 300 power generators, 35 heavy machinery vehicles, 300 power generators and four pontoon bridges. The goal is to provide Ukraine with humanitarian support in response to Russia's ongoing military aggression.

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<sup>2829</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Spain's second payment request under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, for the disbursement of €12 billion, European Commission (Brussels) 27 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_22\\_4088](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_4088)

<sup>2830</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Slovakia's request for €398.7 million disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 27 June 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_3971](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_3971)

<sup>2831</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Latvia's request for €201 million disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 29 July 2022. Access Date: 10 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4625](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4625)

<sup>2832</sup> European Commission disburses first tranche of the new €1 billion macro-financial assistance for Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4783](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4783)

<sup>2833</sup> Ukraine: 1,000 Ukrainian patients transferred to European hospitals, European Commission (Brussels) 5 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4882](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4882)

<sup>2834</sup> COVID-19 vaccines: Commission and Moderna adapt delivery schedules for late summer and winter, European Commission (Brussels) 9 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4843](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4843)

<sup>2835</sup> Ukraine: the EU has coordinated the delivery of more than 60,000 tonnes of life-saving assistance, European Commission (Brussels) 11 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4945](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4945)

On 24 August 2022, the Cohesion Policy will provide Croatia with EUR9 billion from 2021 to 2027 through its Partnership Agreement with the European Commission.<sup>2836</sup> These funds will be utilized to promote economic, social and territorial cohesion. These funds will also be used to reduce regional economic disparities and to improve training and employment opportunities. These funds will also support the development of the Croatian economy.

On 5 September 2022, the European Commission approved the disbursement of EUR155.7 million in grants to Sweden through the Just Transition Fund Program.<sup>2837</sup> These funds will be utilized to support Sweden's efforts to achieve climate neutrality by 2040 while ensuring an equitable and inclusive transition.

On 5 September 2022, the European Commission approved a measure to support Greece under the Recovery and Resilience Facility with an estimated budget of EUR341 million to support the development of electrical storage facilities.<sup>2838</sup> The goal of this measure is to ensure a smooth transition within the Greek electrical system toward renewable energies, as well as to contribute to the EU's goals relating to the EU Green Deal.

On 7 September 2022, the European Commission registered two European Citizens Initiatives: 'Every European house equipped with 1 kW photovoltaic and 0.6 kW wind turbines using EU funding through the municipalities alone' and 'Protect the EU's Rural Heritage, Food Security and Supply'.<sup>2839</sup> The goal of these initiatives is to create the necessary infrastructure for renewable energy within houses and educate the general population on the benefits of green energy.

On 7 September 2022, the European Commission presented the European Care Strategy, accompanied by two recommendations for Member States on the revision of the Barcelona benchmarks on childhood education and care and access to affordable and quality long-term care.<sup>2840</sup> The goal of the strategy is to provide accessible and quality care services across the European Union and to ameliorate present conditions for both care receivers and caretakers in all settings.

On 7 September 2022, the European Commission proposed an additional EUR5 billion in macro-financial assistance (MFA) loans to Ukraine which are the second element of the MFA package to provide up to EUR9 billion.<sup>2841</sup> This proposal aims to help Ukraine address its financial needs as a result of Russia's aggression.

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<sup>2836</sup> EU Cohesion Policy: €9 billion for Croatia's economic, social, and territorial cohesion, green and digital transition in 2021-2027, European Commission (Brussels) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 24 August 2022.

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<sup>2837</sup> EU Cohesion Policy: €155.7 million for a just climate transition in Sweden, European Commission (Brussels) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5316](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5316)

<sup>2838</sup> State aid: Commission approves Greek scheme under Recovery and Resilience Facility to support development of electricity storage facilities, European Commission (Brussels) 5 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_4582](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_4582)

<sup>2839</sup> European Citizens' Initiative: Commission registers two new initiatives, on renewable energy and on protecting rural heritage, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5352](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5352)

<sup>2840</sup> A European Care Strategy for caregivers and care receivers, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5169](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5169)

<sup>2841</sup> European Commission proposes second €5 billion tranche of macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 7 September 2022. Access Date: 7 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5373](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5373)

On 8 September 2022, the European Commission gave an endorsement of the Netherlands' EUR4.7 billion recovery and resilience plan under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2842</sup>

On 12 September 2022, the European Cohesion Policy granted Slovenia with EUR3.26 billion in funding between 2021 to 2027 to support the development of a sustainable economy.<sup>2843</sup> These funds will be used to increase economic innovation and competitiveness, as well as to support Slovenia's green and digital transformation.

On 13 September 2022, the European Commission issued EUR12 billion in a dual tranche transaction under the NextGenerationEU program.<sup>2844</sup> These funds will be used to support Europe's pandemic recovery and to support Member States under the Recovery and Resilience Facility and other EU programs.

On 15 September 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Romania's recovery and resilience plan, which requests EUR1.8 billion in grants and EUR800 million in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2845</sup>

On 16 September 2022, the European Cohesion Policy granted Malta with EUR817 million in funding between 2021 to 2027 to support the development of a sustainable economy.<sup>2846</sup> These funds will be used to increase economic innovation and competitiveness, as well as to support Malta's green and digital transformation.

On 20 September 2022, the European Cohesion Policy granted Ireland with EUR1.4 billion in funding between 2021 to 2027 to support the development of a sustainable economy.<sup>2847</sup> These funds will be used to increase economic innovation and competitiveness, as well as to enable the digital and green transformation and to invest in social inclusion and employment.

On 21 September 2022, the European Commission approved public support funds of up to EU5 billion provided by 13 Member States.<sup>2848</sup> This project is entitled "IPCEI Hy2Use" and aims to support the hydrogen value chain through the construction of hydrogen infrastructure and the development of sustainable technology through hydrogen integration into multiple sectors. The goal of this initiative is to boost hydrogen energy and subsequently lower dependency on natural gases.

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<sup>2842</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses the Netherlands' €4.7 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 8 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP\\_22\\_5397](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_5397)

<sup>2843</sup> EU Cohesion Policy: €3.26 billion for Slovenia's economic competitiveness, digital transition, and climate goals, European Commission (Brussels) 12 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5227](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5227)

<sup>2844</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission raises a further €12 billion for Europe's recovery, European Commission (Brussels) 13 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5499](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5499)

<sup>2845</sup> NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Romania's request for €2.6 billion disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 15 September. Access Date: 21 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5494](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5494)

<sup>2846</sup> EU Cohesion Policy: €817 million to Malta to support a more competitive, inclusive, green, and digital economy, European Commission (Brussels) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5500](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5500)

<sup>2847</sup> EU Cohesion Policy: €1.4 billion for Ireland's economic and social development and green transition in 2021-2027, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022.

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<sup>2848</sup> State Aid: Commission approves up to €5.2 billion of public support by thirteen Member States for the second Important Project of Common European Interest in the hydrogen value chain, European Commission (Brussels) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 21 September 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_5676](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5676)

On 26 September 2022, the European Commission announced that Czechia will receive EUR1.64 billion in EU grants to “support the country’s efforts to phase out coal-fired power by 2033 and ensure a fair transition to climate neutrality” under the Just Transition Fund Programme.<sup>2849</sup>

On 27 September 2022, the European Commission announced the approval of three measures to support electricity production from renewable energy sources in Germany. The additional measures aim to supplement the German Renewable Energy Act and<sup>2850</sup> contribute to achieving Germany’s environmental targets, as well as the EU’s strategic objectives relating to the European Green Deal.

On 27 September 2022, the European Commission approved the second disbursement of EUR21 billion to Italy under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.<sup>2851</sup>

On 28 September 2022, the European Commission encouraged Member States to “modernise their minimum income schemes as part of the ongoing pledge to reduce poverty and social exclusion in Europe” which will make the schemes more effective, lift people out of poverty and promote the labour market integration of those who are able to work.<sup>2852</sup>

On 29 September 2022, the European Commission took legal action against Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, France, Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Finland as they have not communicated the measures necessary to ensure the full transposition of the Single-Use Plastics Directive under the European Green Deal.<sup>2853</sup>

On 30 September 2022, the European Commission approved a temporary EUR450 million German measure to “enable five lignite-fired power plants to be on stand-by and ready to be activated to the extent needed in the event of natural gas shortages.”<sup>2854</sup>

The European Union has taken strong action to support a sustainable and inclusive recovery through allocating funds to address poverty, access to education, and the displacement of migrants. The European Union has also taken weaker action to support a sustainable and inclusive recovery through attending a meeting focused on sustainable infrastructure initiatives and endorsing principles that promote an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

Thus, the European Union has received a score of +1.

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