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Preface

Since the G20 leaders met at their first summit in 2008 in Washington, the G20 Research Group at the University of Toronto has produced reports on their progress in implementing the priority commitments made at each summit. These reports monitor each G20 member's efforts to implement a carefully chosen selection of the many commitments produced at each summit. The reports are offered to the general public and to policy makers, academics, civil society, the media and interested citizens around the world in an effort to make the work of the G20 more transparent, accessible and effective, and to provide scientific data to enable the meaningful analysis of the causes of compliance, including those that leaders can change to improve compliance and the impact of this important informal international institution. Previous reports are available at the G20 Information Centre at <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis>.

After initiating this G20 compliance research in 2009, after the Washington Summit in November 2008, the G20 Research Group has worked with the Center for International Institutions Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), and formerly with the International Organizations Research Institute at the National Research University Higher School of Economics, in Moscow. The initial report, covering only one commitment made at that summit, tested the compliance methodology developed by the G7 Research Group and adapted it to the G20.

Starting with the compliance reports for the 2023 New Delhi Summit, the G20 Research Group and RANEPA teams are issuing their compliance reports separately. This report therefore covers nine commitments selected for monitoring by the G20 Research Group.

To make its assessments, the G20 Research Group relies on publicly available information, documentation and media reports. To ensure accuracy, comprehensiveness and integrity, we encourage comments from stakeholders. Indeed, scores can be recalibrated if new material becomes available. All feedback remains anonymous. Responsibility for the contents of this report lies exclusively with the authors and analysts of the G20 Research Group.

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Introduction and Summary

The G20 2023 New Delhi Final Compliance Report is prepared by the G20 Research Group based at the University of Toronto. The report analyzes compliance by G20 members with nine priority commitments selected from the total of 290 commitments made at the New Delhi Summit hosted by India on 9–10 September 2022. This final report covers relevant actions taken by G20 members between 11 September 2023 and 10 October 2024, in the lead-up to the Rio Summit to be hosted by Brazil on 18–19 November 2024. It builds on the interim compliance report that assessed actions taken up to 19 March 2024, which is available at <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/compliance/2023newdelhi-interim>.

Methodology and Scoring System

This report draws on the methodology developed by the G7 Research Group, which has been monitoring G7/8 compliance since 1996. The use of this methodology builds cross-institutional and cross-member consistency and also allows compatibility with compliance assessments of other institutions.

The methodology uses a scale from –1 to +1, where +1 indicates full compliance with the stated commitment, –1 indicates a failure to comply or action taken that is directly opposite to the stated instruments or goal of the commitment, and 0 indicates partial compliance or work in progress, such as initiatives that have been launched but are not yet near completion and whose full results can therefore not be assessed. Each member assessed receives a score of –1, 0 or +1 for each commitment. For convenience, the scores in the tables have been converted to percentages, where –1 equals 0 per cent and +1 equals 100 per cent.¹

A compliance score of –1 does not necessarily imply an unwillingness to comply on the part of G20 members. In some cases, policy actions can take multiple compliance cycles to implement and measure. As the G20 Research Group continues to monitor developments, progress made by members can be recorded in future compliance reports.

The Compliance Coding Manual that describes the methodology in detail is available on the G20 Information Centre website at <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/index.html#method>.

Commitment Breakdown

The G20 made a total of 290 commitments at the New Delhi Summit.² These commitments, as identified by the G20 Research Group, are drawn from the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.

Selection of Commitments

For each compliance cycle (that is, the period between summits), the research team selects commitments that reflect the breadth of the G20 agenda and also reflect the priorities of the summit's host, while balancing the selection to allow for comparison with past and future summits, following the methodology developed by the G7 Research Group. The selection also replicates the breakdown of issue areas and the proportion of commitments in each one. Primary criteria for priority commitment selection are the comprehensiveness and relevance to the summit, the G20 and the world, as well as individual and collective pledges. Selected commitments must also meet secondary criteria of performance measurability and ability to comply to some degree within a year, as well as the tertiary criterion of significance as identified by scientific teams and relevant stakeholders in the host country.

For the 2023 G20 New Delhi Summit Final Compliance Report, nine priority commitments were selected for assessment by the G20 Research Group. They are listed in Table 1.

¹ The formula to convert a score into a percentage is $P = 50 \times (S + 1)$, where P is the percentage and S is the score.

² A commitment is defined as a discrete, specific, publicly expressed, collectively agreed statement of intent; a promise by summit members that they will undertake future action to move toward, meet or adjust to an identified target. More details are contained in the Reference Manual for Summit Commitment and Compliance Coding).

Final Compliance Scores

G20 members achieved average compliance with their 2023 commitments of +0.69 (85%). This assessment is based on relevant, publicly available information relating to actions taken from 11 September 2023 to 10 October 2024. The final compliance scores by commitment are contained in Table 2. Country rankings are listed in Table 3 and commitment rankings are listed in Table 4. For comparison purposes, the interim compliance score, as well as previous years' scores, are included in Table 5.

Final Compliance by Member

For final compliance with the New Delhi Summit's priority commitments, three members achieved full compliance of +1.00 (100%): Australia, Canada and the European Union. They were followed by 2024 host Brazil, Italy, Japan and the United States, with +0.89 (94%). India, which hosted the 2023 summit, placed 18th at +0.44 (727%). Russia had the lowest compliance at 0 (50%). The difference between the highest and lowest G20 member compliance was 1.00. The scores ranked by member are listed in Table 3.

Final Compliance by Commitment

The commitment on artificial economy achieved full compliance of +1.00 (100%), followed by the climate change commitment on funding at +0.95 (98%), followed by the commitment on high quality education at +0.90 (95%). The commitment on closing the gender pay gap had the lowest compliance at +0.40 (70%). The scores ranked by commitment are listed in Table 4.

Table 1: 2023 G20 New Delhi Summit Commitments Selected for Compliance Monitoring*

1	To accelerate progress on SDGs [Sustainable Development Goals], we commit to taking collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles. (2023-63)
2	Recognizing the imperative of achieving the SDGs, we will collectively mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. (2023-176)
3	[We will] Facilitate equitable access to safe, effective, quality-assured, and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and other medical countermeasures, especially in Low- and Middle-income Countries (LMICs), LDCs [least developed countries] and SIDS [small island developing states]. (2023-101)
4	Take steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. (2023-208)
5	We will undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. (2023-144)
6	Commit to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity...to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. (2023-73)
7	To unlock the full potential of AI [artificial intelligence], equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks, we will work together to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI. (2023-195)
8	We will unite in our endeavour to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy. (2023-24)
9	We are committed to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. (2023-106)

*For the full list of commitments, please contact the G20 Research Group at g20@utoronto.ca.

Table 2: 2023 G20 New Delhi Final Compliance Scores

	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	China	France	Germany	India	Indonesia	Italy	Japan	Korea	Mexico	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	Türkiye	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
1 Development: Action on the SDGs	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+0.70	85%
2 Development: Financing the SDGs	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.45	73%
3 Health: Access to Affordable Healthcare	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.65	83%
4 Gender: Closing the Pay Gap	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	-1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+0.40	70%
5 Climate Change: Facilitating Access to Funding	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.95	98%
6 Food and Agriculture: Investing in Food Systems	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.55	78%
7 Digital Economy: Artificial Intelligence	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
8 Macroeconomy: Addressing the Impacts of War	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.65	83%
9 Education: High Quality Education	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.90	95%
Final Score	+0.56	+1.00	+0.89	+1.00	+0.56	+0.78	+0.78	+0.44	+0.56	+0.89	+0.89	+0.78	+0.67	0.00	+0.56	+0.11	+0.78	+0.78	+0.89	+1.00	+0.69	85%
	78%	100%	94%	100%	78%	89%	89%	72%	78%	94%	94%	89%	83%	50%	78%	56%	89%	89%	94%	100%	85%	

Table 3: 2023 G20 New Delhi Final Compliance by Member

Rank	Member	Average	
1	Australia	+1.00	100%
	Canada		
	European Union		
4	Brazil	+0.89	94%
	Italy		
	Japan		
	United States		
8	France	+0.78	89%
	Germany		
	Korea		
	Türkiye		
	United Kingdom		
13	Mexico	+0.67	83%
14	Argentina	+0.56	78%
	China		
	Indonesia		
	Saudi Arabia		
18	India	+0.44	72%
19	South Africa	+0.11	56%
20	Russia	0	50%

Table 4: 2023 G20 New Delhi Final Compliance Scores by Commitment

Rank	Issue	Average	
1	Digital Economy: Artificial Intelligence	+1.00	100%
2	Climate Change: Funding	+0.95	98%
3	Education: High Quality Education	+0.90	95%
4	Development: SDGs	+0.70	85%
5	Health: Affordable healthcare	+0.65	83%
	Macroeconomy: War		
7	Food and Agriculture: Food Systems	+0.55	78%
8	Development: Finance	+0.45	73%
9	Gender: Pay Gap	+0.40	70%

Table 5: G20 Compliance by Member, 2008–2023

Member	Final		Final		Final		Final		Final		Final		Final	
	Washington 2008		London 2009		Pittsburgh 2009		Toronto 2010		Seoul 2010		Cannes 2011		Los Cabos 2012	
Argentina	0	50%	-0.60	20%	-0.13	44%	0	50%	-0.08	46%	0	50%	+0.31	66%
Australia	n/a	–	+0.60	80%	+0.50	75%	+0.56	78%	+0.85	93%	+0.67	84%	+0.94	97%
Brazil	+1.00	100%	+0.20	60%	-0.63	19%	+0.29	65%	+0.42	71%	+0.60	80%	+0.56	78%
Canada	+1.00	100%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%	+0.78	89%	+0.69	85%	+0.73	87%	+0.75	88%
China	0	50%	-0.40	30%	+0.13	57%	+0.38	69%	+0.42	71%	+0.53	77%	+0.38	69%
France	+1.00	100%	+0.80	90%	+0.63	82%	+0.56	78%	+0.77	89%	+0.60	80%	+0.69	85%
Germany	+1.00	100%	+0.80	90%	+0.63	82%	+0.56	78%	+0.54	77%	+0.67	84%	+0.56	78%
India	0	50%	-0.40	30%	-0.38	31%	-0.29	36%	+0.42	71%	+0.60	80%	+0.50	75%
Indonesia	n/a	–	-0.40	30%	-0.63	19%	-0.13	44%	+0.36	68%	+0.14	57%	+0.47	74%
Italy	+1.00	100%	0	50%	+0.13	57%	+0.56	78%	+0.77	89%	+0.80	90%	+0.19	60%
Japan	+1.00	100%	+0.20	60%	+0.50	75%	+0.56	78%	+0.62	81%	+0.47	74%	+0.50	75%
Korea	n/a	–	0	50%	+0.75	88%	+0.56	78%	+0.46	73%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%
Mexico	+1.00	100%	0	50%	+0.25	63%	-0.14	43%	+0.58	79%	+0.67	84%	+0.69	85%
Russia	0	50%	+0.40	70%	+0.38	69%	+0.13	57%	+0.59	80%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%
Saudi Arabia	n/a	–	+0.20	60%	-0.13	44%	-0.13	44%	+0.08	54%	+0.21	61%	+0.50	75%
South Africa	+1.00	100%	+0.40	70%	+0.63	82%	-0.14	43%	+0.33	67%	+0.47	74%	+0.47	74%
Türkiye	n/a	–	+0.20	60%	-0.25	38%	-0.14	43%	+0.17	59%	+0.20	60%	+0.25	63%
United Kingdom	+1.00	100%	+1.00	100%	+0.50	75%	+0.78	89%	+0.77	89%	+0.87	94%	+0.81	91%
United States	0	50%	+0.40	70%	+1.00	100%	+0.33	67%	+0.38	69%	+0.53	77%	+0.81	91%
European Union	+1.00	100%	+0.60	80%	+0.38	69%	+0.57	79%	+0.82	91%	+0.85	93%	+0.75	88%
Average	+0.67	83%	+0.23	62%	+0.24	62%	+0.28	64%	+0.50	75%	+0.54	77%	+0.57	79%

n/a = not available

Member	Final		Final		Final		Final		Final		Final		Final	
	St. Petersburg 2013		Brisbane 2014		Antalya 2015		Hangzhou 2016		Hamburg 2017		Buenos Aires 2018		Osaka 2019	
Argentina	+0.06	53%	+0.06	53%	+0.53	76%	+0.63	82%	+0.82	91%	+0.75	88%	+0.53	76%
Australia	+0.63	81%	+0.59	79%	+0.65	82%	+0.79	89%	+0.71	85%	+0.80	90%	+0.74	87%
Brazil	+0.31	66%	+0.12	56%	+0.53	76%	+0.58	79%	+0.82	91%	+0.70	85%	+0.47	74%
Canada	+0.44	72%	+0.71	85%	+0.65	82%	+0.84	92%	+0.94	97%	+0.75	88%	+0.79	89%
China	+0.19	59%	+0.59	79%	+0.59	79%	+0.74	87%	+0.76	88%	+0.75	88%	+0.42	71%
France	+0.69	84%	+0.63	81%	+0.71	85%	+0.63	82%	+0.94	97%	+1.00	100%	+0.71	85%
Germany	+0.75	88%	+0.69	84%	+0.71	85%	+0.79	89%	+0.88	94%	+0.65	83%	+0.88	94%
India	+0.63	81%	+0.59	79%	+0.65	82%	+0.63	82%	+0.82	91%	+0.75	88%	+0.58	79%
Indonesia	+0.50	75%	+0.12	56%	+0.18	59%	+0.53	76%	+0.94	97%	+0.45	73%	+0.32	66%
Italy	+0.44	72%	+0.13	56%	+0.71	85%	+0.32	66%	+0.76	88%	+0.35	68%	+0.65	82%
Japan	+0.31	66%	+0.65	82%	+0.35	68%	+0.68	84%	+0.76	88%	+0.55	78%	+0.58	79%
Korea	+0.38	69%	+0.65	82%	+0.53	76%	+0.68	84%	+0.71	85%	+0.60	80%	+0.42	71%
Mexico	+0.38	69%	+0.47	74%	+0.53	76%	+0.53	76%	+0.65	82%	+0.60	80%	+0.53	76%
Russia	+0.44	72%	+0.47	74%	+0.47	74%	+0.68	84%	+0.65	82%	+0.35	68%	+0.47	74%
Saudi Arabia	+0.06	53%	-0.24	38%	+0.35	68%	+0.42	71%	+0.59	79%	+0.45	73%	+0.42	71%
South Africa	+0.25	63%	-0.12	44%	+0.24	62%	+0.37	68%	+0.65	82%	+0.45	73%	+0.37	68%
Türkiye	+0.25	63%	0	50%	+0.41	71%	+0.37	68%	+0.29	65%	+0.05	53%	+0.42	71%
United Kingdom	+0.75	88%	+0.76	88%	+0.71	85%	+0.47	74%	+0.94	97%	+0.25	63%	+0.74	87%
United States	+0.69	84%	+0.76	88%	+0.71	85%	+0.42	71%	+0.35	68%	+0.75	88%	+0.42	71%
European Union	+0.63	81%	+0.75	88%	+0.81	91%	+0.84	92%	+0.94	97%	+0.37	68%	+1.00	100%
Average	+0.44	72%	+0.42	71%	+0.55	77%	+0.60	80%	+0.75	87%	+0.57	78%	+0.57	79%

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Member	Final		Interim		Final		Interim		Final		Interim		Final	
	Riyadh 2020		Rome 2021				Bali 2022				New Delhi 2023			
Argentina	+0.60	80%	+0.43	71%	+0.73	76%	+0.73	87%	+0.73	87%	+0.44	72%	+0.56	78%
Australia	+0.90	95%	+0.33	67%	+0.60	69%	+0.60	80%	+0.87	93%	+0.89	94%	+1.00	100%
Brazil	+0.65	83%	+0.19	60%	+0.53	71%	+0.53	77%	+0.53	77%	+0.67	83%	+0.89	94%
Canada	+0.85	93%	+0.57	79%	+0.64	81%	+0.60	80%	+0.80	90%	+0.78	89%	+1.00	100%
China	+0.70	85%	+0.48	74%	+0.53	76%	+0.53	77%	+0.67	83%	+0.67	83%	+0.56	78%
France	+0.90	95%	+0.50	75%	+0.21	80%	+0.21	61%	+0.29	64%	+0.67	83%	+0.78	89%
Germany	+1.00	100%	+0.75	88%	+0.79	88%	+0.71	86%	+0.87	93%	+0.78	89%	+0.78	89%
India	+0.35	68%	+0.24	62%	+0.67	67%	+0.67	83%	+0.73	87%	+0.44	72%	+0.44	72%
Indonesia	+0.55	78%	+0.10	55%	+0.47	60%	+0.47	73%	+0.47	73%	+0.56	78%	+0.56	78%
Italy	+0.63	82%	+0.35	68%	+0.50	73%	+0.50	75%	+0.57	79%	+0.89	94%	+0.89	94%
Japan	+0.75	88%	+0.62	81%	+0.67	83%	+0.60	80%	+0.67	83%	+0.89	94%	+0.89	94%
Korea	+0.95	98%	+0.24	62%	+0.73	71%	+0.73	87%	+0.80	90%	+0.78	89%	+0.78	89%
Mexico	+0.40	70%	+0.19	60%	0	64%	0	50%	+0.20	60%	+0.33	67%	+0.67	83%
Russia	+0.55	78%	0.00	50%	+0.40	57%	+0.27	63%	+0.20	60%	0	50%	0.00	50%
Saudi Arabia	+0.65	83%	+0.14	57%	+0.53	62%	+0.53	77%	+0.67	83%	+0.44	72%	+0.56	78%
South Africa	+0.45	73%	0.00	50%	-0.07	50%	-0.07	47%	+0.13	57%	+0.11	56%	+0.11	56%
Türkiye	+0.70	85%	+0.14	57%	-0.07	60%	-0.07	47%	0	50%	+0.89	94%	+0.78	89%
United Kingdom	+0.95	98%	+0.81	90%	+0.80	95%	+0.80	90%	+0.80	90%	+0.56	78%	+0.78	89%
United States	+0.85	93%	+0.62	81%	+0.73	81%	+0.73	87%	+0.60	80%	+0.89	94%	+0.89	94%
European Union	+0.95	98%	+0.62	81%	+0.60	90%	+0.60	80%	+0.93	97%	+0.89	94%	+1.00	100%
Average	+0.72	86%	+0.37	68%	+0.50	73%	+0.48	74%	+0.58	78%	+0.63	81%	+0.69	85%

1. Development: Collective Action on the Sustainable Development Goals

“To accelerate progress on SDGs [Sustainable Development Goals], we commit to taking collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France		0	
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.70 (85%)	

Background

The G20 plays a leading role in contributing to the implementation of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. The G20 leaders first recognized the need to explore ways to restore emerging and developing countries' access to credit and resume private capital flows that are critical for sustainable growth and development at the 2008 Washington Summit. The 2015 Antalya Summit was the first time SDGs were mentioned by the G20 and commitments were laid out to align with the SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.³

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the G20 leaders had launched the Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth to set out the G20's economic agenda and assess future progress. They recognized the importance of including developing countries in the efforts to narrow the development gap.⁴

³ 2008 Washington G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 15, 2008. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-08-washington.html#economy>

⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) September 24, 2009. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, the G20 leaders created the G20 Development Working Group to lead the implementation of the G20's development goals and to help secure strong, sustainable and balanced growth.⁵

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, the leaders pledged to continue their coordinated efforts and act together to generate strong, sustainable and balanced growth and agreed to develop a common view to meet these new challenges and a path to strong, sustainable and balanced growth beyond the 2008-9 global economic crisis.⁶ They launched the Seoul Development Consensus. The Seoul Action Plan emerged as the first attempt to concentrate efforts on overcoming significant barriers to inclusive, sustainable, and resilient growth in developing countries, particularly low-income countries. The primary focus areas identified by G20 leaders included infrastructure, human resources development, trade, private investment, job creation, food security, growth with resilience, financial inclusion, domestic resource mobilization, and knowledge sharing.⁷ Several of these subjects were later covered by the 'SDGs.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders reiterated the importance of promoting sustainable development and identifying new actions to enhance collaboration and find a collective and targeted solution to pressing development challenges.⁸

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to shared growth. They emphasised the need to enhance the inclusion of developing countries in the implementation of sustainable development goals with focus on economic growth, environmental protection and social inclusion.⁹

The 2015 Antalya Summit marked a significant milestone as G20 leaders committed to developing an action plan aligning the G20's work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which had been launched at the UN in September 2015. They reiterated their pledge to ensuring their actions contributed to inclusive and sustainable growth, including in low income developing countries.¹⁰ The G20 National Remittance Plans developed in 2015 included concrete actions towards the leaders' commitment to align with the SDGs and Addis Ababa Action Agenda.¹¹

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders pledged to enhance policy coherence on sustainable development and reaffirmed their commitment to further align their work with the universal implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development based on the comparative advantage and the added value of the G20 and in accordance with their national circumstances, while acknowledging that the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda is a UN-led process. The G20 leaders endorsed the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and committed to further align the G20's work with the 2030 Agenda.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed the commitment to collaborate closely in facilitating well-balanced and economically viable long-term strategies in order to transform and

⁵ 2010 G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 27, 2010. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-leakedcommunique.html>

⁶ 2010 Seoul G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 12, 2010. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-10-seoul.html>

⁷ G20 Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, OECD. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/g20/summits/seoul/G20-Seoul-Summit-Leaders-Declaration.pdf>

⁸ 2012 Progress Report of the Development Working Group, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 19, 2012. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-dwg.html>

⁹ 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) September 5, 2013. Access Date: 10 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2013stpetersburg.html>

¹⁰ 2015 Antalya G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 16, 2015. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-15-antalya.html>

¹¹ Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII). G20 National Remittance Plans. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.gpfi.org/g20-national-remittance-plans>

enhance their economies and energy systems consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹² The leaders also committed to further align their actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods. The Hamburg Update was a first step towards putting the G20 Action Plan into practice and making the collective and concrete G20 actions more visible.¹³

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 highlight collective and concrete G20 actions based on consensus and dialogue towards implementing the G20 Action Plan and contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁴

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to further lead efforts to foster development and address other global challenges to pave the way towards an inclusive and sustainable world as envisioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁵

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Financing for Sustainable Development Framework, emphasizing the G20's leading role in the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.¹⁶

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a global response to accelerate progress on the implementation of the SDGs. The leaders committed to strengthen their actions to implement the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda and recognised the importance of SDG localization.¹⁷

At the 2022 Bali Summit, aligned with the Indonesian G20 Presidency theme, “Recover Together, Recover Stronger,” G20 leaders pledged coordinated actions for sustainable development. They asked the Multilateral Development Banks to bring forward actions to mobilize and provide additional financing within their mandates, to support achievement of the SDGs including through sustainable development and infrastructure investments, and responding to global challenges. They highlighted their intention to demonstrate leadership and take collective actions to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.¹⁸

Commitment Features

At the 2022 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles.”¹⁹

¹² 2017 Hamburg G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) July 8, 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-17-hamburg.html>

¹³ OECD, "Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development," OECD. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/g20/topics/agenda-2030-development/>

¹⁴ 2018 Buenos Aires G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) December 1, 2018. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-18-buenosaires.html>

¹⁵ 2019 Osaka G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 29, 2019. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-19-osaka.html>

¹⁶ 2020 Riyadh G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 22, 2020. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-20-riyadh.html>

¹⁷ 2021 Rome G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) October 30, 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-21-rome.html>

¹⁸ 2022 Bali G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) November 10, 2022. Access Date: 30 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-22-bali.html>

¹⁹ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Research Group (Toronto). 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

Definitions and Concepts

The High-Level Principles are summarized as follows²⁰:

The G20 should put sustainable development at the centre of the international cooperation agenda and leave no one behind, while, reaffirming the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and supporting developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island development states (SIDS).

The G20 should continue to support and promote the creation of an enabling environment for sustainable development for all countries, especially for developing countries and for the provision of Global Public Goods.

The G20 commits to promote digital transformation; gender equality and empowerment of women; and implementation of sustainable, inclusive and just transitions globally while leaving no one behind, such as through transfer of technology in line with WTO rules, technology deployment, promoting access to finance from all sources, and capacity building. This includes taking concrete actions to reduce job, education, food and energy access, gender and other inequalities.

The G20 commits to making poverty alleviation a key priority in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and strengthening international cooperation in this regard, through G20 concrete and collective actions addressing structural vulnerabilities and imbalances, especially those faced by developing countries, and building a shared understanding of the multidimensional nature of vulnerability in partnership with the UN system.

The G20 commits to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including via strengthening policy strategies and governance of comprehensive risk management including disaster risk reduction, displacement and non-economic losses. We welcome the establishment of the G20 Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction during the Indian Presidency.

The G20 emphasizes the interlinkages between implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, the CBD and the KMGBF with the view of realizing the 2050 Vision of “Living in harmony with Nature,” the UNCCD, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda through an integrated and balanced approach, while taking into account national circumstances of developing countries and enhancing international cooperation and partnerships to mobilise adequate financing from all sources, innovative solutions and technologies, technology dissemination and capacity building.

The G20 calls upon the developed countries to fully deliver on their respective commitments on official development assistance that complement and encourage development financing from all other sources including domestic and private sources. G20 reaffirms the importance of promoting development finance respecting the applicable finance related principles, while noting the importance of transparency and mutual accountability. The G20 will also promote individual and collective actions for pursuing strategic and targeted national policies and support. The G20 will continue its work to drive sustainable investments in sustainable development taking into account national development plans including through work of G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group.

²⁰ G20 2023 Action Plan on accelerating progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 12 June 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/G20_2023_Action_Plan_for_SDG.pdf

The G20 recognizes the key role of international financial institutions (IFIs), including the multilateral development banks (MDBs) for providing and mobilizing development financing, knowledge support, and for catalysing private investment and supporting the work of International Financial Architecture Working Group. In this regard, also recognizing the need for scaling up accessible financing for climate, nature and biodiversity.

The G20 recognizes sustainable, resilient, safe, accessible, affordable, inclusive and quality infrastructure and infrastructure investments as a key driver of economic prosperity in line with G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment and the G20 Guidelines on Quality Infrastructure for Regional Connectivity. We would promote collective actions for encouraging IFIs, including MDBs, and development financial institutions (DFIs) to support developing countries to scale-up and accelerate infrastructure investment including through mobilising public and private investments, providing knowledge and capacity building support and facilitating last mile connectivity.

The G20 stresses the need to urgently promote collective actions to support inclusive growth and sustainable development models that take into account priorities, needs, vulnerabilities and different national circumstances of developing countries. It is vital to respect each country's policy space and leadership to implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development, while remaining consistent with relevant international rules and commitments. The G20 also recognizes the role of local and regional governments, and other local actors, in a whole of society approach, to achieve the SDGs.

The G20 stresses that achievement of the SDGs needs to be accelerated across all countries, including through provision of global public goods, and any spill overs in this process need to be carefully addressed. Further, the G20 would make efforts to tailor its contribution to the 2030 Agenda taking into account the multi-dimensionality and non-linearity of the development process.

The G20 will demonstrate leadership and take collective actions to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030 and address developmental challenges by reinvigorating a more inclusive multilateralism and reform aimed at implementing the 2030 Agenda.

The G20 will continue to strengthen G20 efforts including through supporting the work of relevant G20 work streams and reiterate our commitment to step up our efforts to implement the Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative in a predictable, timely, orderly and coordinated manner.

The G20 will enhance its cooperation, coordination and partnerships with the United Nations, IFIs including the MDBs, non-G20 developing countries and across the G20 tracks to contribute to addressing the cross-cutting challenges being faced in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The G20 will aim to contribute to the United Nations Summit of the Future, High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, SDG Summit and other relevant processes.

“Effective” is understood to mean “operating in a way that produces the intended result. It does not mean any effort, especially thoughtless ones.”²¹

“Timely” is understood to mean “something coming early or at the right time.”²²

²¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²² Timely, Merriam-Webster. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/timely>

“Implementation” is understood to mean “the process of making something active or effective.”²³

“Accelerate” is understood to mean “to hasten the progress or development of something”²⁴

“Progress” is understood to mean “movement to an improved or more developed state”²⁵

“G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs (including its High-Level Principles)” refers to a multi – year living document from G20 members in which they commit to deliver on the 2023 Agenda through collective action and transformative transitions.²⁶ The High-Level Principles centre on development and the environment.

“To accelerate progress (on the SDGs)” is understood to mean initiatives taken by G20 governments and non-state actors with the intention of accelerating SDG implementation.²⁷ It can refer to a new action or an ongoing action that is being implemented at a faster pace in order to achieve one of more of the SDGs. The ongoing action that is accelerated can include the introduction of a new phase or a scaling up of the effort.

“Effective implementation” is understood as taking steps forward in the right direction.²⁸ While the commitment may be part of a longer -term initiative and actions on it may continue into the prolonged future, concrete steps need to be taken in the near future to be considered implantation.

“Timely implementation” is understood to mean taking steps in the right direction in the near future.²⁹ This should not, therefore, be interpreted to mean prolonged or delayed action.

General Interpretive Guidelines

The G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs identifies the three overarching dimensions of the SDGs as a) economic, b) environmental and c) social. To achieve full compliance, the G20 members must strongly comply with most aspects of each of these three dimensions. The G20 members have also committed to leave no one behind, so for full compliance, inclusivity, equity and the prioritization of the most vulnerable countries and demographics is needed.³⁰ With six years remaining for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the commitment calls for timely actions. For the purposes of this report strong implementing action must be taken within the compliance period. For full compliance cooperative action, i.e. bilateral, plurilateral or multilateral, is also required whereas unilateral domestic action will receive a score of 0.

²³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁴ Accelerate, Merriam -Webster. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

²⁵ Progress, Cambridge Dictionary. Access Date: March 9 2024.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/progress>

²⁶ G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) June 12 2023. Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230612-sdg-action-plan.html>

²⁷ About the SDG Accelerations, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) Access Date: March 9 2024. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/action-networks/acceleration-actions/about>

²⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³⁰ G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs, G20 Research Group (Toronto) June 12 2023. Access Date: March 9, 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230612-sdg-action-plan.html>

To determine compliance, the actions taken by the G20 members will be broken down into two types of actions 1) strong and 2) less than strong.

Strong actions are defined as tangible actions that can reasonably be interpreted to have a long-term effect, such as legislation, treaties, policies, funding, that are collective/cooperative, and that are centred on inclusivity of the most vulnerable countries/demographics.

Less than strong actions are include one-time awareness campaigns, verbal reiterations of support, attending meetings etc., that are not focused on inclusivity, and are not cooperative, i.e. are unilateral/domestic actions.

Examples of strong, inclusive action on across the three dimensions include collaborations between G20 members and/or international organizations and/or LDCs/SIDs to provide capacity building support; building climate resilient infrastructure; working to reform the international financial architecture and enhance macroeconomic policy cooperation to create accessible financing for developing countries; collaborating on supporting a just transition for workers; reducing the gender pay gap, etc.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that take collective action for effective and timely implementation, across all three pillars of economic, social and environmental action, of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles. G20 members must take strong action in each of all three overarching dimensions aligned with the High-Level Principles, and the actions are both inclusive and cooperative.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0 will be assigned to G20 members that have taken action in at least 50 per cent of the commitment dimensions. This could include less than strong action across all three pillars or strong action across one or two pillars

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member has not taken collective action or has done less than 50% of the commitment criteria, for the effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs, including its High-Level Principles in any of the dimensions.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member took little to no action in any of all three overarching pillars.
0	The G20 member took action in least 50 per cent of the commitment's three pillars, such as less than strong action in all three pillars, strong action in one or two pillars, also taking into account the two criteria of cooperative action and inclusive action.
+1	The G20 member took strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles, and the actions under each of the three were inclusive and cooperative.

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Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 14 December 2023, Foreign Minister Diana Mondino met with European Union Member State Ambassadors and diplomatic representatives.³¹ This multilateral engagement included a working meeting which entailed common agreements to deepen the common agenda on cooperation. Minister Mondino requested openness to enhance sustainable and durable trade development.

On 15 December 2023, the Secretary of Bioeconomy, Fernando Vilela met with representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank, Agustín Aguerre, Rural Development Specialist, Bruno Jacquet and General Manager of the Southern Cone Countries Department, Florencia Attademo.³² The objective was to gain a deeper understanding of the Argentinian bioeconomy and reaffirmed commitment to international agreements regarding technological sustainability.

On 28 December 2023, Minister Mondino met with Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi.³³ The meeting entailed discussions on the NUTEC Plastics Initiative in partnership with the Argentine Antarctic Program, which aims to address marine pollution. In addition, Minister Mondino and Grossi discussed the role of nuclear technology and energy under the Argentine nuclear programme, and its impact on promoting sustainable development.

On 3 January 2024, Bioeconomy Secretariat and Germany's Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture installed the first pilot site for sustainable production.³⁴ This aim is to increase bilateral commitments to sustainable development in agriculture.

On 10 January 2024, Minister Mondino convened with Heads of United Nations Agency offices in Argentina.³⁵ The objective was to present main actions carried out under the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. Furthermore, it reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to their partnership with the United Nations and supporting sustainable development goals.

On 26 January 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in a bilateral conversation with the Republic of Azerbaijan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jeyhun Bayramov.³⁶ The dialogue included commitments to strengthen the bilateral partnership and support Argentina in undertaking climate issues and sustainable development.

³¹ La canciller Mondino recibió a los embajadores de la Unión Europea, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 14 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-mondino-met-european-union-ambassadors>

³² Vilella recibió a representantes del Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo para analizar proyectos de inversión, Gobierno de Arge (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-recibio-representantes-del-banco-interamericano-de-desarrollo-para-analizar>

³³ Mondino recibió a Rafael Grossi y reafirmó el compromiso de la Argentina con el Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 28 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/mondino-received-rafael-grossi-and-reaffirmed-argentina-commitment-international>

³⁴ La Argentina instala el primer sitio piloto para una producción sostenible, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 3 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-argentina-instala-el-primer-sitio-piloto-para-una-produccion-sostenible>

³⁵ La Canciller Mondino se reunió con los jefes de oficinas de las Naciones Unidas en la Argentina, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 10 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-mondino-met-heads-un-offices-argentina>

³⁶ La Canciller Diana Mondino mantuvo un diálogo telefónico con su par de Azerbaiyán, Jeyhun Bayramov, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Analyst. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-diana-mondino-held-telephone-conversation-minister-foreign>

On 9 February 2024, the Undersecretary of American Affairs of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Mariano Vergara engaged in a bilateral meeting with the Republic of Paraguay to promote joint infrastructure projects.³⁷ The objective was to discuss strategies on increased connectivity, through the extension of logistics networks.

On 16 February 2024, Minister Mondino attended the Munich Security Conference in Munich, Germany.³⁸ In this multilateral dialogue, Minister Mondino reaffirmed the commitment of Argentina towards sustainable development goals.

On 17 February 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in a bilateral meeting with United States Special Envoy for Global Food Security, Cary Fowler.³⁹ This meeting consolidated Argentina's role as a global supplier and reaffirmed their commitment to Sustainable Development Goals through the discussion on sustainable livestock farming.

On 22 February 2024, President Javier Milei engaged in a bilateral meeting with United States Secretary of State, Antony Blinken.⁴⁰ This meeting consolidated efforts to deepen bilateral economic ties and reaffirmed commitments to promoting clean energy and transitions in trade sustainability.

On 22 February 2024, Minister Mondino, attended the first G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.⁴¹ This multilateral engagement reinforced Argentina's commitment to national and international sustainable development through the establishment of a stabilization program.

On 25 February 2024, Argentina became a signatory to the finalized Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement at the 13th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference.⁴² This multilateral agreement entails the relationship between foreign direct investment in promoting sustainable development.

On 27 February 2024, Undersecretary of Environment of the Ministry of the Interior, Ana Lamas and representative of the Environmental Transborder Movements Unit, Florencia Lanzillota joined the Global Women's Breakfast hosted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.⁴³ This

³⁷ Reunión para dar impulso a proyectos de infraestructura conjuntos con Paraguay, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Analyst. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-para-dar-impulso-proyectos-de-infraestructura-conjuntos-con-paraguay>

³⁸ Foreign Minister Diana Mondino began her official visit to Germany at the Munich Security Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/foreign-minister-diana-mondino-began-her-official-visit-germany-munich-security>

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⁴⁰ Secretary Blinken Visit to Argentina, United States Embassy in Argentina (Buenos Aires) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://ar.usembassy.gov/secretary-blinken-visit-to-argentina/>

⁴¹ Mondino participated in Rio de Janeiro in the first G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting and met with her counterparts from Indonesia, Uruguay and Canada, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/mondino-participated-rio-de-janeiro-first-g20-foreign-ministers-meeting-and-met>

⁴² Three-quarters of members mark finalization of IFD Agreement, request incorporation into WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 25 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news24_e/infac_25feb24_e.htm

⁴³ Ambiente participó del Desayuno Global de Mujeres 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-del-desayuno-global-de-mujeres-2024>

meeting emphasized the significance of multilateral partnerships to encourage the sustainable management of organic pollutants and metals.

On 28 February 2024, Minister of Economy Luis Caputo attended the G20 Ministerial Meeting in São Paulo, Brazil.⁴⁴ Minister Caputo convened with other ministers to discuss financing for sustainable development.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Mondino engaged in bilateral dialogue with Director of the Americas Division of Human Rights Watch, Dr. Juanita Goebertus Estrada.⁴⁵ This meeting consolidated objectives to promote and protect human rights and collaborate within international organization frameworks.

On 1 March 2024, Undersecretary Lamas attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.⁴⁶ This multilateral meeting aims to encourage environmental multilateralism in the development of global environmental policies.

On 1 March 2024, the Government of Argentina announced the establishment of two new air routes that will connect Argentinian cities with regional-international cities.⁴⁷ The objective is to increase international connection and promote the development of economies through subsequent tourism objectives.

On 5 March 2024, President Javier Milei, Secretary Vilella, General Secretary of the Presidency, Karina Milei, Secretary of Industry and Productive Development, Juan Pazo, Presidential Spokesperson, Manuel Adorni and National Deputy, José Luis Espert were in attendance at Expoagro 2024.⁴⁸ This agrobioindustrial fair aims to highlight the agrobioindustrial exports and processes such as transformation of biomass, which contributes to environmentally sustainable processes and exports of food, bioinputs and bioproducts.

On 6 March 2024, Minister Mondino alongside Secretary Vilella and Secretary Pazo, led a multilateral delegation on the agro-bioindustrial industry.⁴⁹ The delegation of 45 international leaders reaffirmed Argentinian-international partnerships and conceptualized ideas for the advancement of technology in the industry.

On 18 March 2024, Argentina represented by United Nations Argentina in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme attended Lollapalooza music festival to promote a recreational

⁴⁴ Luis Caputo participó en la Reunión de Ministros del G20 y se reunió con la Directora Gerente del FMI, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-participo-en-la-reunion-de-ministros-del-g20-y-se-reunio-con-la-directora>

⁴⁵ La Canciller Diana Mondino se reunió con la Directora de la División de las Américas de Human Rights Watch. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-canciller-diana-mondino-se-reunio-con-la-directora-de-la-division-de-las>

⁴⁶ Lamas participa de la Asamblea de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Medio Ambiente, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-participa-de-la-asamblea-de-las-naciones-unidas-sobre-el-medio-ambiente>

⁴⁷ Dos nuevas rutas aéreas que conectan a la Argentina con la región y fomentan el turismo, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/dos-nuevas-rutas-aereas-que-conectan-la-argentina-con-la-region-y-fomentan-el-turismo>

⁴⁸ El Presidente Javier Milei presente en el stand de Bioeconomía de Expoagro 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-presidente-javier-milei-presente-en-el-stand-de-bioeconomia-de-exoagro-2024>

⁴⁹ Vilella, Pazo y Mondino les mostraron a más de 50 diplomáticos internacionales la potencia de la Bioeconomía en Expoagro 2024, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-pazo-y-mondino-les-mostraron-mas-de-50-diplomaticos-internacionales-la-potencia-de>

proposal on environmental pollution and sustainability.⁵⁰ This initiative achieved 17 Sustainable Development objectives.

On 18 March 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).⁵¹ This meeting entailed advisory strategies from the UNDP that Argentina can implement to continue the progress of SDGs.

On 21 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kamikawa Yoko.⁵² This meeting reaffirmed commitments to Argentina's sustainable growth through development cooperation, as outlined in the Diplomatic Initiative Towards Latin America and the Caribbean. This included objectives to strengthen bilateral cooperation regarding sustainable development support.

On 26 March 2024, public and private representatives attended the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goal 2.⁵³ The Co-coordinator ad interim of Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism Secretariat, Magdalena Ackerman and Senior Vice President of Sustainability Strategy and Partnerships at Danone, Corporate Affairs Director for Argentina, Facundo Etchebehere attended. This meeting aimed to review SDG 2 progress and identify areas for improvement with public-private collaboration.

On 9 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with advisor of Energy, Environment, Science, Technology and Health of the United States Embassy, Sean Greenley.⁵⁴ This meeting included preparation for the presentation of the Biennial Transparency Report regarding compliance to commitments entailed in the Paris Agreement. In addition, the dialogue included plans to increase financing for green transition development.

On 11 April 2024, the Secretary of Environment, Tourism and Sports, Daniel Scioli, and Undersecretary Lamas met with representatives of the World Bank.⁵⁵ The dialogue entailed strategies of accessing private financing for sustainability projects in rural and nature tourism alongside forestry and agriculture. In addition, proposals for financing of sustainable tourism infrastructure were presented, reaffirming Argentina's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals.

⁵⁰ Sincontaminaciónporplásticos la premisa de la ONU en Argentina en Lollapalooza 2024, Naciones Unidas Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://argentina.un.org/es/263742-sincontaminaci%C3%B3nporpl%C3%A1sticos-la-premisa-de-la-onu-en-argentina-en-lollapalooza-2024>

⁵¹ Lamas recibió a representantes del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-representantes-del-programa-de-las-naciones-unidas-para-el-desarrollo>

⁵² Japan-Argentina Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00233.html

⁵³ Expert Group Meeting on SDG 2, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (New York) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals-helpdesk/overview/sdg-progress-and-alignment/2030-agenda-follow-up-and-review/expert-group-meeting-on-sdg-2/>

⁵⁴ Lamas recibió al representante ambiental de la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Argentina, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-al-representante-ambiental-de-la-embajada-de-estados-unidos-en-argentina-0>

⁵⁵ La transformación económica sustentable, eje de un encuentro de Ambiente con el Banco Mundial, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 11 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-transformacion-economica-sustentable-eje-de-un-encuentro-de-ambiente-con-el-banco>

On 18 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with a representative of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.⁵⁶ This meeting aimed to provide current updates on the financing of development projects underway and establish funding for future collaborative sustainable development.

On 19 April 2024, Undersecretary of Foreign Policy, Ambassador Marcia Levaggi met with climate change negotiating teams from Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay to initiate the first coordination meeting of the Scientific Understanding of Risk Group.⁵⁷ This meeting consolidated multilateral commitments to sustainable development and discussion of negotiating issues including financing, technology and capacity building.

On 23 April 2024, Argentina participated in the third Conference of the Parties of the Escazú Agreement at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.⁵⁸ This multilateral meeting engaged the Escazú Agreement which promotes the distribution of environmental information to strengthen environmental protection. This dialogue reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to supporting Sustainable Development Goals.

On 23 April 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with a representative of Germany's Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Corinna Kuesel.⁵⁹ This public-private partnership entailed the collaboration of sustainable development projects including the incorporation of renewable energy and forest management.

On 14 May 2024, the Undersecretariat of Aquatic Resources of the Bioeconomy, Secretariat of the Ministry of Economy of the Nation and the Food and Agriculture Organization launched a training activity regarding the control of fisheries.⁶⁰ This activity included the application of software and inspection and aimed to simultaneously target Argentina's goals with digital transition, digital infrastructure and sustainable development.

On 18 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with United States Secretary of State, Antony Blinken.⁶¹ This bilateral meeting included a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, which entailed recommitment to cooperation on environmental sustainability.

On 20 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with representatives of Google Limited Liability Company including Global Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Karan Bhatia; the Vice

⁵⁶ Ambiente Nación recibió a representantes del Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 18 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-nacion-recibio-representantes-del-banco-de-desarrollo-de-america-latina-y-el>

⁵⁷ Primera reunión de coordinación del Grupo SUR sobre Cambio Climático, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 19 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/primer-reunion-de-coordinacion-del-grupo-sur-sobre-cambio-climatico>

⁵⁸ Ambiente Nación participó de la COP 3 del Acuerdo de Escazú, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-nacion-participo-de-la-cop-3-del-acuerdo-de-escazu>

⁵⁹ Lamas se reunió con la referente en Argentina de la Agencia Alemana de Cooperación Internacional, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-se-reunio-con-la-referente-en-argentina-de-la-agencia-alemana-de-cooperacion>

⁶⁰ Ambiente, Bioeconomía y FAO capacitan sobre una APP de control y fiscalización pesquera, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-bioeconomia-y-fao-capacitan-sobre-una-app-de-control-y-fiscalizacion-pesquera-0>

⁶¹ Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Foreign Minister Mondino, United States Embassy in Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://ar.usembassy.gov/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-minister-mondino/>

President of Government Affairs and Public Policies of Emerging Markets for Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Russia, Doron Avni; and the Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Latin America, Eleonora Rabinovich.⁶² The public-private partnership meeting entailed dialogues addressing the development of Artificial Intelligence and collaboration on future digital transition strategies.

On 7 June 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Gabriel Martínez attended the fourth meeting of the Trade and Investment Council with Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere, Daniel Watson.⁶³ This bilateral meeting aimed to strengthen trade relations and reconcile goals regarding digitalization of economies, focusing on artificial intelligence and environmental sustainability.

On 11 June 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Norway's Ambassador in Argentina, Kalvor Sætre, and the President of the Argentine Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, Sven Engevik in a bilateral meeting titled "Decarbonization and energy transition: What can we learn from the Norwegian economy?"⁶⁴ The meeting included bilateral dialogue on technological development to aid decarbonization strategies.

On 19 June 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Director of the Investment and Foreign Trade Bank, Nicolás Scioli.⁶⁵ The meeting entailed dialogues regarding financing with focus on environmental commitments. In addition, Lamas and Scioli discussed the promotion of financial inclusion and productive investment projects.

On 11 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with Brazil's Minister Counsellor of the Embassy, Mauricio Fernando Dias Favero.⁶⁶ This meeting entailed bilateral dialogue on strengthening efforts regarding environmental sustainability in ongoing development projects. These projects target Mercosur, the Trinational Project in the South Atlantic and offshore exploration. Furthermore, strategies for progress in renewable energy were discussed and ongoing commitment to environmental protection was restated.

On 18 July 2024, Undersecretary of International Financial Relations Matías Mana and Secretary of Finance Pablo Quirno participated in the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean's approval of USD100 million for the increase of resource mobilization by ameliorating climate resilience of basic services and strengthening road-based infrastructure.⁶⁷

⁶² Reunión con directivos de Google LLC, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercios Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 20 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

⁶³ Joint Statement on the Fourth Meeting of the United States – Argentina Council on Trade and Investment, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercios Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/joint-statement-fourth-meeting-united-states-argentina-council-trade-and>

⁶⁴ Ambiente participó en un intercambio sobre descarbonización y transición energética con Noruega, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-en-un-intercambio-sobre-descarbonizacion-y-transicion-energetica-con>.

⁶⁵ Lamas se reunió con autoridades del Banco de Inversión y Comercio Exterior, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-se-reunio-con-autoridades-del-banco-de-inversion-y-comercio-exterior>

⁶⁶ Lamas recibió a representantes de la Embajada de Brasil en Argentina, Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros (Buenos Aires) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lamas-recibio-representantes-de-la-embajada-de-brasil-en-argentina>.

⁶⁷ CAF aprobó un crédito por USD 100 millones para infraestructura y planificación territorial en Neuquén, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 18 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/caf-aprobo-un-credito-por-usd-100-millones-para-infraestructura-y-planificacion-territorial>.

On 19 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas met with government representatives to discuss issues related to fishing in Argentina.⁶⁸ Gabriela Navarro, Director of Fisheries Planning of the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture, noted the importance of reducing fishing gear to reduce environmental impact when they are so often lost.

On 24 July 2024, Undersecretary Lamas and the Director of Interjurisdictional and Access to Information, Viviana Zara, carried the award ceremony to the National Entity of Water and Sanitation Works (ENOHSA) and the National Parks Administration (APN), for meeting the objectives of the Public Body Committed to Sustainability, within the framework of the Sustainable Public Buildings program.⁶⁹ This ceremony not only celebrated achievements, but it reaffirms Argentina's commitment to a greener and more sustainable future.

On 1 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas participated in the opening of a workshop which outlined an initiative created to strengthen the sustainable management of chemical substances and hazardous waste in Argentina during the period 2025-2030.⁷⁰ The meeting took place over three days and in attendance were representatives from a variety of areas of national and local government, representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, actors from the industrial sector and officials.

On 3 August 2024, Secretary Scioli and Undersecretary Lamas met with the French ambassador to Argentina, Romain Nadal, to discuss environmental issues shared by both countries, with special focus on energy transition, renewable energy, and green hydrogen.⁷¹ Willingness of French companies to collaborate on projects was made clear. Officials discussed ocean preservation, the Pampa Azul project, coastal planning, fishing, offshore exploration, and Maine Protected Areas.

On 9 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas led a meeting with representatives of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, the Federal Fisheries Council, and the Argentine Naval Prefecture to discuss strategic components of the tripartite project Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay Large Aquatic Ecosystems of the Western South Atlantic situated within the international waters' axis of the Global Environment Facility.⁷² The meeting emphasized the importance of involving private sectors in the project and highlighted the willingness of teams from Brazil and Uruguay to advance joint work.

On 14 August 2024, Undersecretary Lamas and the Canadian ambassador, Reid Sirrs, met to discuss the current situation of fires that are occurring in both countries.⁷³ Different ways of addressing

⁶⁸ Pesca fue el eje en una nueva reunión de Ambiente con organismos nacionales (Buenos Aires) 18 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/pesca-fue-el-eje-en-una-nueva-reunion-de-ambiente-con-organismos-nacionales>.

⁶⁹ Ambiente distinguió a organismos del Estado por su compromiso con la sostenibilidad (Buenos Aires) 24 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-distinguió-organismos-del-estado-por-su-compromiso-con-la-sostenibilidad>.

⁷⁰ Ana Lamas presente en el lanzamiento de un proyecto para fortalecer la gestión sustentable de las sustancias químicas y los residuos peligrosos (Buenos Aires) 1 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ana-lamas-presente-en-el-lanzamiento-de-un-proyecto-para-fortalecer-la-gestion-sustentable>.

⁷¹ Ambiente y la Embajada de Francia fortalecen el trabajo conjunto en materia de transición energética y preservación ambiental (Buenos Aires) 3 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-y-la-embajada-de-francia-fortalecen-el-trabajo-conjunto-en-materia-de-transicion>.

⁷² Nación convocó una mesa de trabajo para avanzar en la gestión ambiental en el ecosistema del Atlántico Sur (Buenos Aires) 9 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nacion-convoco-una-mesa-de-trabajo-para-avanzar-en-la-gestion-ambiental-en-el-ecosistema>.

⁷³ Argentina y Canadá en diálogo por la gestión sustentable (Buenos Aires) 14 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-canada-en-dialogo-por-la-gestion-sustentable>

environmental issues such as waste management, biodiversity, and marine ecosystems for sustainable management in Argentina and Canada were shared. Both countries agreed to collaborate on sustainable environmental development.

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to progress SDGs. Argentina has achieved the commitment requirements, with strong development of inter-G20 partnerships to sustain commitments.

On 7 October 2024, Minister Mondino met with the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar to discuss ways to expand bilateral trade and investment between the two countries in the energy sector, as well as in healthcare, agriculture, defense and technology.⁷⁴ These partnerships would support business opportunities and lead to joint development.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 14 December 2023, as part of the Government's additional \$48 million package aimed at supporting Australia's tourism and travel industry, \$10 million in funding was allocated to develop a national one-stop digital hub.⁷⁵ This grant was provided to Accommodation Australia to expand and promote its existing online platform, 'The Hub,' designed for tourism, travel, and hospitality employers and workers.

On 29 January 2024, the Government announced a \$35 million investment to continue the successful policing partnership between the Australian Federal Police and the Polícia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL).⁷⁶ This commitment underscores Australia's dedication to supporting regional security and building capacity within the PNTL. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to international cooperation in law enforcement and security.

On 24 February 2024, ahead of the 13th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference, the Australian Government announced an allocation of more than \$20 million to aid the region's trade and development needs.⁷⁷ This financial commitment to working with Indo-Pacific partners aims to build resilience and foster economic growth through trade, contributing to enhanced regional stability and prosperity. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to support trade and development in the Indo-Pacific region.

⁷⁴ Official visit to India: high-level meetings to expand bilateral agenda in trade, energy, space sector and nuclear technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (Buenos Aires) 7 October 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 21 October 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/official-visit-india-high-level-meetings-expand-bilateral-agenda-trade-energy>

⁷⁵ \$10 million funding for a tourism industry digital hub, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 14 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/10-million-funding-tourism-industry-digital-hub>

⁷⁶ \$35 million for Timor-Leste Police Development Program, Ministry of International Development and the Pacific (Canberra) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024 <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/35-million-timor-leste-police-development-program>

⁷⁷ Australian support for our region's trade and development, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024 <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/australian-support-our-regions-trade-and-development>

On 27 February 2024, Australia, issued a joint statement endorsing principles for the research and development of 6G wireless communication systems.⁷⁸ These principles aim for open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, resilient, and secure connectivity. By endorsing these principles alongside other countries, Australia demonstrates its full commitment to advancing 6G technology in alignment with global standards and collaborative efforts. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to the shared principles for 6G development.

On 15 March 2024, Tourism Minister Don Farrell and the Australian Tourism Industry Council (ATIC) launched the Tourism Emissions Reduction Program in Darwin.⁷⁹ This initiative is aimed at empowering tourism businesses to enhance their environmental sustainability, thereby boosting the competitiveness and marketability of Australia's attractions. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to promote sustainable tourism.

On 29 April 2024, the Australian Government introduced a \$1.4 million program to strengthen the tourism workforce in regional New South Wales, targeting young people, First Nations Australians, seniors, and people with disabilities.⁸⁰ This initiative supports Australia's commitment under the G20 2030 Action Plan to promote inclusive economic growth and sustainable employment, fully complied with the SDGs by 2030.

On 3 May 2024, Australia committed AUD492 million to the Asian Development Fund for the 2025-2028 pledging round. This funding, managed by the Asian Development Bank, aims to support transformative development projects across the Indo-Pacific region.⁸¹ It focuses on providing grants to lower-income developing countries to help reduce poverty and enhance the quality of life. This commitment reinforces Australia's role in regional development and cooperation, fully complying with its commitment to international cooperation in achieving the SDGs.

Australia has fully committed to the development and implementation of the SDGs through the G20 2030 Action Plan. Australia has fully complied with the commitment to bolster the tourism industry by building a strong, secure, and skilled workforce.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arian Ng

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

⁷⁸ Joint Statement Endorsing Principles for 6G: Secure, Open, and Resilient by Design, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Barton) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-endorsing-principles-6g-secure-open-and-resilient-design>

⁷⁹ Boosting sustainable tourism, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 15 March 2024, Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/boosting-sustainable-tourism>

⁸⁰ \$1.4 million program to boost visitor economy workforce in regional NSW, Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Canberra) 29 April 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/14-million-program-boost-visitor-economy-workforce-regional-nsw>

⁸¹ Australia's Asian Development Fund pledge delivers for the region, Ministry of International Development and the Pacific (Canberra) 03 May 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/australias-asian-development-fund-pledge-delivers-region>

On 26 January 2024, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to developing tourism in a sustainable way at the 27th Ibero-American Conference of Tourism Ministers and Entrepreneurs (CIMET).⁸² CIMET allowed for representatives from Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba, Nicaragua and Guatemala to present incentives and development plans in tourism, as well as investment from Spanish businesses in Latin America. Notably, Brazil emphasised the importance of encouraging sustainable tourism in an economically, environmentally, and culturally aware manner.

On 26 January 2024, Brazil's National Council for Industrial Development launched new industrial policy with development goals centered around innovation and sustainability.⁸³ This policy is expected to directly improve Brazilian quality of life, stimulating productive and technological development. BRL 300 billion in financing was allocated to the new industrial policy until 2026; another BRL 194 billion were incorporated from different sources as well to support this initiative.

On 5 February 2024 to 9 February 2024, Brazil hosted the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) to share knowledge regarding their domestic digital transformation.⁸⁴ During meetings, stakeholders such as the National Telecommunications Agency, Brazilian Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, and BEREC Chairs and Vice-Chairs discussed the regulation of artificial intelligence, digital markets and cybersecurity. Representatives from Brazil and Europe presented recent regulatory developments and exchanged strategies for the digital revolution, prioritizing inclusion and connectivity.

On 21 February 2024 and 22 February 2024, the Brazilian Presidency recognized the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a privileged partner for the first time, enabling the organization to contribute to the work of G20.⁸⁵ Following an initial meeting with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, UNESCO's Director-General Audrey Azoulay took part in the meeting of foreign ministers in Rio de Janeiro. Discussions centred on responses to international tensions and reforming global governance. This initiative showcases Brazil's leadership in coordinating collaborative efforts, exemplifying commitment to enhancing partnerships.

On 20 March 2024, Brazil put forth an anti-poverty and anti-hunger agenda to the G20 delegation.⁸⁶ The Brazilian administration proposed launching a Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty in November 2024, during the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, which demonstrates their dedication to prioritizing this issue through the G20 forum.

On 9 April 2024, the Brazilian National Telecommunications Agency (Anatel), UNESCO, and the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment (MRE) signed a technical agreement during the "Inteligência Artificial e o Futuro da Conectividade: uma Visão Coletiva" event.⁸⁷ This ultimately serves to bridge

⁸² In Madrid, Brazil reaffirms its commitment to developing tourism in a sustainable way, HotéisRio (Rio De Janeiro) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://hoteisrio.com.br/en/news/in-madrid-brazil-reaffirms-its-commitment-to-developing-tourism-in-a-sustainable-way/>

⁸³ Brazil launches new industrial policy with development goals and measures up to 2033, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/01/brazil-launches-new-industrial-policy-with-development-goals-and-measures-up-to-2033>

⁸⁴ BEREC delegation learns about digital transformation in Brazil, BEREC (Riga) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.berec.europa.eu/en/news-publications/news-and-newsletters/berec-delegation-learns-about-digital-transformation-in-brazil>

⁸⁵ G20: Audrey Azoulay in Rio for foreign ministers' meeting, UNESCO (Paris) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/g20-audrey-azoulay-rio-foreign-ministers-meeting>.

⁸⁶ Brazil Lays Down Anti-Poverty Agenda to the G20, Wilson Center (Washington) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 4 May 2024. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/brazil-lays-down-anti-poverty-agenda-g20>

⁸⁷ Anatel, UNESCO, and the Brazilian government join forces to close the digital divide, Geneva Internet Platform Digital Watch (Geneva) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 4 May 2024. <https://dig.watch/updates/anatel-unesco-and-the-brazilian-government-join-forces-to-close-the-digital-divide>.

the digital divide by providing digital literacy sources and internet access, and harnessing AI potential in agriculture, health, and education sectors.

On 9 October 2024, President Lula enacted the Fuel of the Future law which empowers programs to foster research, production, trade, and use of biofuels with the goal of promoting the decarbonization of the transportation and mobility matrices.⁸⁸ This marks an important step for the future of renewable energy in the country.

On 17 October 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' secretary for Climate, Energy, and Environment, Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's national secretary for Climate Change, Ana Toni, presented the themes that Brazil will aim to support at COP 29.⁸⁹ Brazil will focus on the National Adaptation Plan as well as the Carbon Market system, both aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Brazil has consistently mobilized affordable and accessible financing to support developing countries, highlighted tourism and culture for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity, recognized its role in digital transformation, and played a leading role in fostering international cooperation.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Amelia Hui

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 27 February 2024, Canada, issued a joint statement endorsing principles for the research and development of 6G wireless communication systems.⁹⁰ These principles aim for open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, resilient, and secure connectivity. By endorsing these principles alongside other countries, Canada demonstrates its full commitment to advancing 6G technology in alignment with global standards and collaborative efforts. Canada has fully complied with the commitment to the shared principles for 6G development.

On 12 March 2024, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, announced a new designated funding stream up to CAD 7.39 million under the Low Carbon Economy Fund's Indigenous Leadership Fund. Eligible applicants who are not already included in the funding streams

⁸⁸ Lula enacts Fuel of the Future law: "Brazil will drive the world's largest energy revolution", Planalto (Brasilia) 9 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/10/lula-enacts-fuel-of-the-future-law-201cbrazil-will-drive-the-worlds-largest-energy-revolution201d>

⁸⁹ Financing the Paris Agreement and the carbon market must be the focus of COP29 discussions in Baku, Planalto (Brasilia) 18 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/10/financing-the-paris-agreement-and-the-carbon-market-must-be-the-focus-of-cop29-discussions-in-baku>

⁹⁰ Joint Statement Endorsing Principles for 6G: Secure, Open, and Resilient by Design, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Barton) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-endorsing-principles-6g-secure-open-and-resilient-design>

for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis can apply for benefits.⁹¹ This would benefit Indigenous-owned businesses; corporations and not-for-profit organizations; Métis Settlements; and Indigenous research, academic, or educational institutions.

On 16 April 2024, the executive director at Clean Energy Canada, Mark Zacharias, announced the CAD800 million budget allocated to the new Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program.⁹² The program aims to support the installation of energy efficiency retrofits for low-to-median income households. Additionally, CAD73.5 million will be provided to renew and modernize existing energy efficiency programs and to revitalize the development of stricter building codes to further reduce emissions and lower energy consumption, thereby improving the affordability of utility bills along with reducing carbon emissions.

On 19 April 2024, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau highlighted that over CAD4.6 billion will be spent on a package of measures to strengthen Canada's research and innovation.⁹³ Investing in research and innovation will create more quality jobs, especially in innovation and technology, thereby enhancing Canada's production possibility frontier. Of this investment, CAD2.6 billion will be directed towards research grant funding, scholarships, and fellowships to support researchers. Additionally, CAD1.3 billion will be invested to keep post-secondary education affordable, and CAD734 million is planned to support research infrastructures and institutes. This investment in innovation and research is expected to increase human capital and drive sustainable economic development.

On 9 May 2024, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson announced the installation of a new broadband infrastructure in Wellington County as part of the commitment to expanding high-speed internet access to communities across the province.⁹⁴ The Ontario government is investing nearly CAD4 million to connect rural communities across the province to high-speed internet by the end of 2025 under the High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy, the largest single investment in high-speed internet in Canadian history.⁹⁵ Wellington County is one specific example of this initiative. The Canada's Connectivity Strategy will strengthen rural communities by ensuring that people can work and live where they choose from, thus this strategy facilitates an inclusive path to economic growth.

On 31 May 2024, Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez, announced up to CAD51.2 million for 19 digital infrastructure projects under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF).⁹⁶ The NTCF is a Canadian government program that aims to support economic growth and development by facilitating

⁹¹ Government of Canada supports Indigenous climate action with new funding stream under the Indigenous Leadership Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2024/03/government-of-canada-supports-indigenous-climate-action-with-new-funding-stream-under-the-indigenous-leadership-fund.html>

⁹² A budget for building homes- and clean-energy-powered affordability, Clean Energy Canada (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://cleanenergycanada.org/a-budget-for-building-homes-and-clean-energy-powered-affordability/>.

⁹³ Strengthening Canadian research and innovation, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau (Victoria) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/04/19/strengthening-canadian-research-and-innovation>

⁹⁴ Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Service in Wellington Country (Ontario) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1004564/canada-and-ontario-increasing-access-to-high-speed-internet-service-in-wellington-county>

⁹⁵ High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/high-speed-internet-canada/en/canadas-connectivity-strategy/high-speed-access-all-canadas-connectivity-strategy#a>

⁹⁶ Advancing Supply Chain Digitalization Nineteen digital infrastructure projects funded under the National Trade Corridors Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 May 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2024/05/advancing-supply-chain-digitalization-nineteen-digital-infrastructure-projects-funded-under-the-national-trade-corridors-fund.html>

trade and transportation corridors across Canada through investing in critical infrastructure projects such as airports, ports, railways, access roads, and transportation facilities, thus enhancing efficiency, connectivity, and the movement of goods and people.

On 12 September 2024, Ahmed Hussen, Minister of International Development, and Andy Harrington, Executive Director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, announced that Canada is providing CAD100 million over 4 years to the organization for emergency food and nutrition assistance.⁹⁷ The aim is to reduce global food insecurity and help those in need get access to essential food and nutrition services. This funding will provide critical assistance to the world's most vulnerable populations.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gorduysus

China: 0

China has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 4 December 2023, China scrapped the entry visa requirement for travelers from Spain, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy and Malaysia so visitors are now able to travel visa-free to China for up to 15 days.⁹⁸ This trial period regarding visas is an attempt to boost inbound tourism for China and prompt “people-to-people exchanges.” It marks an important move for China in “the high-level opening up” to the world.

On 29 January 2024 to 31 January 2024, China hosted the World Digital Education Conference in Shanghai to focus on the application, sharing, and innovation of digital technology.⁹⁹ During this event, ministers and chairmen hosted discussions regarding the importance of digitization in education. Domestically, they highlighted uses of big data and artificial intelligence, accessibility and inclusion in quality education resources, and approaches to strengthening good practices and ethics in digital realms. Internationally, they emphasized China's commitment to developing the International Institute for STEM Education of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the state's significant contributions to enhancing global digital education.

On 22 February 2024, China launched a new program to increase national digital literacy intended to yield results by the end of 2024. The initiative is a joint effort by major governmental bodies in China, and sets a broad framework that aims to create a more comprehensive digital literacy and skill development system.¹⁰⁰ The plan outlines six key areas with 17 major tasks, including cultivating high-level digital talent, fostering digital competence in schools, and ensuring all citizens have equal access to resources to reduce the digital divide.

⁹⁷ Minister Hussen announces multi-year funding of Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help feed people affected by humanitarian crises, Global Affairs Canada (Toronto) 12 September 2024. Access Date: 21 October 2024

⁹⁸ Europeans flock to China with visa-free access, The State Council – The People's Republic of China (Beijing) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/policywatch/202312/04/content_WS656d967cc6d0868f4e8e1e20.html.

⁹⁹ 2024 World Digital Education Conference opens in Shanghai, Ministry of Education – The People's Republic of China (Shanghai) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024.

http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202401/t20240131_1113592.html.

¹⁰⁰ China launches initiative to boost national digital literacy, China News – Global Times (Beijing) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.ecns.cn/news/sci-tech/2024-02-22/detail-ihcxcacy7348833.shtml>.

On 7 March 2024, China's General Office of the State Council released new guidelines to optimize payment services across the country.¹⁰¹ By facilitating the use of cash and currency exchanges while incentivizing institutions to consider diversified payment options, China aims to provide higher-quality and more effective services for senior citizens and foreign visitors.

On 14 March 2024, China expanded its visa-free travel policy to include six additional European countries: Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, and Luxembourg.¹⁰² This will allow ordinary passport holders to travel in China for up to 15 days.

On 26 April 2024, the International Horticultural Exhibition 2024 Chengdu began with particular consideration to sustainable principles through management, ecological conservation, industry, city, and culture.¹⁰³ Some notable points include realising the goal of “integrated industry-city and city-park development,” and promoting distinctive cultural aspects like Sichuan Bamboo Weaving and Sichuan Chinese Penjing.

China has partially complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. They have consistently mobilized affordable and accessible financing to support developing countries, and highlighted tourism and culture for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity. Notably, China performs very well in their recognition and progress in the role of digital transformation; however, they fall short on enhancing G20 cooperation and partnership.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Amelia Hui

France: 0

France has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 18 January 2024, France and Norway signed a partnership to enhance existing cooperation on green industrial transformation between the two countries. This partnership seeks to address shared challenges in sustainable development by leveraging the strengths of both countries. The partnership is structured around three prongs: structured dialogue on carbon capture and storage, structured dialogue on renewable energy, and structural dialogue on critical raw materials. This agreement also emphasizes the importance of cooperation between states and both countries' intention to regularly exchange views on current issues and developments in national and European policies.¹⁰⁴

On 23 January 2024, France chaired the 14th Summit of the Global Forum of Migration and Development. As chair, France facilitated discussion of the effects of climate change on human mobility and highlighted the cultural heritage acquired through migration. The protection of rights of migrants, diasporas, labour migration, links between migration and culture and discourse surrounding

¹⁰¹ China unveils measures to optimize payment services, The State Council – The People's Republic of China (Beijing) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202403/08/content_WS65eaad91c6d0868f4e8e4d52.html.

¹⁰² China's Visa-Free Policies: Latest Updates, China Briefing (Shanghai) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/china-visa-free-travel-policies-complete-guide>.

¹⁰³ Expo 2024 Chengdu's commitment to sustainability, International Association of Horticultural Producers (Oxfordshire) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://aihp.org/expo-2024-chengdu-sustainable-development-action-plan/>

¹⁰⁴ France and Norway sign a strategic partnership on green industrial transformation, Regjeringen (Oslo) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024 <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/dep/nfd/nyheter/2024/france-and-norway-sign-a-strategic-partnership-on-green-industrial-transformation/id3022184/>

migration, and multi-level governance of migration was examined using a cross-cutting approach and other thematic priorities of the French program.¹⁰⁵

On 6 February 2024, the French government established digital transformation through the creation of cyber security education and training. Recognizing the ever-growing importance of cybersecurity in today's world, this initiative seeks to prepare France for emerging digital challenges. Through job postings and a range of educational programs, France committed to developing a skilled workforce aimed to bridge the cyber security skills gap to address digital divides.¹⁰⁶

France has partially complied with the agreement towards collective action and implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate the progress of the SDGs. Of the four components of the plan outlined, France has recognized the role of digital transformation and the need to address digital divides, highlighting the crucial role of tourism for sustainable socio-economic development, and enhancing G20 cooperation and partnerships to implement the 2030 Agenda. France does not fully comply as they lack affordable financing for developing countries.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Trevor Cheb

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 17 of February 2024, all online platforms that operate in Germany must publish their justifications for content moderation.¹⁰⁷

On 1 March 2024, the Federal Cabinet adopted an amendment to the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act, which would allow asylum seekers to receive certain benefits in the form of a payment card.¹⁰⁸ This would make it easier for the government to get money to one of the most disadvantaged groups in Germany.

On 20 March 2024, the Federal Cabinet has adopted the National Reform Programme 2024. According to the programme, the German government is increasing job availability and helping citizens with gaining qualifications.¹⁰⁹ The government is also investing in climate friendly infrastructure and power while funding the digitalization of the economy, infrastructure, and education. The purpose of this programme is to facilitate cooperation within the European Union, including other G20 members.

¹⁰⁵ 14th Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), chaired by France, France Diplomacy (Geneva) 23 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/14th-summit-of-the-global-forum-on-migration-and-development-gfmd-chaired-by/>

¹⁰⁶ Building a Skilled Cyber Security Workforce in Europe: Insights from France, Germany and Poland, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/3673cd60-en/index.html?itemId=/content/publication/3673cd60-en&_csp_=188cb5d3123ccbc2b12e30e8dd2e4c0a&itemIGO=oecd&itemContentType=book

¹⁰⁷ The impact of the Digital Services Act on digital platforms, European Commission 3 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-impact-platforms>

¹⁰⁸ Payment card for refugees, The Federal Government (Berlin) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/payment-card-refugees-2264566>

¹⁰⁹ National Reform Programme 2024, The Federal Government (Berlin) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/national-reform-programme-2024-2266400>

On 16 April 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited China to discuss “Joint sustainable action.”¹¹⁰

On 22 April 2024, Chancellor Scholz opened a trade fair in Germany.¹¹¹ The purpose of the fair was to examine digitalization and slow climate change.

On 26 April 2024, Germany co-hosted the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, where Chancellor Scholz urged G20 members to adhere to their Paris Climate Agreement targets.¹¹² He also pledged financial support to poor countries and those suffering from climate change. He emphasized the importance of investing in sustainable production and technology.

On 15 June 2024, Germany, as part of the G7, agreed to increase support for sustainable development in African countries.¹¹³ Germany also pledged to move away from fossil fuels faster.

On 17 July 2024, Germany announced its 2025 budget, with a focus on investments in affordable housing, digital infrastructure and education, and climate action.¹¹⁴

On 8 October 2024, Germany hosted the sixth Climate and Security Conference at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.¹¹⁵ The conference brought together high-level politicians, climate security experts, and international organizations. The focus was on the link between the climate crisis and security goals with emphasis on the contributions that the security industry can provide to help induce peace and stabilize volatile regions.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment towards collective action and the implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. Germany has clearly committed itself to the fulfilment of its Sustainable Development Goals, only occasionally lacking follow-through. Germany has taken strong, tangible action in economic and environmental spheres and has encouraged other G20 countries to do the same. Germany’s momentum is somewhat stalled in the social sphere, but it is nonetheless working to financially support its citizens.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joseph Oberfeld

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

¹¹⁰ “Joint sustainable action”, The Federal Government (Berlin) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024.

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/scholz-trip-to-china-2271576>

¹¹¹ Future trends presented at the leading industry trade fair, The Federal Government (Berlin) 22 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/hannover-messe-2024-2273476>

¹¹² Limiting climate change is proving successful, The Federal Government (Berlin) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/petersberg-climate-dialogue-2024-2274898>

¹¹³ Setting the course for addressing global challenges, The Federal Government (Berlin) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/g7-summit-in-apulia-2292554>.

¹¹⁴ Federal Cabinet adopts 2025 draft budget and growth initiative, The Federal Government (Berlin) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/2025-budget-growth-initiative-2299754>.

¹¹⁵ The climate crisis is the biggest security policy challenge of our times: The sixth Climate and Security Conference at the Federal Foreign Office, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 10 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/KlimaEnergie/berlin-climate-and-security-conference/2679148>

On 13 December 2023, India hosted the Global Partnership on AI [artificial intelligence] Summit, resulting in the adoption of the New Delhi resolution by 29 members.¹¹⁶ The declaration acknowledges the need to harness new opportunities and mitigate the risks arising from the development and deployment of AI. It promotes the collaborative effort of member states on AI, focusing on the inclusivity of countries from the Global South.

On 11 January 2024, the Tourism Minister of Goa, Rohan Khaunte announced Goa's new model of Regenerative Tourism.¹¹⁷ The new model will promote environmental restoration, cultural preservation and community empowerment to guide its approaches to sustainable travel and tourism.

On 19 January 2024, the Government of India endorsed the Global Good Alliance for Gender Equity and Equality, launched at the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland.¹¹⁸ The alliance is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and will be housed by the CII Centre for Women Leadership. It is supported by over 10,000 partners from industries worldwide, with the WEF as a 'network partner' and Invest India as an 'institutional partner'. It aims to bring together practices, knowledge and investment in areas of women's health, education and enterprise, building on India's commitment to women-led development.

On 13 February 2024, the Government of India signed an Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement on the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor with the United Arab Emirates. The agreement aims to promote bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the ports, maritime and logistics sectors.¹¹⁹ It is part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment, founded by the G7 in 2023 to narrow the infrastructure gap in developing countries and accelerate progress on the SDGs.¹²⁰

On 20 February, the Government of India signed loan agreements with the Japan International Cooperation Agency to receive official development assistance (ODA) loans of up to JPY232,209 million for 9 developmental projects. These include the Project for Promoting Start-up and Innovation in Telangana, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road, and others. The agreement enhances bilateral relations and mutual development, supporting India's fulfilment of the SDGs.¹²¹

On 21 February, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.¹²² The goal was to enhance

¹¹⁶ Goa unveils new 'Regenerative Tourism' model, Gomantak Times (New Delhi) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/gpai-summit-2023-29-nations-adopt-new-delhi-resolution/articleshow/105969434.cms?from=mdr>)

¹¹⁷ Goa unveils new 'Regenerative Tourism' model, Gomantak Times (New Delhi) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.gomantaktimes.com/my-go/travel-adventure/goa-unveils-new-regenerative-tourism-model>)

¹¹⁸ Launch of "Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality" by India at World Economic Forum Annual Meeting Davos 15-19 January 2024, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. (<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1997896>)

¹¹⁹ Cabinet greenlights framework agreement for India-UAE Economic Corridor, Economic Times (New Delhi) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/cabinet-greenlights-framework-agreement-for-india-uae-economic-corridor/108465684>)

¹²⁰ Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) & India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37091>)

¹²¹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html)

¹²² Visit of MoS Shri V. Muraleedharan to Brazil for the G20 Foreign Minister's Meeting, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37641>)

cooperation between G20 members and address issues of global concern. On the sidelines, he also held bilateral meetings with partner countries of the Global South.

On 22 February, Minister Muraleedharan attended the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Standalone Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.¹²³ IBSA was created to enhance trilateral cooperation in sectoral areas, providing a framework for South-South Cooperation. Ministers agreed to leverage international cooperation to ensure food security and nutrition and promote the IBSA Fund, among other issues. They highlighted the need to strengthen means for full implementation of the SDGs, including capacity building, transfer of technology, grants and concessional finance from developed countries and revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. They urged developed countries to fully honor their ODA commitments.

On 27 February 2024, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, and MakeMyTrip signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signifying their public-private partnership.¹²⁴ The MoU outlines a series of innovative initiatives for Goa tourism, ensuring sustainable and regenerative tourism practices.

On 4 March 2024, NITI Aayog, the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, organised the ‘National Conference on Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals’ together with the Government of Rajasthan as its host and technical partners UN Development Programme and the UN in Jaipur, India.¹²⁵ The conference aimed to encourage states to take stock of SDGs localisation, exchange experiences on institutionalising the SDGs at the subnational level, explore national and sub-national level finance and accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda.

On 7 March 2024, Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar held the 16th Japan-India Foreign Minister’s Strategic Dialogue with Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa.¹²⁶ They discussed topics of bilateral relations, including promoting cooperation in the area of defense equipment and technology, as well as an extension of the “Japan-India Tourism Exchange Year” to be implemented in 2024.

On 24 April 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 6th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure hosted in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi reiterated the global success of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, founded by India in 2019 and now composed of 39 countries and seven organisations. The initiative strengthens global climate resilience by mobilizing accessible financing for developing countries.¹²⁷

On 18 May 2024, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Sir Philip Barton, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Commonwealth and Development reaffirmed their commitment to conclude a mutually

¹²³ Ministerial Declaration: IBSA Standalone Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs (Rio de Janeiro) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. (<https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37655>)

¹²⁴ Government of Goa and MakeMyTrip forge historic partnership, Hotelier India (New Delhi) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. (<https://www.hotelierindia.com/business/government-of-go-and-makemytrip-forge-historic-partnership>)

¹²⁵ NITI Aayog spearheads ‘National Conference to Accelerate Sustainable Development Goals’ in partnership with Government of Rajasthan, UNDP and UN, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2012074>

¹²⁶ 16th Japan-India Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html

¹²⁷ PM addresses 6th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, NarendraModi.in (New Delhi) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.narendramodi.in/prime-minister-narendra-modis-remarks-during-international-conference-on-disaster-resilient-infrastructure-581750>

beneficial free trade agreement at the annual UK-India Strategic Dialogue in London.¹²⁸ This agreement will strengthen their bilateral relationship and make progress towards the 2030 Roadmap.

On 8 July 2024, Prime Minister Modi attended the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit in Russia, at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin.¹²⁹ The leaders affirmed the continued strengthening of their bilateral partnership, including cooperation in trade, investments, security, energy, and technology. This enhances bilateral relations and mutual development in the G20.

On 12 July 2024, NITI Aayog released SDG India Index 2023-24, the country's primary tool to measure and track national progress on the SDGs.¹³⁰ The index resulted in a composite score of 71, up from 66 in 2020-21 and 57 in 2018. This indicates India's significant progress in goal areas such as poverty eradication, decent work, economic growth, climate action and life on land.

India has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. India took steps to enhance G20 cooperation by signing agreements with member states and establishing various partnerships with the private sector. India has addressed the role of digital transformation and sustainable tourism with the implementation of domestic policies.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 5 February 2024, Indonesia spearheaded the establishment of an alliance of countries at the United Nations in New York.¹³¹ This initiative is aimed at bolstering the global response to tuberculosis, ensuring that efforts to handle the disease are consistently applied across the globe.

On 29 February 2024, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa (Portugal Chamber of Commerce and Industry).¹³² This agreement marks a significant step in enhancing the business and trade relations between the two countries, facilitating increased collaboration and investment opportunities.

On 7 March 2024, the Indonesian Government, through the Indonesian Agency for International Development (Indonesia Aid)/Lembaga Dana Kerja Sama Pembangunan Internasional (LDKPI),

¹²⁸ India, UK reaffirm FTA commitment at strategic Dialogue, The Hindu Times (New Delhi) 18 May 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. (<https://www.thehindu.com/business/india-uk-reaffirm-fta-commitment-at-strategic-dialogue/article68189390.ece>)

¹²⁹ Joint Statement following the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37940/Joint+Statement+following+the+22nd+IndiaRussia+Annual+Summit>.

¹³⁰ Release of SDG India Index 2023-24, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2032857>.

¹³¹ "Indonesia Leads Establishment of Global Alliance at UN to Combat Tuberculosis," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 05 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5733/berita/indonesia-leads-establishment-of-global-alliance-at-un-to-combat-tuberculosis>

¹³² Strengthening Cooperation, Indonesian and Portugal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Signs MoU," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5784/berita/strengthening-cooperation-indonesian-and-portugal-chamber-of-commerce-and-industry-signs-mou>

dispatched aid consisting of 10 million doses of Bivalent oral polio vaccine to Afghanistan.¹³³ This action demonstrates Indonesia's active role in supporting global health initiatives and addressing urgent health crises.

On 8 March 2024, Universitas Negeri Malang from Indonesia and Fiji National University formalized their commitment for strengthening academic collaboration in the fields of research, innovation, and technology development between Indonesia and Fiji by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.¹³⁴ This agreement serves as a concrete step towards strengthening the research and academic collaboration between the two countries, aiming to foster knowledge exchange, joint research projects, and academic mobility.

On 15 March 2024, Indonesia announced a new initiative to foster cooperation and capacity building for a sustainable bamboo industry with Fiji.¹³⁵ This collaboration aims to enhance sustainable economic growth, environmental conservation, and strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

On 3 May 2024, Indonesia and Vietnam agreed to target a bilateral trade volume of USD 18 billion by 2028, an increase from the previous goal of USD 15 billion.¹³⁶ This decision was made during discussions in Hanoi, Vietnam, emphasizing the need for both countries to reduce trade barriers and swiftly conclude agreements on food security. Additionally, they aim to optimize the function of the Joint Committee on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation to enhance collaboration. This move reflects a strong commitment to deepen economic ties and foster regional cooperation.

On 8 October 2024, the Indonesian government announced plans to provide humanitarian assistance to Yemen, Sudan, Palestine and Vietnam, in light of the natural disasters and armed conflicts they are facing.¹³⁷ The aid will total USD 1 million. This is part of an ongoing effort from Indonesia to assist its neighbours in times of crises.

On 9 October 2024, Secretary of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency, Rustian and Australian Deputy Ambassador to Indonesia, Gita Kamath signed an agreement to extend their disaster risk management preparedness and humanitarian cooperation until 2027.¹³⁸ The cooperation is expected to be broader and more effective going forward. This partnership will enhance Indonesia's

¹³³ Indonesia Sends 10 Million Polio Vaccine Doses to Afghanistan," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 07 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5799/berita/indonesia-sends-10-million-polio-vaccine-doses-to-afghanistan>.

¹³⁴ Strengthening Research and Academic Collaboration between Indonesia and Fiji: Universitas Negeri Malang (UM) signs MoU with Fiji National University (FNU)," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 08 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5804/berita/strengthening-research-and-academic-collaboration-between-indonesia-and-fiji-universitas-negeri-malang-um-signs-mou-with-fiji-nation>

Indonesia Initiates Cooperation and Capacity Building for Sustainable Bamboo Industry with Fiji," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta). Publication Date: 15 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5810/berita/indonesia-initiates-cooperation-and-capacity-building-for-sustainable-bamboo-industry-with-fiji>

¹³⁵ Indonesia Initiates Cooperation and Capacity Building for Sustainable Bamboo Industry with Fiji," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta). Publication Date: 15 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5810/berita/indonesia-initiates-cooperation-and-capacity-building-for-sustainable-bamboo-industry-with-fiji>

¹³⁶ Indonesia-Vietnam Target Bilateral Trade of USD 18 Billion by 2028, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta) 24 April 2024. Access date: 6 May 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5871/berita/indonesia-vietnam-target-bilateral-trade-of-usd-18-billion-by-2028>

¹³⁷ Indonesia to send humanitarian aid to Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, Vietnam, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/328790/indonesia-to-send-humanitarian-aid-to-yemen-sudan-palestine-vietnam>

¹³⁸ Indonesia, Australia extend disaster preparedness program to 2027, Antara News (Jakarta) 9 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/328910/indonesia-australia-extend-disaster-preparedness-program-to-2027>

preparedness from disasters, while also strengthening humanitarian cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. They have consistently initiated and supported global partnerships, highlighted the importance of shared responsibility in achieving the SDGs, recognized its role in fostering international cooperation, and played a leading role in addressing global challenges through actionable commitments.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ng Arian Man Lok

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 2 December 2023, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto and Ethiopia's Minister for Planning and Development Fitsum Assefa signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding at the Conference of the Parties 28.¹³⁹ This bilateral agreement outlines a renewed commitment to energy security priorities. In addition, the act approved six projects and relaunched four projects regarding carbon emission reductions and adaptation, entailing financial investment of EUR7.2 million.

On 3 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security signed its membership of the Amazon Fund, investing EUR5 million at the Conference of the Parties 28.¹⁴⁰ The fund aims to support public and private bodies in the Amazon region to plan and implement sustainable development frameworks and support multilateral partnerships in environmental cooperation.

On 4 December 2023, the Minister of Environment and Energy Security, Vannia Gava, attended the multilateral Res4Africa and GSE event titled "Gearing up Africa's energy transition by conducive policy and legislative frameworks." during the Conference of the Parties 28.¹⁴¹ During this event, Minister Gava announced a contribution of EUR5 million to the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa Special fund. This contribution aims to promote financial and development inclusion for African countries.

On 7 December 2023, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Maria Tripodi met with Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Michael Tene.¹⁴² The meeting aimed to reaffirm

¹³⁹ COP28: memorandum Italia-Etiopia, ripartono progetti su cooperazione per adattamento, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-memorandum-italia-etiochia-ripartono-progetti-su-cooperazione-adattamento>

¹⁴⁰ COP28: il MASE aderisce al Fondo Amazonia con cinque milioni, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 3 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-il-mase-aderisce-al-fondo-amazonia-con-cinque-milioni>

¹⁴¹ COP28, Vice Ministro Gava a side event 'Res4Africa': da MASE 5 milioni a Sustainable Energy Fund, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 4 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/cop28-vice-ministro-gava-side-event-res4-africa-da-mase-5-milioni-sustainable-energy-fund>

¹⁴² Incontro tra il Sottosegretario Tripodi e il Vice Segretario General dell'ASEAN, Michael Tene, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 7 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2023/12/incontro-tra-il-sottosegretario-tripodi-e-il-vice-segretario-generale-dellasean-michael-tene/

multilateral commitments to Southeast Asian development through sustainable development initiatives. The discussion focused on increasing food security, energy transition and the prevention and management of natural disasters in Southeast Asia.

On 9 December 2023, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto Fratin and Peru's Minister of Energy and Mines Albina Ruiz Ríos signed a Memorandum of Understanding.¹⁴³ This agreement entails the expansion of bilateral cooperation regarding the Rio Conventions, Convention on Biological Diversity and sustainable development objectives outlined in the 2030 Agenda.

On 13 December 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Ministry of Economy and Finance announced DEVELOPMENT+.¹⁴⁴ This instrument is a part of the Rotating Fund for Development Cooperation aimed at encouraging investments in sustainable development of partner countries in the Italian Cooperation.

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Tourism participated in the European D3HUB project initiation meeting.¹⁴⁵ The D3HUB project aims to create a multilateral, European competence centre to support tourist destinations in transition to more sustainable tourism and management.

On 7 February 2024, the Presidency engaged in a multilateral, virtual meeting with the G7 Trade Ministers.¹⁴⁶ The goal of this meeting was to reaffirm G7 and World Trade Organization trade-related commitments, including sustainable development and inclusive growth.

On 12 February 2024, the Italian Agency for Development Coordination announced a EUR180 million Tender Notice.¹⁴⁷ This will be allocated to sustainable development programs in Africa and other countries. This initiative commits to Italy's contributions in achieving the United Nations sustainable development goals.

On 27 February 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Penković.¹⁴⁸ This bilateral engagement aimed to reaffirm commitments to sustainable development, by outlining a framework for collaboration to pursue long-term sustainability of fishing and sustainable consumption patterns.

On 2 March 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. This bilateral meeting included discussions on delivering sustainable prosperity and a recommitment to

¹⁴³ Cooperazione, firmato a Dubai il nuovo accordo Italia -- Perù, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 9 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cooperazione-firmato-dubai-il-nuovo-accordo-italia-peru>

¹⁴⁴ SVILUPPO +, il nuovo strumento del Fondo Rotativo per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 13 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2023/12/sviluppo-il-nuovo-strumento-del-fondo-rotativo-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo/

¹⁴⁵ D3HUB KOM – Maiorca 22-23 gennaio 2024, Ministero del Turismo (Rome) 30 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ministeroturismo.gov.it/24740-2/>

¹⁴⁶ The Joint Communiqué issued by the G7 Trade Ministers on 7 February 2024, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/the-joint-communicue-issued-by-the-g7-trade-ministers-on-7-february-2024/

¹⁴⁷ Pubblicato in Gazzetta ufficiale il bando su cooperazione allo sviluppo per 180 milioni di Euro, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 12 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/pubblicato-in-gazzetta-ufficiale-il-bando-su-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-per-180-milioni-di-euro/

¹⁴⁸ Dichiarazione congiunta, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 April 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/italy-croatia-joint-declaration/

economic partnerships, including G7 commitments to promote sustainable economic growth.¹⁴⁹ Furthermore, it established the Canada-Italy Roadmap for Enhanced Cooperation, which will promote a bilateral shift in promoting sustainable development goals.

On 15 March 2024, Undersecretary of State for technological Innovation Alessio Butti chaired the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Industry, Technology and Digital.¹⁵⁰ This meeting concluded a multilateral declaration on the use of collaborative digital governance including artificial intelligence to promote sustainable growth through the Hiroshima Artificial Intelligence Process.

On 17 March 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.¹⁵¹ The bilateral dialogues included the implementation of the Mattei Plan for Africa, which entailed subsequent bilateral agreements, including a financial package of EUR100 million for sustainable development.

On 21 March 2024, Chair of the Italian National Tourist Board Alessandra Priante alongside Andorra's Prime Minister Xavier Zamora, Minister of Tourism, Jordi Torres and Spain's Secretary of State for Tourism Rosanna Murillo attended the World Congress on Mountain Tourism in Andorra.¹⁵² This multilateral meeting aimed to create strategies on sustainable tourism development such as diversification, technological innovation and nature conservation. This meeting including the establishment of a permanent working table.

On 8 April 2024, Minister of Business and Made in Italy Adolfo Urso met with France's Minister for Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire and Germany's Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck.¹⁵³ This trilateral meeting engaged perspectives on sustainable development and reaffirmed commitments to promoting sustainable industrial growth.

On 15 April 2024, the Italian G7 Presidency alongside the United Nations Development Programme met with Director General of the African Union Commission Fathallah Sijilmassi.¹⁵⁴ These parties were joined by other representatives of the African Union. These dialogues entailed plans to strengthen collaboration on Artificial Intelligence for sustainable development and addressing technological divides.

¹⁴⁹ Joint Statement from Prime Minister Trudeau and Prime Minister Meloni, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 2 March 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/joint-statement-prime-minister-trudeau-and-prime-minister-meloni/25138>

¹⁵⁰ G7: Ministerial Declaration on Industry, Technology, and Digital, Dipartimento per la trasformazione digitale (Rome) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://innovazione.gov.it/notizie/articoli/en/g7-ministerial-declaration-on-industry-technology-and-digital/>

¹⁵¹ Rafforzamento del partenariato strategico Ue-Egitto e attuazione del Piano Mattei, il Presidente Meloni al Cairo, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio de Ministri (Rome) 17 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-presidente-della-repubblica-araba-d-egitto-al-sisi/25260>

¹⁵² ENIT AT THE WORLD CONGRESS ON MOUNTAIN TOURISM IN ANDORRA: INTERNATIONAL MEETING TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES ON SUSTAINABILITY AND DESEASONALISATION, Agenzie Nazionale del Turismo (Rome) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.enit.it/en/enit-at-the-world-congress-on-mountain-tourism-in-andorra>

¹⁵³ France, Italy and Germany call to foster the development of green and digital technologies to enhance european competitiveness and productivity, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/france-italy-and-germany-call-to-foster-the-development-of-green-and-digital-technologies-to-enhance-european-competitiveness-and-productivity>

¹⁵⁴ The G7 Presidency partners with UNDP Africa to advance AI for sustainable development, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/the-g7-presidency-partners-with-undp-africa-to-advance-ai-for-sustainable-development>

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance engaged in the Multilateral Development Banks Callable Capital Exercise meeting.¹⁵⁵ This multilateral meeting aimed to provide innovative dialogue in regard to expanding the Multilateral Development Banks financing capacity. This reaffirms Italy's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals through the acquisition of equitable financing.

On 17 April 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Tunisian Republic Kais Saied. This meeting included the signing of three agreements to bolster the sustainable development of Tunisia.¹⁵⁶ The first agreement included awarded a financial package to Tunisia to support renewable energy industries and sustainable energy objectives. The second agreement supported a financial package for Tunisia's small and medium-sized enterprises. The final agreement included a collaborative framework for higher education matters.

On 17 April 2024, Ms Priante of the Italian National Tourist Board attended a European Union Dialogue.¹⁵⁷ This dialogue aimed to explore the European Union Tourism route with a focus on green transition and sustainability. She engaged with ideas to expand public-private partnerships to achieve transitional outcomes.

On 19 April 2024, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani attended the G7 meeting of Foreign Ministers on "Addressing global challenges, promoting partnerships."¹⁵⁸ The multilateral dialogue included a plan to mobilize USD600 billion by 2017 to invest into global infrastructure and investment. Furthermore, the ministers launched two initiatives, the Blue Dot Network and the Finance to Accelerate the Sustainable Transition Infrastructure to mobilize increased private financing.

On 22 April 2024, Minister Urso met with Minister of Communication and Information Technologies of the Arab Republic of Egypt Amr Talaat.¹⁵⁹ The bilateral meeting entailed dialogue regarding the oversight of the Mattei Plan for Africa. This included discussions on the digital economy development through construction of an Artificial Intelligence Hub for Sustainable Development in Egypt.

On 23 April 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with United States of America's Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.¹⁶⁰ This meeting included reaffirmed bilateral commitments to strengthen technological sectors such as the applications of artificial intelligence.

¹⁵⁵ L'Italia con altri paesi e membri G7 rinnova impegno per ammodernamento ed efficientamento finanziario delle Banche Multilaterali di Sviluppo, Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/LItalia-con-altri-paesi-e-membri-G7-rinnova-impegno-per-ammodernamento-ed-efficientamento-finanziario-delle-Banche-Multilaterali-di-Sviluppo/>

¹⁵⁶ Visita in Tunisia, le dichiarazioni alla stampa del Presidente Meloni, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/visita-tunisia-le-dichiarazioni-alla-stampa-del-presidente-meloni/25458>

¹⁵⁷ CONFERENCE TOURISM: CHALLENGING CONVENTIONS AT EU DIALOGUE 2024 WITH ENIT, Agenzia Nazionale del Turismo (Rome) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.enit.it/en/conference-tourism-challenging-conventions-at-eu-dialogue-2024-with-enit>

¹⁵⁸ Comunicato della riunione dei Ministri degli Esteri del G7 (Capri, 19 aprile, 2024) – Affrontare le sfide globali, promuovere i partenariati, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 19 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/04/g7-foreign-ministers-meeting-communique-capri-april-19-2024-addressing-global-challenges-fostering-partnerships/

¹⁵⁹ Urso, con Egitto per realizzare Hub su Intelligenza Artificiale per i Paesi africani, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 22 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/urso-con-egitto-per-realizzare-hub-su-intelligenza-artificiale-per-i-paesi-africani>

¹⁶⁰ Incontro con il Segretario al Commercio degli Stati Uniti d'America, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-segretario-al-commercio-degli-stati-uniti-damerica/25493>

On 30 April 2024, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security signed the Joint Declaration of the G7 members.¹⁶¹ This supported the ratification of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction agreement and entailed a financial package of USD34 billion from the Council of the Global Environment Fund to bolster sustainability projects.

On 10 May 2024, Minister Urso met Deputy Minister Valentino Valentini and the United Arab Emirates' Minister of Economy, Abdulla bin Touk Al Marri.¹⁶² This bilateral meeting aimed to outline investment goals regarding collaboration on renewable energy and development of artificial intelligence and consolidated the Mattei Plan.

On 22 May 2024, Deputy Minister Valentini met with France's Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, Marina Ferrari at the Paris VivaTech show during the Paris Expo Porte de Versailles.¹⁶³ This event included discussions regarding artificial intelligence development and technological innovation

On 27 May 2024, Minister Urso signed a joint declaration with Tunisia's Minister of Communication Technology, Nizar Ben Neji.¹⁶⁴ The bilateral agreement aimed to strengthen collaborative initiatives in artificial intelligence and digital transition research for sustainable development, under the Mattei Plan.

On 5 June 2024, Minister of Economy and Finance, Giancarlo Giorgetti virtually participated in the Stimulus Leaders Group for the Stimulus Plan for Sustainable Development.¹⁶⁵ This meeting reaffirmed Italy's commitment to sustainable development through dialogues on multilateral financing strategies and financial inclusion of at-risk countries.

On 13 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with US President Joe Biden and representatives of the United States private financial, energy, technological sectors at the Apulia Summit.¹⁶⁶ This meeting aimed to strengthen financing coordination for sustainable development along the Lobito Corridor amongst other sustainable development projects in Kenya.

¹⁶¹ G7, BARBARO: Grande successo per l'Italia: adottata la dichiarazione congiunta BBNJ sulla biodiversità marina, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/notizie/g7-barbaro-grande-successo-litalia-adottata-la-dichiarazione-congiunta-bbnj-sulla>

¹⁶² Italia-EAU, Urso vede Al Marri, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 10 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/italia-eau-urso-vede-al-marri-pronti-53-progetti-per-potenziati-investimenti-emiratini-in-italia>.

¹⁶³ Valentini (Mimit) a Vivatech Parigi: "con IA possibile aumentare produttività, governo sostiene transizione digitale imprese", Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 22 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/valentini-mimit-a-vivatech-parigi-con-ia-possibile-aumentare-produttivita-governo-sostiene-transizione-digitale-imprese>.

¹⁶⁴ Piano Mattei: Urso firma a Tunisi protocollo Italia-Tunisia su sviluppo digitale, focus su IA e connettività, Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/piano-mattei-urso-firma-a-tunisi-protocollo-italia-tunisia-su-sviluppo-digitale-focus-su-ia-e-connettivita>.

¹⁶⁵ Onu, Giorgetti conferma impegno presidenza G7 per obiettivi sviluppo sostenibile Paesi poveri, Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/Onu-Giorgetti-conferma-impegno-presidenza-G7-per-obiettivi-sviluppo-sostenibile-Paesi-poveri/>.

¹⁶⁶ G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Side Event Co-Chair Statement, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/g7-partnership-global-infrastructure-and-investment-side-event-co-chair-statement/25992>.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with President of the World Bank Group Ajay Banga during the Apulia Summit.¹⁶⁷ This bilateral meeting included dialogues regarding the progress of co-financing initiatives for Italy's development framework in the Mattei Plan for Africa.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the President of Algeria, Abdelmadjid Tebboune.¹⁶⁸ This dialogue aimed to strengthen bilateral partnerships in sustainable development projects, including energy, agriculture and industrial sectors. The meeting focused on public and private partnerships including the participation of Italian agro-industrial group, Bonifiche Ferraresi SpA and Algerian partners in a bilateral sustainable agriculture project.

On 20 June 2024, Minister Tajani participated in the Protecting Our Future – The Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation to launch the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator initiative.¹⁶⁹ The event was organized by France, the African Union and the Global Vaccine Alliance. The initiative is a financing mechanism to promote expedited vaccine development in Africa. Minister Tajani announced Italy's financial contribution of USD150 million.

On 24 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with Singapore's President, Tharman Shanmugaratnam.¹⁷⁰ The meeting aimed to strengthen bilateral commitments to investments and cooperation on advancing critical aspects of the SDGs including artificial intelligence and renewable energy.

On 28 June 2024, Minister Tajani chaired the fourth meeting of the Joint Committee for Development Cooperation in which financing of EUR300 million was approved for global development projects.¹⁷¹ Additionally, the Committee established two new offices of the Agency of Development Cooperation in Kampala, Uganda and Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The financing project aimed to envelope two new countries, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

On 4 July 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with Finland's President Alexander Stubb.¹⁷² This bilateral meeting included dialogues regarding strategic commitments to global development, notably the progress of the Mattei Plan.

¹⁶⁷ G7 Summit: President Meloni meets with the President of the World Bank Group, Ajay Banga, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/g7-summit-president-meloni-meets-president-world-bank-group-ajay-banga/26023>.

¹⁶⁸ Vertice G7, incontro bilaterale Meloni – Tebboune, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 15 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-g7-incontro-bilaterale-meloni-tebboune/26013>.

¹⁶⁹ Tajani a Parigi all'evento "Protecting Our Future – The Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation", Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/06/tajani-a-parigi-allevvento-protecting-our-future-the-global-forum-for-vaccine-sovereignty-and-innovation/.

¹⁷⁰ Meeting with the President of the Republic of Singapore, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/node/26085>.

¹⁷¹ Il Vice Presidente del Consiglio e Ministro degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, On. Antonio Tajani, alla quarta riunione del 2024 del Comitato Congiunto per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 28 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024.

¹⁷² Incontro con il Presidente della Repubblica di Finlandia, Governo Italiano Presidenze del Consiglio dei Ministeri (Rome) 4 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/incontro-con-il-presidente-della-repubblica-di-finlandia/26168>.

On 8 July 2024, the Government of Italy contributed EUR5 million in core resources to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).¹⁷³ This financing is critical to sustaining UNDP's functioning and international development plans in tangent with the SDGs.

On 8 July 2024, Director General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stefano Gatto, and Mozambique's Minister of Economy and Finance, Ernesto Tonela, signed an agreement for the Construction and Equipment of the Manica Agri-Food Centre.¹⁷⁴ This agreement ensured EUR38 million in financing to resources to strengthen food security, sustainable agriculture and female entrepreneurship. Included objectives are underlined by the SDGs.

On 9 July 2024, Minister Tajani facilitated the delivery of a newly developed scanner to Cyprus.¹⁷⁵ This scanner was developed to navigate emergency aid to Gaza as a part of the Italian government initiative titled "Food for Gaza." This promotes the SDGs through the promotion of food security and closing the digital divide.

On 9 July 2024, Minister of Universities and Research Anna Bernini hosted the ministerial meeting of the Group of Seven on science and technology in Bologna, Italy.¹⁷⁶ This multilateral meeting created a forum to discuss strategies of promoting global technological excellence and contributed towards progress of sustainable development and efforts of closing the digital divide.

On 3 October 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Sadyr Japarov, at Palazzo Chigi. Several bilateral agreements were signed that aim to increase cooperation in the fields of justice and culture, and to strengthen collaboration in areas of common interest.¹⁷⁷ They also discussed the main issues on the regional and international arena. The visit confirms Italy's commitment to continue to collaborate with Central Asian states.

Italy has fully engaged in actions and collaboration to promote the SDGs. Objectives must require more clarity including metrics for effectiveness. Furthermore, Italy's foreign direct investment remains focused in a selective geographical region. Italy has actively participated in international partnerships and collaborations.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

¹⁷³ L'Italia collabora con l'UNDP per affrontare le cause alla radice delle sfide dello sviluppo globale, Centro di Regionale di Informazione delle Nazioni Unite (Brussels) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://unric.org/it/litalia-collabora-con-lundp-sulle-sfide-dello-sviluppo-globale/>.

¹⁷⁴ Piano Mattei per l'Africa, Mozambico: firma dell'Accordo per il CAAM, Governo Italiano Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/piano-mattei-lafrica-mozambico-firma-dellaccordo-il-caam/26190>.

¹⁷⁵ Food for Gaza: consegnato a Cipro scanner di ultima generazione per agevolare transito degli aiuti di emergenza., Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 9 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. https://www.esteri.it/it/sala_stamp/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/07/food-for-gaza-consegnato-a-cipro-scanner-di-ultima-generazione-per-agevolare-transito-degli-aiuti-di-emergenza/.

¹⁷⁶ Ricerca, al via il G7 Scienza e Tecnologia: dall'intelligenza artificiale alla biodiversità, Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (Rome) 9 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.mur.gov.it/news/martedi-09072024/ricerca-al-il-g7-scienza-e-tecnologia-dallintelligenza-artificiale-alla>.

¹⁷⁷ President Meloni meets with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, The presidency of the Council of Ministers (Roma) 3 October 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-president-kyrgyz-republic/26718>

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including its High-Level Principles..

On 19 December 2023, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida held the 14th meeting of the SDGs Promotion Headquarters at the Prime Minister's Office. The meeting consisted of discussions regarding the second revision to Japan's SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles.¹⁷⁸ In a speech, Kishida reiterated his focus on building a sustainable economic and social system under his "New Capitalism" policy, which compiles investments in human capital and promotes Japan's green and digital transformation.

On 3 February 2024, Minister for Digital Transformation Taro Kono hosted the Ministerial Session on the Future of Data Governance in Asia and Operationalization of "Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT)" in Singapore. The meeting included discussions on the progress of DFFT and future collaborations on the sustainable and inclusive development of data governance in Asia. The session strengthened cooperation between Japan and the Asian countries, recognizing the necessity of global digital transformation.¹⁷⁹

On 20 February 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency signed loan agreements with the Government of India to provide Official Development Assistance loans of up to JPY232,209 million for nine developmental projects. These include the Project for Promoting Start-up and Innovation in Telangana, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road, and others. The agreement enhances bilateral relations and mutual development, demonstrating Japan's commitment to mobilizing accessible funding for developing countries.¹⁸⁰

On 21 February 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The goal was to enhance cooperation between G20 countries and address issues of global concern. Ms. Kamikawa restated Japan's commitment to working with its partners in the international community, including the Brazilian G20 Presidency.¹⁸¹

On 7 March 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa held the 16th Japan-India Foreign Minister's Strategic Dialogue with Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. They discussed topics of bilateral relations, including promoting cooperation in the area of defense equipment and technology, as well as an extension of the "Japan-India Tourism Exchange Year" to be implemented in 2024.¹⁸²

On 10 March 2024, the Government of Japan donated USD5 million to the Pan-American Highway for Digital Health Initiative, led by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Pan American Health Organization. This initiative aims to enhance digital health services in Latin America and the Caribbean. The donation was made through the Japan Special Fund at the IDB, which has made

¹⁷⁸ 持続可能な開発目標 (SDGs) 推進本部会合 (第14回) 及び第7回「ジャパンSDGsアワード」表彰式の開催 (結果), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 19 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate/Analyst. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/page1_001532_00001.html

¹⁷⁹ Ministerial Session on the Future of Data Governance in Asia and Operationalisation of "Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT)" held, Digital Agency (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.digital.go.jp/en/a33b6016-1b77-4c69-a7bb-5b6d0cd97d52-en>

¹⁸⁰ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 25 April 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html

¹⁸¹ G20 Foreign Minister's Meeting (Summary), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/pageite_000001_00186.html

¹⁸² 16th Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue and Working Dinner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00194.html

significant contributions since its establishment in 1988.¹⁸³ It demonstrates Japan's commitment to mobilizing accessible funding to developing countries.

On 20 March 2024, the Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability held the "Youth-led 'Action and Transformation' Summit for the Future." The event aimed to strengthen youth networks and promote youth participation in dialogue surrounding the SDGs, acting as a kick-off event to advance discussions towards Japan's Voluntary National Review for 2025. Deputy Director-General Hideki Kusakabe of the International Cooperation Bureau participated in the event alongside expert and youth panellists.¹⁸⁴ This event enhances domestic partnerships to implement the 2030 SDGs Agenda.

On 10 April 2024, Prime Minister Kishida made an official visit to Washington DC to meet with President Joe Biden. At the summit they reaffirmed their commitment to the US-Japan bilateral partnership, including defence cooperation and private sector-led two-way investment to lead global economic growth.¹⁸⁵

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Japan took steps to mobilize accessible financing for developing countries and worked to strengthen G20 cooperation through engagement in bilateral dialogue. Japan recognized the importance of sustainable and digital transformations through public engagement and announcing the implementation of new domestic socio-economic policies.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 1 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment announced that Korea will participate in five global initiatives led by the United Arab Emirates covering renewable energy and energy efficiency, mutual recognition of hydrogen certification systems, agriculture and food, health, and multi-level cooperation.¹⁸⁶ This strong and multilateral action shows Korea's progress towards their environmental goals.

On 20 February 2024, the Korea International Cooperation Agency and the U.S. Agency for International Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to advance shared global development goals in India.¹⁸⁷ This strong action agreement seeks to leverage capacities to tackle

¹⁸³ Japan Becomes First Official Donor of Pan-American Highway for Digital Health Initiative, Pan American Health Organization (Washington) 10 March 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/10-3-2024-japan-becomes-first-official-donor-pan-american-highway-digital-health-initiative>

¹⁸⁴ 次世代のSDGs推進プラットフォーム」による「ユースによる未来に向けた「行動と変革」のサミット」の開催, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate/Analyst. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ic/gic/pagew_000001_00487.html

¹⁸⁵ Japan-US Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html

¹⁸⁶ Gov't to join 5 UAE-led global initiatives on climate change, Korea.net (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 May. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Society/view?articleId=243052>

¹⁸⁷ United States and Republic of Korea Expand Cooperation in India to Advance Shared Development Goals, U.S. Agency for International Development (New Delhi) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/india/press-releases/feb-27-2024-united-states-and-republic-korea-expand-cooperation-india-advance-shared-development-goals>

“women’s economic empowerment, disaster and climate resilience, digital literacy, and opportunities for trilateral cooperation with the Government of India.”

On 29 February 2024, Prime Minister Han Duck-Soo announced a budget allocation of KRW6.3 trillion for official development assistance (ODA), a fund organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that is tasked with coordinating aid policy for developing countries.¹⁸⁸ This strong-action policy shows an increased ODA commitment that can aid progress towards economic and social objectives in developing countries.

On 14 March 2024, Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave a speech at the Global Engagement and Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development where he highlighted the country’s capacity to support SDG goals by acting as a bridge between Global North and South, advancing global public goods, and initiating new global norms and standards.¹⁸⁹ This less than strong action reaffirms Korea’s commitment to tackling the SDGs.

On 20 March 2024, the government of Korea and the Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean renewed their cooperation agreement to enhance education, vocational training, digital inclusion, resilient investments in renewable energy, and productive integration of older persons.¹⁹⁰ The strong action aims to help the region pursue sustainable, and inclusive growth through tackling economic and social issues.

On 21 March 2024, representatives from Korea and the European Union held their 20th Joint Committee where they reiterated their commitment to multilateralism, and their cooperation with other G20 members.¹⁹¹ This less than strong action reaffirms cooperative actions to address the SDGs.

On 17 April 2024, the Finance Ministers of Japan, Korea, and the United States held a trilateral meeting that reaffirmed their commitment to work together to “evolve the multilateral development banks and strengthen other international financial institutions to better respond to key global challenges.”¹⁹² This less than strong action demonstrates a cooperative commitment towards some economic-orientated High-level Principles.

On 25 April 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Korea and the OECD agreed to start a multi-year research program focused on securing fiscal sustainability, fiscally efficient elderly poverty alleviation policies and international comparison of tax expenditures and budget expenditures.¹⁹³ This strong action might generate potential policy solutions towards economic and social goals for multiple economies.

¹⁸⁸ S. Korea's ODA budget set at record high of 6.3 tln won in 2024 (Seoul) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240229003100315>

¹⁸⁹ [Incumbent] Keynote Speech by H.E. Mr. Cho Tae-yul Minister of Foreign Affairs / Global Engagement and Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5689/view.do?seq=319619

¹⁹⁰ Republic of Korea and ECLAC Renew their Cooperation Agreement with Emphasis on Education and the Labor Market, the Energy Transition and Ageing in the Region, Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (Santiago) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.cepal.org/en/news/republic-korea-and-eclac-renew-their-cooperation-agreement-emphasis-education-and-labor-market>

¹⁹¹ Republic of Korea: 20th Joint Committee with the European Union takes place in Seoul, European Union External Action (Seoul) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/republic-korea-20th-joint-committee-european-union-takes-place-seoul_en

¹⁹² Japan-Republic of Korea-United States Trilateral Ministerial Joint Press Statement, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2264>.

¹⁹³ Amb. CHOI attends the launch ceremony for “OECD-Korea Joint Research on Long-Term Sustainability of Public Finance,” Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the ORganisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/occd-en/brd/m_21596/view.do?seq=760618

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to take strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles. Korea has initiated multiple collaborative policies with other countries and international organizations. These policies are both inclusive and collaborative.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tyler Dela Cruz Carriaga

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 20 February 2024, the Secretariat of the Navy, the Ministry of the Government of Mexico, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Ministry of Tourism of the State of Nayarit, and Airbnb joined forces to promote sustainable tourism development in the Islas Marias Biosphere Reserve. Implemented projects, like Adaptur and Kuxatur, aim at adapting to climate change and conserving the region's biodiversity.¹⁹⁴ The alliance aims to focus on heritage management for sustainable tourism, strengthening of services that promote responsible tourism, and dissemination strategies to establish the Islas Marias as a premier destination in Mexico.

On 22 September 2024, Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena participated in the Summit of the Future at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.¹⁹⁵ The summit was focused on the multilateral system with a focus on addressing international challenges. Bárcena reinforced Mexico's commitment to multilateralism as a tool to achieve equitable, inclusive and sustainable development.

Mexico has partially complied with its commitments towards collective action and the implementation of the 2030 G20 Action Plan. Out of the four parameters outlined, Mexico successfully complied with one of them. Mexico has highlighted the crucial role of tourism as a means for sustainable socio-economic development and economic prosperity. However, Mexico falls short in other areas of the action plan. Mexico has failed to acknowledge the role of digital technology in bridging the digital divide, has not mobilized affordable financing to support developing countries, and could improve in its approach to strengthening G20 cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Trevor Cheb

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

¹⁹⁴ Announce the Sustainable Tourism Project at the Islas Marías Tourist Center in Mexico, SECTUR, TURIIMAR, UNESCO, SECTUR Nayarit, and Airbnb, UNESCO, (Mexico City) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 14th March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/announce-sustainable-tourism-project-islas-marias-tourist-center-mexico-sectur-turiimar-unesco>.

¹⁹⁵ Mexico promotes multilateralism and fair, inclusive, and sustainable development at UN Summit of the Future, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 22September 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-promotes-multilateralism-and-fair-inclusive-and-sustainable-development-at-un-summit-of-the-future?idiom=en>

On 22 January 2024, Russia and Vietnam resumed flights to promote tourism between the countries.¹⁹⁶

On 27 January 2024, Russia and China cooperated on a “Made in Russia” festival in Shenyang to promote cultural exchange, opening the Cultural Cross Year of Russia and China.¹⁹⁷

On 6 February 2024, Russia implemented the Internet Access project, with the objective of improving telecommunications infrastructure, particularly in areas that are not well connected and schools.¹⁹⁸

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government drafted legislative amendments to offer more tax exemptions for the Era Technopolis, a centre for innovation.¹⁹⁹

On 15 February 2024, the Russian government announced the allocation of RUB 1 billion to develop ski complexes for tourists.²⁰⁰

On 21 February 2024, the Russian government amended the rules for financing projects to allow certain regions to obtain financing for the construction of infrastructure for companies at technology parks.²⁰¹

On 26 February 2024, Russia increased the number of openings for certain types of personnel training.²⁰²

On 26 February 2024, the Russian government announced an allocation of over RUB 6 billion to assist in retraining workers.²⁰³

On 27 February 2024, the Russian government announced the creation of a tourist route in the occupied territory of Crimea.²⁰⁴

On 28 February 2024, Russia and Iran signed an agreement to cooperate on science and technology in power generation, which includes the digitalization of electrical grids.²⁰⁵

¹⁹⁶ Dmitry Chernyshenko: Resuming flights between Russia and Vietnam to promote business, tourism, and cultural exchange, The Russian Government (Moscow) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. (<http://government.ru/en/news/50673/>)

¹⁹⁷ China’s Shenyang hosts the first Made in Russia festival and fair, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 January 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. (<http://government.ru/en/news/50706/>)

¹⁹⁸ Mikhail Mishustin holds strategic session on implementing socioeconomic development initiatives: digital transformation and construction, The Russian Government (Moscow) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50789/>

¹⁹⁹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

²⁰⁰ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50879/>

²⁰¹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50942/>

²⁰² Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 26 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50974/>

²⁰³ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 26 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50974/>

²⁰⁴ Mikhail Mishustin holds a strategic session to discuss the deputy prime ministers’ oversight of the federal districts, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50978/>

²⁰⁵ Alexander Novak holds 17th meeting of Russian-Iranian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, The Russian Government (Moscow) 28 FEBRUARY 2024. Access Date: 18 MARCH 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51000/>

On 15 March 2024, the Russian government allocated RUB 12 billion for the long-term assistance for the elderly.²⁰⁶

On 5 April 2024, the Russian government promised to raise the limits on mortgages for specialists in information technology by RUB 200 billion.²⁰⁷

On 8 April 2024, the Russian government announced the subsidization of housing in the east of the country.²⁰⁸

On 2 of May 2024, the Russian government approved a nine-year investment plan to develop the Baikal-Amur and Trans-Siberian railways.²⁰⁹

On 4 June 2024, the Russian government, alongside the other members of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, approved the improvement of transportation infrastructure between the countries on the Council.²¹⁰

On 8 July 2024, Russia vowed to continue expanding its transportation infrastructure, including a high-speed rail.²¹¹

On 15 July 2024, the Russian government promised investment into childcare services for families, healthcare, and education.²¹²

Russia has partially complied with its commitment on the SDGs. It has a clear commitment to addressing the rising importance of digital technology and the digital divides it creates, as well as improving infrastructure. Russia has done little to cooperate with other G20 members to address challenges emerging from the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Russia has failed to mobilize financing to aid developing countries.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Joseph Oberfeld

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 4 December 2023, Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadhil participated in a dialogue alongside the President of the New Development Bank Dilma Rousseff at the 2023 United Nations

²⁰⁶ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51110/>

²⁰⁷ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51260/>

²⁰⁸ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51275/>

²⁰⁹ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51510/>

²¹⁰ Meeting of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, The Russian Government (Moscow) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51756/>

²¹¹ Mikhail Mishustin chairs a strategic session on the Efficient Transport System and Unmanned Aircraft Systems national projects, The Russian Government (Moscow) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52051/>

²¹² Mikhail Mishustin chairs strategic session on the Youth and Children and Family national projects, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 28 July 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52118/>

Climate Change Conference.²¹³ This conversation included ideas on the significance of high-impact investments and how they support innovative solutions to climate change.

On 6 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture attended the Korea International Water Week.²¹⁴ This multilateral conference aimed to focus on the creation of long-term water solutions that are consistent with the SDGs outlined in the United Nations framework. The Ministry consolidated its own commitments to this framework with the Saudi Vision 2030.

On 11 December 2023, Saudi Arabia engaged in the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.²¹⁵ Saudi Arabia engaged with the conference through the construction of the Saudi Green Initiative Pavilion and the Blue Zone pavilion, both which served to encourage dialogue on climate change issues and a carbon-free transition.

On 13 December 2023, Deputy Minister for Policies and Economic Planning Rakan Alsheikh emphasized the Ministry of Economy and Planning's monitoring and evaluation methods during his attendance at the Operational Excellence Conference.²¹⁶ This entailed the Ministry's cooperation to improve Operational Excellence Projects to achieve sustainable economic growth.

On 13 December 2023, Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal Alibrahim participated in the Global Labour Market Conference.²¹⁷ Organized by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, the conference sought to strategize resilience methods for the international labour market, including ideas about sustainable economies.

On 19 December 2023, Minister Alibrahim met with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations, Li Junhua.²¹⁸ The discourse encompassed international efforts to address global issues and reaffirm the partnership between Saudi Arabia and the United Nations. In addition, the dialogue included strategies to achieve sustainable development goals in consideration of the Saudi Vision 2030.

²¹³ Environment" participates in the" Korea International Water Week 2023 to contribute to developing inspiring solutions to water challenges regionally and internationally, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 6 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News7862020.aspx>

²¹⁴ Environment" participates in the" Korea International Water Week 2023 to contribute to developing inspiring solutions to water challenges regionally and internationally, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 6 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News7862020.aspx>

²¹⁵ Deputy Minister for Policies and Economic Planning Highlights MEP Efforts in Operational Excellence in Financial Sector during OPEXsa Conference, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 13 December 2023. Access Date:15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Operational-Excellence-in-the-Financial-Sector.aspx>.

²¹⁶ Saudi Minister of Economy and Planning participates in Riyadh's Global Labor Market Conference, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Global-Labor-Market-Conference.aspx>

²¹⁷ Minister of Economy and Planning and Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the UN discuss the Kingdom's efforts in achieving sustainable development goals, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 19 December 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/MEP-and-UN-Official-Discuss-Kingdom's-Sustainable-Development-Goals.aspx>

²¹⁸ HE Minister of Economy and Planning Meets with Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 10 January 2024. Access Date:15 March 2024.

<https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-Meets-with-Director-General-of-the-UN-Industrial-Development-Organization.aspx>

On 9 January 2024, Vice Minister Ammar Nagadi and Professor Richard Barker of the International Sustainability Standards Board engaged in bilateral discussions.²¹⁹ This discussion included updates on recent Environmental, Social, and Governance developments in Environmental, Social, Governance and improvements to Saudi Arabia’s sustainability practices.

On 10 January 2024, Minister Alibrahim engaged in a bilateral meeting with the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Gerd Müller.²²⁰ The dialogue entailed potential investment to promote sustainable industrial development and the clean energy transition.

On 15 January 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, attended the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.²²¹ This meeting served as a forum for bilateral and multilateral discourse to strategize solutions to global challenges including a session on building sustainability in the Middle East and North Africa.

On 17 January 2024, the Government of Saudi Arabia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation to promote Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 mission.²²² The agreement encompasses suggestions for cooperation over 19 policy areas entailing ideas for low-carbon transition.

On 18 January 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed a cooperation agreement with UpLink, an open innovation platform of the World Economic Forum.²²³ The establishment of this bilateral partnership includes two agreements, “Catalyzing Innovation for an Ocean Positive Economy” and “Catalyzing Innovation for a Positive Circular Carbon Economy.” These agreements entail the creation of innovation ecosystems to promote solutions to sustainable development challenges.

On 18 January 2024, Minister Alibrahim met with Managing Partner of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners Jakob Baruël Poulsen at the 2024 World Economic Forum.²²⁴ The meeting entailed conversations regarding collaboration on renewable energy and infrastructure objectives.

On 22 January 2024, the Government of Saudi Arabia hosted the “Universities and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Targets and Practices” Conference with the United Nations Institute for

²¹⁹ The Kingdom concludes its participation in WEF AM 2024 with announcement to host WEF Special Meeting in Riyadh, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 15 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/The-Kingdom-concludes-its-participation-in-WEF-AM-2024-with-announcement-to-host-WEF-Special-Meeting-in-Riyadh.aspx>

²²⁰ OECD and Saudi Arabia sign MoU to deepen co-operation and support reforms, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/oecd-and-saudi-arabia-sign-mou-to-deepen-co-operation-and-support-reforms.htm>

²²¹ Saudi Arabia expands partnership with World Economic Forum’s UpLink Platform to catalyze breakthrough innovations, achieve sustainable development goals, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-expands-partnership-with-World-Economic-Forums-UpLink-platform.aspx>

²²² HE Minister of Economy and Planning meets with Managing Partner, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-meets-with-Managing-Partner-Copenhagen-Infrastructure-Partners.aspx>

²²³ UNITAR AND CIFAL SAUDI ARABIA LEAD CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (Geneva) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://unitar.org/about/news-stories/news/unitar-and-cifal-saudi-arabia-lead-conference-sustainable-development-goals>

²²⁴ Saudi Arabia Officially Joins the International Coffee Organization, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 20 February 2024. Access date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2050984>

Training and Research.²²⁵ This conference aimed to consolidate global academic institutions and reaffirm strategies for fostering sustainable development through education.

On 20 February 2024, the Saudi Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz, signed an agreement incorporating the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia into the International Coffee Organization.²²⁶ This agreement aims to engage in initiatives that promote productivity, quality and sustainability of coffee-producing countries.

On 29 February 2024, the Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen AlFadley, attended the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.²²⁷ During this multilateral session, Minister AlFadley reaffirmed the commitment to sustainable development through international partnerships and an open invitation to important environmental events.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Alibrahim convened with Chief Executive Officer of Global Partnership for Education Laura Frigenti to discuss efforts to transform the education sector in promoting sustainable economic growth.²²⁸

On 4 March 2024, the First International Conference on Sand and Dust Storms was hosted in Riyadh by the Saudi National Center for Meteorology, the World Meteorological Organization and the Sand and Dust Storm Warning Regional Center.²²⁹ This multilateral conference served as a forum for strategic collaboration including a discussion session focused on the development of an international cooperation framework that would align with SDGs.

On 22 March 2024, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad signed two development agreements with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz.²³⁰ The agreements financed USD101 million for hydropower stations, fortifying opportunities for sustainable development.

On 2 April 2024, the Royal Commission for AlUla signed a partnership agreement with the Cultural Heritage Administration of China's Henan Province.²³¹ The partnership aimed to strengthen bilateral information sharing to enhance tourism and sustainable development.

²²⁵ Minister Al-Fadhli: The Kingdom's environmental initiatives have contributed to enhancing the ability to address contemporary environmental challenges at the regional and international levels, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News8542020.aspx>

²²⁶ HE Minister of Economy and Planning discusses with the CEO of Global Partnership for Education the Kingdom's efforts in transforming the education sector to achieve sustainable economic growth, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-discusses-with-the-CEO-of-Global-Partnership-for-Education.aspx>

²²⁷ Minister Al-Fadhli: The Kingdom's environmental initiatives have contributed to enhancing the ability to address contemporary environmental challenges at the regional and international levels, Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News8542020.aspx>

²²⁸ HE Minister of Economy and Planning discusses with the CEO of Global Partnership for Education the Kingdom's efforts in transforming the education sector to achieve sustainable economic growth, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HE-MEP-discusses-with-the-CEO-of-Global-Partnership-for-Education.aspx>

²²⁹ First International Conference on Sand and Dust Storms Calls for Global Collaboration, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2060715>

²³⁰ SFD Signs Two Development Loan Agreements Worth \$101 Million to Support Pakistan Clean Energy Sector, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2071737>

²³¹ AlUla Royal Commission Signs Strategic Partnership with China's Henan Province, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 2 April 2024. Access date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2077368>

On 15 April 2024, Prince Faisal participated in the Gulf Cooperation Council – Central Asia Strategic Dialogue second ministerial meeting.²³² The meeting aimed to fortify multilateral partnerships to cooperate on strengthening artificial intelligence within a sustainable and circular economy and digitalization.

On 16 April 2024, the SFD signed a development loan agreement with the government of Saint Kitts and Nevis for USD40 million.²³³ The agreement aimed to bolster renewable energy sector in the country by financing the expansion of a power plant project, facilitating the sustainable energy transition.

On 16 April 2024, Minister of Tourism Ahmed bin Aqeel Al-Khateeb led the Saudi Arabian delegation at the UN General Assembly Sustainability Week.²³⁴ This event reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to SDGs through Minister Al-Khateeb's open invitation to collaborate on the Red Sea Projects.

On 18 April 2024, the SFD signed a USD50 million development loan agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.²³⁵ The objective of this financing is to enhance sustainability and resilience to improve infrastructure adaptation to climate change effects, reaffirming Saudi Arabia's commitment to sustainable development goals.

On 24 April 2024, Deputy Governor of the Saudi General Authority for Foreign Trade for International Organizations and Agreements Fareed bin Saeed Al-Asaly participated in the second meeting of the Trade and Investment Working Group.²³⁶ The meeting focused on strategizing for sustainable development for women's participation, investment agreements and multilateral trade.

On 27 April 2024, Saudi Arabia as a member of the Islamic Development Bank approved USD418 million to fund new development projects.²³⁷ These projects committed to supporting the SDGs and focus on renewable energy. This funding agreement aimed to provide funding to Tajikistan, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Turkey.

On 28 April 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina.²³⁸ This agreement promotes bilateral participation in sustainable international development, notably financing of development projects in African developing countries.

On 28 April 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture declare World Environment Day with the United Nations Environment Programme.²³⁹ This aims to focus attention on sustainable

²³² Joint Statement Issued Following GCC-Central Asia Strategic Dialogue Second Ministerial Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2083189>

²³³ Saudi Fund for Development Signs \$40 Million Developmental Loan Agreement to Support Energy Sector in Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2085066>

²³⁴ Tourism Minister Leads Saudi Delegation at UNGA Sustainability Week, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2085044>

²³⁵ SFD Signs \$50 Million Developmental Loan Agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2086191>

²³⁶ IsDB Approves \$418 Million to Boost Clean Energy, Food Security, and Transport in Tajikistan, Benin, Cote 'd Ivoire, Türkiye, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 27 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2090776>

²³⁷ Saudi Delegation Participates in Second Meeting of Trade and Investment Working Group during Brazil's Presidency of G20, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092398>

²³⁸ SFD, AfDB Sign MoU to Promote Sustainable Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092598>

²³⁹ المملكة والأمم المتحدة تطلقان حملة الإعلان عن اليوم العالمي للبيئة لمكافحة التصحر واستعادة الأراضي المتدهورة، Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9002020.aspx>

development to repair desertification and environmental restoration and includes multilateral participation for environmental conservation.

On 28 April 2024, Minister of Commerce Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, met with Malaysia's Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Tengku Zafrul Abdul Azisz, Korea's Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Lee Chang-Yang and Tanzania's Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade Ashatu Kijaji at the World Economic Forum Special Meeting.²⁴⁰ This multilateral meeting included discussions about partnership capacities to enhance sustainable development objectives.

On 30 April 2024, Acting Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Social Development for Social Development Soltan Al-Jurais attended the 11th Asia Pacific Cooperative Ministers Conference.²⁴¹ The conference served as a forum for strengthening multilateral dialogue on "Government-Cooperative Partnership for Cooperative Resilience, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth in Asia Pacific & MENA [Middle East and North Africa] Region."

On 30 April 2024, the Advisor to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture Yousri Matar facilitated the Third Saudi Water Forum 2024.²⁴² This event provided a space for dialogues on the use of artificial intelligence in water conservation to support the SDGs.

On 30 April 2024, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center launched a funding package to the Lives and Livelihoods Fund, organized by the Islamic Development Bank Group.²⁴³ The fund aims to acquire financing required to support sustainable development projects across the member countries.

On 30 April 2024, the Vice Minister of Economy and Planning, Ammar Nagadi, met with the Under Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Haoliang Xu.²⁴⁴ This bilateral meeting included dialogues pertaining to international development to support Saudi Arabia's objectives of SDGs.

On 30 April 2024, the Saudi Tourism Investment Company signed an investment agreement with the Tamimi-AWN Alliance company and Royal Commission for Yanbu.²⁴⁵ This public-private partnership aims to bolster Saudi Arabian tourism with a focus on promoting sustainable development and innovation.

On 6 May 2024, the SFD and the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office signed a joint cooperation arrangement.²⁴⁶ This agreement entailed a bilateral commitment to advance development issues and enhance the international development capacity of relevant organizations.

²⁴⁰ Commerce Minister Meets with Ministers and Officials at the World Economic Forum, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2092606>

²⁴¹ Joint Statement on Energy Cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Uzbekistan, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2095319>

²⁴² خبراء دوليون: تقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي توفر (45%) من استهلاك الطاقة في إنتاج المياه, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9082020.aspx>

²⁴³ KSrelief Signs Charter of IsDB-affiliated Lives and Livelihoods Fund, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093780>

²⁴⁴ Vice Economy Minister Receives UNDP Under-Secretary-General, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093835>

²⁴⁵ Baheej, Royal Commission for Yanbu Sign Investment Agreements at Future Hospitality Summit, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2093751>

²⁴⁶ Saudi Fund for Development and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office Join Forces to Advance Global Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2096804>.

On 7 May 2024, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom concluded the Strategic Dialogue on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance.²⁴⁷ This forum opened dialogue regarding the coordination of joint aid delivery to fulfil the SDGs to maximum impact.

On 8 May 2024, Minister AlFadley met the Republic of Senegal's Prime Minister, Othman Sonko.²⁴⁸ This meeting reaffirmed bilateral commitments to supporting further coordination to enhance agricultural and food security development.

On 13 May 2024, Minister AlFadley met with Kenya's Minister of Treated Water and Irrigation during the Tenth World Water Forum.²⁴⁹ This bilateral conversation included strategizing on sustainable water management and water financing.

On 19 May 2024, Minister AlFadley attended the Tenth World Water Forum in Indonesia. During the meeting, he met with Florica Funck, Director General of the Environment Department of the European Union; Amy Khor, Minister of First State for Sustainability and Environment of Singapore; Giuseppe Serra, Deputy Minister of Environmental Transformation and Demographic Challenge in Spain; Saroj Kumar, Director of the Water Sector at the World Bank; and the representative of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Special Envoy for Water in the Dutch government.²⁵⁰

On 22 May 2024, Governor of the Saudi Central Bank Ayman Al-Sayari alongside members of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Finance attended the Joint Annual Meetings of Arab Financial Institutions.²⁵¹ These discussions aimed to enhance coordination efforts of Arab financial institutions to fortify plans in fulfilling sustainable development goals.

On 23 May 2024, Secretary General of the Digital Cooperation Organization, Deemah AlYahya met with Egypt's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Dr. Amr Talaat and Secretary General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit.²⁵² This meeting reaffirmed the organization's multilateral commitments to promoting Egypt's digital transformation strategy and promoting Sustainable Development Goals through public-private partnerships.

On 26 May 2024, Minister of Finance Mohammed Bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan attended the third meeting of the G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.²⁵³ Minister Al-Jadaan participated in multilateral dialogues on issues of Artificial Intelligence and its use to strengthen sustainable development through equitable financing needs.

²⁴⁷ Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom Conclude High-Level Strategic Dialogue on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2097678>.

²⁴⁸ المملكة والسنغال تتفقان على تعزيز التعاون في مجالات الزراعة والأمن الغذائي, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9182020.aspx>.

²⁴⁹ وزير "البيئة" يعقد اجتماعات ثنائية مع الجزائر وكينيا على هامش المنتدى العالمي العاشر للمياه, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9312020.aspx>.

²⁵⁰ وزير "البيئة" يعقد اجتماعات ثنائية على هامش المنتدى العالمي العاشر للمياه في إندونيسيا, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 19 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9282020.aspx>.

²⁵¹ SAMA Governor Heads Saudi Delegation to Joint Annual Meetings of Arab Financial Institutions, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2108259>.

²⁵² DCO Secretary General Meets with Egyptian Minister of Communications and IT, Arab League Secretary General, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2109293>.

²⁵³ Al-Jadaan Participates in Third G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2110399>.

On 4 June 2024, the Saudi Delegation led by Governor of the Communications, Space and Technology Commission, Mohammed Saud Al-Tamimi attended the International Telecommunication Union Council.²⁵⁴ Their participation aimed to strengthen international cooperation in the information and communication technologies and supporting the digital transition in developing countries.

On 5 June 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture organized the World Environment Day initiative with the United Nations Environment Programme.²⁵⁵ This aimed to enhance strategies regarding sustainable agricultural systems in the region and the world.

On 6 June 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD approved of a development loan agreement with El Salvador's Minister of Finance, Jerson Posada.²⁵⁶ The loan amounting to USD83 million aims to fund water treatment and power generation projects, fulfilling advancement towards SDGs.

On 7 June 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD committed the first development loan worth USD103 million with the Vice Minister of Finance and Public Credit of Nicaragua, Bruno Gallardo.²⁵⁷ The agreement aims to support developmental plans and strengthen future sustainable development goals.

On 12 June 2024, Minister AlFadley met with Tajikistan's President, Emomali Rahmon.²⁵⁸ The bilateral dialogues entailed plans to strengthen development initiatives regarding the environmental, water and agricultural industries.

On 26 June 2024, Minister Al-Jadaan attended the Development Forum and Ministerial Council meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.²⁵⁹ A tripartite agreement signed by Minister Al-Jadaan, Director-General of the Organization Fund, and Somalia's Minister of Finance, Bihi Iman supporting Somalia's economy recovery. This agreement reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals through the promotion of financial inclusion and accessible financing.

On 26 June 2024, the Saudi Export-Import Bank and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund signed a memorandum of understanding.²⁶⁰ This agreement aimed to reaffirm commitment to support development initiatives and the introduction of Saudi non-oil exports in mutual markets to promote global sustainable development efforts.

On 28 June 2024, Deputy Governor of the General Authority of Foreign Trade for International Organizations and Agreements, Fareed bin Saeed Al-Asaly participated in the Third Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting.²⁶¹ This meeting allowed for G20 relationships to be strengthened

²⁵⁴ Saudi Delegation participates in the ITU Council 2024, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2116324>.

²⁵⁵ المملكة تدشن فعاليات اليوم العالمي للبيئة بمشاركة محلية ودولية واسعة.. وتؤكد على ضرورة التكاتف لمواجهة تدهور الأراضى والتصحر والجفاف, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9612020.aspx>.

²⁵⁶ SFD Signs First Development Loan Agreement worth \$83 Million to Support Water and Energy Generation in El Salvador, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2117852>.

²⁵⁷ SFD Signs \$103 Million Agreement to Construct, Equip Hospital in Nicaragua, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2118347>.

²⁵⁸ المملكة وطاجيكستان تبحثن تعزيز فرص التعاون في قطاعات البيئة والمياه والصناعات الغذائية, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 12 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9712020.aspx>.

²⁵⁹ Finance Minister Concludes Participation in OPEC Development Forum, Ministerial Council Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2129843>.

²⁶⁰ Saudi EXIM Bank Signs MOU with OPEC Fund for International Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2129601>.

²⁶¹ Saudi Arabia's Delegation Participates in TIWG's 3rd Meeting During Brazilian G20 Presidency 2024, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2130369>.

through dialogue on the G20 framework priorities, including sustainable development in investment agreements and accessible financing.

On 30 June 2024, the Islamic Development Bank approved an allocation of USD368.98 million for development projects in Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Suriname.²⁶² These projects aimed to promote sustainable development with focus on infrastructure, health, education and energy sectors. The investment will be allocated by USDD165 million to Türkiye, USD47.98 million to Suriname and USD156.3 million to Turkmenistan.

On 4 July 2024, the Saudi Contractors Authority participated in the Türkiye-Saudi Arabia Construction Forum.²⁶³ This meeting provided a forum for bilateral dialogue to reaffirm cooperation regarding infrastructural and sustainable development.

On 8 July 2024, the Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadel Alibrahim attended the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.²⁶⁴ This multilateral meeting served as a forum to assess international efforts and progress regarding the Sustainable Development Goals under the 2030 Agenda. The Ministry held an event titled “Stimulating Local Efforts for the SDGs” which reaffirmed their commitment to promoting multilateral partnerships.

On 8 July 2024, Minister AlFadley and Governor of the General Authority for Food Security, Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al-Fares met with Thailand’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mars Sangiambunsa.²⁶⁵ This meeting reaffirmed cooperative partnerships regarding progress in food security and environmental development and strengthened bilateral commitments to achieving food security and afforestation.

On 11 July 2024, the Saudi Water Authority signed a collaborative agreement with the World Bank.²⁶⁶ This agreement entails documentation of the authority’s expertise regarding water development and knowledge-sharing with developing countries to enhance global sustainable development efforts. This will be achieved by utilizing research capacities of the Water Technologies Innovation Institute and Research Advancement.

On 17 July 2024, the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority alongside the International Center for Artificial Intelligence Research and Ethics and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization signed a tripartite agreement.²⁶⁷ This agreement aimed to enhance the center’s capacities of promoting global artificial intelligence development by classifying it as a Category II institution under the purview of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO).

On 20 July 2024, the King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity “Mawhiba” and UNESCO Lidia Arthur Brito signed a partnership agreement between Saudi Arabia

²⁶² IsDB Allocates \$368.98 Million for Development Projects in Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Suriname, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 June 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2130857>.

²⁶³ Saudi Contractors Authority Delegation Seeks to Enhance Cooperation at Türkiye-Saudi Arabia Construction Forum, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2133572>.

²⁶⁴ Saudi Arabia to Participate in 2024 UN-High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2134757>.

²⁶⁵ Kingdom, Thailand discuss strengthening bilateral work in agriculture, food security and environment, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 July 2024

²⁶⁶ Saudi Water Authority Signs Collaboration Agreement with World Bank, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2136965>.

²⁶⁷ Tripartite Agreement of Saudi Government, UNESCO and ICAIRE Boosts Interest of the Wise Leadership in Regulating AI Ethics Globally, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2140348>.

and UNESCO.²⁶⁸ The partnership aimed to advance innovation and sustainable development through shared commitments to education throughout Arab countries.

On 22 July 2024, Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal bin Fadel Alibrahim participated in the G20 Development Ministers' Meeting session titled "Ensuring Access to Water".²⁶⁹ This session reaffirmed multilateral commitments to identifying solutions to scarcity of freshwater resources, sanitation, human development and global health improvement.

On 22 July 2024, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef visited Brazil's Butantan Institute.²⁷⁰ The Butantan Institute focuses on vaccine development and production of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. Minister Alkhorayef strengthened bilateral public and private partnerships with Brazil and reaffirmed commitments to sustainable development through continued vaccine and pharmaceutical development.

On 5 September 2024, Saudi Ambassador to Tunisia Abdulaziz bin Ali Al-Saqr, Tunisian Minister of Health Mustapha Ferjani, and the SFD Director-General of Operations for Arab Countries Eng. Bandar bin Abdullah Al-Obeid signed a contract to construct and equip the King Salman bin Abdulaziz University Hospital in Tunisia.²⁷¹ The funding totals SAR85 million and will aid to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and bridge the development gap while stimulating economic activity. This funding is another in a long history of soft loans to Tunisia totalling SAR 1.23billion.

On 7 October 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad of the SFD signed a memorandum of cooperation with Dr. Fahad bin Saad Abu Mouti, the Head of the Founding Team of the Global Water Organization.²⁷² This memorandum will focus on establishing a mechanism for international development and cooperation through the financing of water projects worldwide. This will contribute to the sustainable development goals of various countries.

Saudi Arabia has fulfilled its commitments to pursuing the SDGs by engaging through its engagement in multilateralism through partnerships and international conferences. It actively fosters international trade relationships to uphold this commitment, engaging in constant progress to achieve this.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Parami Epaarachchi

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

²⁶⁸ Mawhiba Signs Strategic Partnership with UNESCO to Foster STEM Education in Arab States, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 20 July 2024. Access Date: 22 July 2024. <https://spa.gov.sa/en/N2141708>.

²⁶⁹ Minister of Economy and Planning Participates in the 'Ensuring Access to Water and Sanitation' Session Held During the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting in Brazil, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024.

²⁷⁰ Industry, Mineral Resources Minister Discusses Localization of Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Industry, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2142954>.

²⁷¹ The Saudi Fund for Development Witnesses the Signing of the Contract for the Construction of the King Salman University Hospital In Tunisia, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 5 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n802>

²⁷² Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Signs a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Global Water Organization to Support Water Projects Worldwide, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 7 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n815>

South Africa has actively promoted the SDGs through various national and international forums. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for South Africa, finalised for 2020-2025, is a crucial example of this commitment. It was developed with multiple stakeholders, aligning national priorities with the broader SDGs.²⁷³

On 12 September 2023, a significant discussion regarding digital transformation occurred during the SDGs Dialogue.²⁷⁴ This event brought together various stakeholders, including government departments, civil society, and the private sector, to discuss strategies for accelerating SDG achievement in South Africa. The dialogue emphasised the need for sustainable development to guide all developmental efforts.

On 10 September 2023, South Africa played a crucial role in advocating for the African Union's membership in the G20.²⁷⁵ This action intended to strengthen global economic governance and ensure that African countries can influence decisions on key issues affecting the continent. This indicates South Africa's efforts to enhance G20 cooperation and partnerships, particularly in representing and advancing the interests of the Global South.

Despite these efforts, there remains a gap in explicitly addressing the mobilisation of affordable and accessible financing and the significant role of tourism and culture as vehicles for achieving the SDGs, as outlined in the Goa Roadmap for Tourism. The available documentation and activities suggest substantial engagement in two of the four required New Delhi Summit commitment components.

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action to effectively and timely implement the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. While South Africa has demonstrated leadership in enhancing cooperation among G20 members and prioritised sustainable development through various national initiatives, further efforts are required to meet all components of the G20 commitment fully.

Thus, South Africa receives a 0.

Analyst: Sinan Amin Nabel

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 3 February 2024, the Minister of National Defense Yasar Guler announced the launch of the serial production contract of the four missile projects initiated in line with the needs of the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) has been signed.²⁷⁶ He further highlighted that these products will be valuable contributions to the Land Forces, which conduct intense and comprehensive activities, thus helping in combating terrorism in the region.

²⁷³ Sustainable Development Goals | United Nations in South Africa, United Nations, 12 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://southafrica.un.org/en/sdgs>.

²⁷⁴ Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation on Sustainable Development Goals dialogue, South African Government, 12 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za>.

²⁷⁵ President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes membership of the African Union in the G20," South African Government, 10 September 2023. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/president-cyril-ramaphosa-welcomes-membership-african-union-g20>.

²⁷⁶ Dort Fuze Projesinin Tedariki Icin Imzalar Atildi, Hurriyet (Istanbul) 3 February 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduyus. Access Date: 28 February 2024. <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/ekonomi/dort-fuze-projesinin-tedariki-icin-imzalar-atildi-42400576>

On 6 February 2024, the Minister of Trade, Omer Bolat, announced on the one-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that struck mainly south-east of Türkiye a financial support package worth TRL 400 million for small businesses and craftsmen in the earthquake-affected areas of Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Malatya, and Adiyaman.²⁷⁷ In addition to rebuilding efforts in the earthquake-ravaged areas, Halkbank has provided subsidized financing support of TRL 2.2 billion with a 50% interest rate discount to businesses in the region, aiming to revitalize the local economy. Minister Bolat further articulated that the work on export credit and insurance support will continue for exporters in the earthquake-stricken regions. Moreover, renovation activities for around 650,000 heavily and moderately damaged residences are progressing rapidly. Over 200,000 contracts have been awarded to date, with construction advancing swiftly on many of these homes.

On 2 March 2024, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan visited Antalya to open a hospital with most advanced medical technologies and with a capacity of 1500 beds, thus significantly contributing to the city's development.²⁷⁸ The city hospital system is a new type of healthcare service, representing the government's significant investment in healthcare infrastructure. It aims to improve access to high-quality medical services and overall health outcomes for the population. This translates to a healthier workforce, enhancing development. Moreover, President Erdoğan declared that “with the vision of the Turkish Century, we have aimed for greater goals. Our aim is no longer to catch up with developed countries, but to take our place among the leading ones.” Additionally, as a tourist city, Antalya is expected to attract even more tourists for medical services as well.

On 21 March 2024, the Turkey Digital Transformation Office announced a new integrated service for compulsory military duties, launched on the e-government gateway, thus increasing efficiency in the process.²⁷⁹ Türkiye's advancements and role in digital transformation can be also demonstrated by the Head of the Higher Education Council, Erol Özvar, announcing plans to implement new artificial intelligence-focused programs in universities for the 2024 and 2025 academic years. Additionally, Türkiye is undertaking significant projects in the realm of digital transformation, such as the deployment of 5G technology and the Türksat 5A and 5B satellites to enhance broadcasting and internet capabilities. Other advancements include the development of smart cities and investments in automation and artificial intelligence. Digital transformation efforts continue to progress in the fields of transportation, healthcare, and infrastructure.²⁸⁰

On 25 March 2024, Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Ersoy announced the dates for the Türkiye Cultural Road Festival 2024.²⁸¹ This festival is designed to celebrate Türkiye's rich cultural heritage and stunning geography. It aims to emphasize the importance of integrating culture, art, and tourism into sustainable growth strategies, showcasing how these elements can work together to drive progress.²⁸² Türkiye's Ministry of Culture and Tourism, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme and Anadolu Efes, positions tourism as a path to sustainable development

²⁷⁷ Ticaret Bakanı Bolat'tan Deprem Bölgesine Finansman Desteği Müjdesi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Ticaret Bakanlığı (Ankara) 6 February 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduyus. Access Date: 28 February 2024.

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/haberler/ticaret-bakani-bolattan-deprem-bolgesine-finansman-destegi-mujdesi>

²⁷⁸ Cumhurbaşkanı Erdoğan, Antalya Şehir Hastanesinin Açılışını Gerçekleştirdi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 2 March 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduyus. Access Date: 28 February 2024.

<https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-102751/cumhurbaşkanı-erdogan-antalya-sehir-hastanesinin-acilisini-gerceklestirdi.html>

²⁷⁹ A New Integrated Service for the Compulsory Military Launched At the E-Government Gateway, Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Digital Transformation Office (Ankara) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024.

<https://cbddo.gov.tr/en/announcements/6733/askerligim-butunlesik-hizmeti-e-devlet-kapisi-nda-acildi>

²⁸⁰ Turkish higher education announces AI programs for 2024-25, Daily Sabah. 30 November 2023. Access Date:

<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/education/turkish-higher-education-announces-ai-programs-for-2024-25>

²⁸¹ About the Sustainable Tourism Program, Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency. Access Date 26 June 2024.

<https://tga.gov.tr/en/safe-and-sustainable-tourism/sustainable-tourism-program/about-the-sustainable-tourism-program>

²⁸² 2024 Yılı Türkiye Kültür Yolu Festivali Baslıyor (Ankara) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Petek Gorduyus.

Access Date 25 May 2024. <https://basin.ktb.gov.tr/TR-368607/2024-yili-turkiye-kultur-yolu-festivalleri-basliyor.html>

through the “Future is in Tourism Project.” Initiatives like the Lavender Scented Village Project, where Türkiye’s 93% share of lavender comes from, create local entrepreneurship opportunities, especially for women, thus generating revenue, employment, and increased community involvement.²⁸³ Türkiye aims to increase certified tourism rentals and boost visitor numbers from 56.7 million to 77 million within five years, with an estimated target revenue of reaching 100 billion dollars by 2028 because of this project.

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. Türkiye provides credit assistance to families and businesses affected by earthquakes, while rapid infrastructure developments are underway. Additionally, investments in healthcare infrastructure and defense are crucial for inclusive and sustainable development. Investments in the defense sector and technology are crucial for countries such as Türkiye that are strategically located. Thus, fostering the stability of the country through defense serves as the platform for development. Furthermore, research and innovation play integral roles in infrastructure development, healthcare, and defense systems.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Petek Gorduyus

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 26 January 2024, the UK’s Office for National Statistics provided an updated framework for tracking the country’s progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.²⁸⁴ This framework includes a comprehensive monitoring and reporting system that is essential for evaluating the UK’s ongoing On 15 February 2024, the UK government hosted the “Technology for Climate Action” event at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, showcasing how digital and technological advancements are integrated into the government’s sustainability efforts. 151 The event highlighted significant contributions from various sectors towards reducing environmental impacts through innovation and sustainable technology practices.

On 7 October 2024, a delegation from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs arrived in Guatemala 7 to assess the progress of the UK’s Biodiverse Landscapes Fund.²⁸⁵ The fund aims to protect biodiversity, reduce poverty while addressing the impacts of climate change while maintaining Guatemalan environmental priorities until 2029. The delegation also shared plans for addressing environmental issues such as the loss of flora and fauna.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with the commitment to take collective action to effectively and timely implement the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. The UK’s structured approach to SDG reporting, its emphasis on integrating sustainability into digital and technology projects, and its participation in international sustainability efforts demonstrate its

²⁸³ Future is in Tourism, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. (n.d.). Access Date 23 June 2024. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/future-tourism-0>.

²⁸⁴ Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals - GOV.UK (London) 15 February 2024. Access date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementing-the-sustainable-development-goals/implementing-the-sustainable-development-goals--2>

²⁸⁵ UK delegation visits Guatemala to reinforce environmental cooperation, British Embassy Guatemala City (London) 7 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-delegation-visits-guatemala-to-reinforce-environmental-cooperation>

commitment. However, a full compliance score cannot be justified without comprehensive evidence addressing all specific components of the New Delhi Summit's commitments.

Thus, the UK receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sinan Amin Nabel

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 12 December 2023, the USAID Enterprises for Development, Growth and Empowerment (EDGE) Fund announced USD1.4 million in funding for a new Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation initiative in the Dominican Republic.²⁸⁶ This will empower small- and medium-sized enterprises and women-owned businesses to capitalize on nearshoring opportunities and enhance trade.

On 12 December 2023, the Carnegie Africa Program organized a stocktaking event for the Digital Transformation with Africa (DTA) initiative, launched at the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit hosted by President Joe Biden in December 2022.²⁸⁷ The review found that DTA had invested USD82 million in year one, with a focus on Digital Economy and Infrastructure, Human Capital Development, and Digital Enabling Environment.

On 22 December 2023, the Pandemic Fund announced a grant envelope of USD500 million for its second round of funding to assist low- and middle-income countries scale up efforts to prepare for future pandemics.²⁸⁸

On 21 February 2024, Secretary of State Antony Blinken attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.²⁸⁹ The goal was to enhance cooperation between G20 members and address issues of global concern such as food insecurity, climate change, workers' rights and geopolitical instability.

On 23 February 2024, Secretary Blinken participated in a joint press availability with Argentine Foreign Minister Diana Mondino after meeting in Buenos Aires.²⁹⁰ They discussed issues including economic partnership, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and improving security in Haiti, thereby enhancing the US-Argentine partnership.

On 6 March 2024, the Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF) announced the appointment of nine global leaders in digital inclusion to its first Advisory Council. WiDEF, launched by Vice President Kamala Harris in March 2023, is a joint effort between USAID and the Bill and Melinda

²⁸⁶ EDGE Fund Initiative with the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, U.S Embassy in Chile (Santiago) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://cl.usembassy.gov/edge-fund-initiative-with-the-global-alliance-for-trade-facilitation/>

²⁸⁷ Tracking Progress of the U.S. Digital Transformation With Africa Initiative, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/03/11/tracking-progress-of-u.s.-digital-transformation-with-africa-initiative-pub-91947/>

²⁸⁸ The Pandemic Fund Announces Second Round of Funding with Half-a-Billion-Dollar Envelope, The World Bank (Washington) 22 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2023/12/22/the-pandemic-fund-announces-second-round-of-funding-with-half-a-billion-dollar-envelope>

²⁸⁹ United States Engagement with the G20, US Department of State (Washington) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-engagement-with-the-g20-2/>

²⁹⁰ Secretary Anthony J. Blinken And Argentine Foreign Minister Diana Mondino At a Joint Press Availability, US Department of State (Buenos Aires) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-argentine-foreign-minister-diana-mondino-at-a-joint-press-availability/>

Gates Foundation to accelerate progress on closing the gender digital divide. Members represent the private sector, civil society, government, and research communities to inform WiDEF strategy.²⁹¹

On 9 March 2024, the Biden Administration announced its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget proposal, compiling requests for funding to address domestic and global concerns.²⁹² It requested USD 3 billion for strategic climate investments that support bilateral, plurilateral and global programs and initiatives to reduce emissions. It also requested USD250 million for the Partnership for Global Investment and Infrastructure, which aims to mobilize funding to support the infrastructure needs of low- and middle-income countries.

On 10 April 2024, President Joe Biden welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for an official visit to the White House in Washington DC.²⁹³ At the summit they reaffirmed their commitment to the US-Japan bilateral partnership, including defence cooperation and private sector-led two-way investment to lead global economic growth.

On 11 April 2024, the Department of State and Airbnb announced its partnership to support binational tourism with a focus on cross-cultural connections and economic opportunity in rural areas. The Department's International Visitor Leadership Program will bring Japanese tourism and hospitality professionals to the United States to collaborate with American peers and study best practices in rural tourism. This program

On 24 April 2024, Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Helaina Matza travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to advance ongoing efforts to facilitate strategic infrastructure investments in logistics and green transportation, critical minerals supply chains, and accelerate clean energy transformation in agriculture and clean fuel sectors. Acting Special Coordinator Matza met with government officials and private sector partners to discuss potential infrastructure projects and financing opportunities.²⁹⁴

On 8 July, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York.²⁹⁵ Jonathan Shrier, US Deputy Representative to ECOSOC, delivered remarks demonstrating its commitments to accelerate progress of the 2030 Agenda, including investments in global food security, global health and private sector investment.²⁹⁶ This indicates the United States' commitment to mobilizing accessible funding for the SDGs.

On 17 July, Secretary Blinken hosted the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (Americas Partnership) Foreign Affairs track Ministerial meeting, bringing together representatives from 11 partner countries. They discussed plans to collaborate on supply chain resiliency, develop sustainable and high-standard infrastructure, improve access to the digital economy, expand entrepreneurship

²⁹¹ Women in the Digital Economy Fund (WiDEF) Announces Advisory Council Members, CARE International (N/A) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.care.org/news-and-stories/press-releases/women-in-the-digital-economy-fund-widef-announces-advisory-council-members/>

²⁹² FY 2025 Budget: Deliver Solutions for Shared Global Challenges, US Department of State (Washington) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/fy-2025-budget-deliver-solutions-for-shared-global-challenges/>

²⁹³ Japan-US Summit Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. (https://www.mofa.go.jp/na/na1/us/pageite_000001_00256.html)

²⁹⁴ Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Matza's Travel to Brazil, U.S. Department of State (Washington) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. (<https://www.state.gov/acting-special-coordinator-for-the-partnership-for-global-infrastructure-and-investment-matzas-travel-to-brazil-2/>)

²⁹⁵ Ahead of Summit of the Future, countries commit to accelerate their delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations (New York) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://hlpf.un.org/2024>.

²⁹⁶ Remarks at the Opening Session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), United States Mission to the United Nations (Washington) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://usun.usmission.gov/remarks-at-the-opening-session-of-the-high-level-political-forum-hlpf/>.

opportunities, and advance clean energy goals.²⁹⁷ This meeting enhances bilateral relationships within the G20.

On 9 October 2024, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez travelled to Serbia to meet with President Aleksandar Vučić and other officials in order to advance the Minerals Security Partnership Forum which develops diverse and sustainable critical minerals supply chains while promoting trade and economic opportunities with the United States.²⁹⁸ His visit furthered the relationship between the two countries and highlighted the United States mission to will further develop economic, critical minerals, and energy cooperation in Serbia and throughout Europe.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to take collective action for effective and timely implementation of the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the SDGs. The US has taken action to mobilize financing to support developing countries in socio-economic development, while addressing the role of addressing digital divides through funded initiatives. The US encouraged G20 cooperation by participating in bilateral meetings with member states and reiterating its partnerships.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to take collective action for implementing the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including its High-Level Principles.

On 3 December 2023, The European Investment Bank, and eight other multilateral development banks published a joint statement that presented concrete actions to enhance climate outcomes measurement, strengthen country-level collaboration, and increase co-financing and private sector engagement.²⁹⁹ This strong-action plan reaffirms commitments to “socially inclusive, gender responsive and nature positive climate and development action” across the globe.

On 5 December 2023, The European Union and the Government of Belgium announced a EUR25 million funding commitment to the Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) Facility to fund community-level adaptations to climate-vulnerable countries including Mozambique, Solomon Islands, Uganda and Tanzania.³⁰⁰ This strong action commitment is an inclusive approach to tackling some environmental objectives in the High-Level principles.

On 13 December 2023, the European Commission announced a EUR680 million investment package to fund five flagship projects in the Western Balkans to improve sustainable transportation in Albania

²⁹⁷ Americas Partnership Ministerial, U.S Department of State (Washington) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.state.gov/briefings-foreign-press-centers/americas-partnership-ministerial>.

²⁹⁸ Under Secretary Fernandez’s Travel to Serbia, US Department of State (Washington) 9 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.state.gov/under-secretary-fernandezs-travel-to-serbia/>

²⁹⁹ COP28: Multilateral Development Banks boost joint action on climate and development, European Investment Bank (Dubai) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-490-cop28-multilateral-development-banks-boost-joint-action-on-climate-and-development>.

³⁰⁰ The European Union and Belgium commit Euro 25M for adaptation with LoCAL (Dubai) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.uncdf.org/article/8551/the-european-union-and-belgium-commit-euro-25m-for-adaptation-with-local>.

and Montenegro, and clean energy in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.³⁰¹ This strong-action mobilization of finances shows progress towards meeting environmental objectives in the High-Level principles.

On 21 March 2024, representatives from Korea and the European Union held their 20th Joint Committee where they reiterated their commitment to multilateralism, and their cooperation with other G20 members. This less than strong action reaffirms cooperative actions to address the SDGs.

On 25 March 2024, the European Union and departments of the Philippine government unveiled ‘The Disaster Risk Reduction Enhancement at the Local Level Technical Assistance’ Program, which aims to reinforce local governments in the Philippines, in enhancing their disaster risk reduction and management.³⁰² The EUR4.28 million contributions by the European Union is a strong action that addresses all three overarching pillars of the commitment.

On 25 April 2024, the European Union Delegation to Indonesia, and Indonesia’s Ministry of Investment unveiled the “Attraction Plan for EU Investment in Indonesia” to attract investments in sectors in renewable energy, circular economies, and smart cities.³⁰³ This strong action plan promotes high-impact investments from both public, and private sectors that can address environmental and economic objectives in Indonesia.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to take strong action in each of all three overarching pillars of economic, social and environmental, in line with the High-Level Principles. The European Union’s has initiated multiple collaborative policies with other members and international organizations. These policies are both inclusive and collaborative.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tyler Dela Cruz Carriaga

³⁰¹ European Commission announces additional €680 million investment package for the Western Balkans under the Economic and Investment Plan, European Commission Press Corner (Brussels) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6364.

³⁰² PH, EU Launches Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Program to Enhance LGUs Readiness Capacities, Press and information team of the Delegation to Philippines (Manila) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/philippines/ph-eu-launch-disaster-risk-reduction-and-management-program-enhance-lgus-readiness-capacities_en

³⁰³ Indonesia and EU launch the Attraction Plan for EU Investment in Indonesia and strengthen investment cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam (Jakarta) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/node/440896_id?s=168.

2. Development: Financing the Sustainable Development Goals

“Recognizing the imperative of achieving the SDGs [Sustainable Development Goals], we will collectively mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa	-1		
Türkiye	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.45 (73%)	

Background

Concessional finances are, primarily, grants and loans provided at below market rates by financial institutions such as the World Bank to middle- and low-income countries in order to address fiscal inequalities and enable them to achieve development goals. The World Bank is a major source of concessional finance for “globally significant development challenges” such as climate change.³⁰⁴ Therefore, concessional finance is a key tool in ensuring that all countries are financially able to pursue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations.

Support for the SDGs and the World Bank in its developmental work have persistently been part of G20 leaders’ commitments at past summits. Concessional finance, as referenced at the 2023 New Delhi Summit, has sometimes been highlighted at past summits.³⁰⁵ G20 commitments on concessional finance can be traced back to the 2009 London Summit, where leaders committed to use their resources

³⁰⁴ What You Need to Know About Concessional Finance for Climate Action, The World Bank (Washington DC) 16 September 2021. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2021/09/16/what-you-need-to-know-about-concessional-finance-for-climate-action>

³⁰⁵ London Summit – Leaders’ Statement, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.pdf>

from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) gold sales for concessional finance to aid the poorest countries in the coming years. This would provide an additional \$6 billion flexible finance for these countries over the course of two to three years.

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to ensure the funding of the concessional lending resources of the Multilaterals Development Banks (MDBs) such as the International Development Agency (IDA) and the African Development Fund.³⁰⁶ The G20 also highlighted the importance of MDBs in its development goals.

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders vowed to ensure the continued funding of the concessional lending facilities of MDBs and reaffirmed the commitment of \$6 billion in concessional financing for the poorest countries provided by the agreed sale of IMF gold.³⁰⁷

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged that development and economic goals are achievable through inclusive and sustainable green growth.³⁰⁸ They also recognized the importance of international and domestic safety nets, and the importance of private sector investment in addition to public financing in infrastructure development projects in developing countries.

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders noted the need to mobilize additional financing for long term investment in developing countries with emphasis on infrastructure.³⁰⁹ They noted the work done by the World Bank Group and Regional Development Banks to catalyze this additional financing, as well as the ongoing efforts of the UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, which promoted future action on the SDGs.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders expressed their support for the continued efforts of developing countries to make progress in the implementation of the SDGs through the mobilization of the private sector as well as capacity building assistance.³¹⁰

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the international effort on the accelerated implementation of the SDGs as well as the equitable, inclusive and sustainable recovery across the world.³¹¹ They also recognized the importance of the MDBs and their support in the implementation of SDGs, particularly in the concessional financing of low-income countries.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders committed to providing additional investments for developing and low-income countries through new financing resources and instruments and requested additional financing opportunities from MDBs.³¹²

³⁰⁶ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqued0925.html>

³⁰⁷ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

³⁰⁸ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

³⁰⁹ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

³¹⁰ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

³¹¹ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

³¹² G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “collectively mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.”³¹³

Definitions and Concepts

“Mobilize” is understood to mean “to organize or prepare something, such as a group of people, for a purpose.”³¹⁴ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the ability of a movement’s members to 1) acquire resources and to 2) mobilize people towards accomplishing the movement’s goals.³¹⁵

“Money mobilized: is understood to mean when a commitment refers to funds or a set dollar value and aims to increase financial support to a specific issue.³¹⁶ Leaders collectively commit new or newly reauthorized financing for specific purposes abroad. “Concessional finance” is understood to mean below market rate finance provided by major financial institutions, such as development banks and multilateral funds, to developing countries to accelerate development objectives.³¹⁷

“Low- and middle-income countries” is understood to mean those with a per capita gross national income (GNI per capita) between \$1,086 and \$4,255; and upper middle-income economies have a GNI per capita between \$4,256 and \$13,205 (2023).³¹⁸ The low-income economies are defined as those with a GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of \$1,025 or less in 2018; lower middle-income economies are those with a GNI per capita between \$1,026 and \$3,995; upper middle-income economies are those between \$3,996 and \$12,375; high-income economies are those with a GNI per capita of \$12,376 or more.³¹⁹

“SDGs” are the 17 goals and 169 targets made by all countries of all incomes to promote development while also protecting the planet, agreed to as an international framework in 2015 under the auspices of the UN.³²⁰ The goals are made with the understanding that ending world poverty will only happen by implementing strategies that promote education, health, social protection and economic growth while protecting the environment and acting against climate change.

³¹³ Communiqué: Fourth G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, G20 Research Group (Marrakesh) 13 October 2023. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/231013-finance.html>

³¹⁴ Mobilize, Oxford English Dictionary. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/mobilize>

³¹⁵ Mobilizing financial resources, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://archive.unescwa.org/mobilizing-financial-resources>

³¹⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 17 March 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³¹⁷ What You Need to Know About Concessional Finance for Climate Action, The World Bank Group (Washington, D.C.) 16 September 2021. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2021/09/16/what-you-need-to-know-about-concessional-finance-for-climate-action>

³¹⁸ The World Bank in Middle Income Countries, The World Bank Group (Washington, D.C.). Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/mic/overview>

³¹⁹ Classifying countries by income, The World Bank Group (Washington, D.C.) 9 September 2019. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/stories/the-classification-of-countries-by-income.html>

³²⁰ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>

“More headroom” is understood to mean an increase in the undrawn or unused amount remaining available to a country.³²¹ More fiscal headroom in terms of lending refers to the increase in the lending capacity of a country towards another.

“To support” is understood to mean financial support that can take the form of grants, interest-free loans or equity investments, and can be referred to in a number of ways including foreign aid, development aid or humanitarian assistance.³²²

“Global challenges” are understood to mean the challenges faced by all countries related to poverty, climate change, inequality, peace, justice and environmental degradation.³²³

“Concessional resources” is understood to mean debt as lending extended by creditors at terms that are below market.³²⁴

“Poorest countries” is understood to mean least developed countries that are low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets.³²⁵

General Interpretive Guidelines

This commitment can be broken down into two components with two instruments: 1) collectively mobilizing more headroom and 2) collectively mobilizing concessional finance, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources to: 1) boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and 2) to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be assigned to G20 members that take strong action on three out of the four components to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. Examples of strong action include unlocking new concessional financing for the World Bank in order to increase its concessional lending capacity and provide borrowers from the poorest countries more headroom to tackle global challenges and implementing debt relief programs through the World Bank.

For the purpose of this commitment, a clear framework can be an extension of a current framework or the development of a new framework that provides new solutions for financing. The G20 member needs to, at the very least, show oral recognition for the development of such a framework.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members that exemplify strong action in fulfilling the criteria of two out of the four components to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide support for the poorest countries, or less than strong action in more than two criteria.

³²¹ Headroom, LexisNexis. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/legal/glossary/headroom>

³²² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 17 March 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

³²³ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations. Access Date: 17 March 2024 <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>

³²⁴ IMF Committee On Balance Of Payments Statistics, International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.) October 2004. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://www.imf.org/external/np/sta/bop/pdf/bopteg29.pdf>

³²⁵ Least Developed Countries (LDCs), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Economic Analysis. Access Date: 24 February 2024. <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category.html>

Examples of less than strong action include bilateral concessional finance that does not boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges or does provides strong support for the poorest countries; attending meetings; or reiterating support.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, will be assigned if the G20 member takes no action or little action, such as action in only one criterion.

Scoring Guidelines

–1	The G20 member has not taken any action or has taken little action to collectively mobilize 1) more headroom and 2) concessional finance to 3) boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges with 4) a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources that provides strong support for the poorest countries.
0	The G20 member has taken some action by taking strong action in two of the four criteria or less than strong action in more than two criteria of collectively mobilizing 1) more headroom and 2) concessional finance to 3) boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges with 4) a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources that provides strong support for the poorest countries.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action in at least three of the criteria of collectively mobilizing 1) more headroom and 2) concessional finance to 3) boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges with 4) a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources and strong support for the poorest countries.

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Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries through the World Bank, as well as in offering aid to countries of the lowest income.

On 31 January 2024, Argentina received a loan of approximately USD4.7 billion from the International Monetary Fund to support the new administration in the stabilization of the country’s macroeconomics under the Extended Fund Facility arrangement.³²⁶ This disbursement will help bring the economy back on track and promote economic growth through improved policy actions by the new Argentine authority.

On 6 February 2024, Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers Nicolás Posse met with US Undersecretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Brian Nichols to discuss the policy reforms that the Argentine government plans to implement for the country’s economic revival and to promote investment.³²⁷ This meeting was a step towards stronger bilateral relations between Argentina and the United States of America with the prospects of more foreign investments in Argentina.

³²⁶ IMF Executive Board Completes the Seventh Review of the Extended Arrangement Under the Extended Fund Facility for Argentina, International Monetary Fund (Washington DC) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 28 March 2024. <https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2024/01/31/pr2431-argentina-imf-executive-board-completes-the-seventh-review-under-the-extended-fund-facility>

³²⁷ Nicolás Posse Se Reunió Con El Subsecretario de Estado Para Asuntos Del Hemisferio Occidental de EEUU, Brian Nichols, Argentina.gob.ar (Buenos Aires) 6 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nicolas-posse-se-reunio-con-el-subsecretario-de-estado-para-asuntos-del-hemisferio>

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries through the World Bank, as well as in offering aid to countries of lowest income. The administration has met bilaterally with the United States of America and Germany to secure investment funding. Argentina has not received or given out significant amounts of concessional finance, and it has not demonstrated a willingness or capacity to work with the World Bank to assist countries of the lowest income.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 8 December 2023, the government signed a AUD600 million loan agreement with Papua New Guinea to support Papua New Guinea's 2023 budget financing and the execution of reforms under the International Monetary Fund Extended Credit Facility and Extended Fund Facility Program.³²⁸

On 11 January 2024, the government released initial grant funds worth USD7 million out of a total commitment of AUD21.4 million for a co-financed project with the Asian Development Bank to ameliorate and construct new harbours on Nui and Niutao outer islands in Tuvalu, which would improve maritime connectivity.³²⁹

On 29 January 2024, Minister for International Development and the Pacific and for Defence Industry Pat Conroy committed AUD35 million towards a Police Development Program with Timor-Leste to develop its police force in support of community security and police responsiveness.³³⁰

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Cambodia, allotting AUD83.6 million in the 2023-2024 Official Development Assistance (ODA) program to help Cambodia strengthen its healthcare, governance, social welfare and economic growth and increase access to and the quality of public services.³³¹

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Indonesia, dedicating AUD326.1 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to assist Indonesia with sustainable economic transitions and with efforts to tackle climate change and improve its healthcare, gender equality, disability and social inclusion.³³²

³²⁸ National Interest Statement: 2023 Loan to Papua New Guinea, The Treasury (Canberra) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://treasury.gov.au/publication/p2024-490108>

³²⁹ AIFFP funds released to improve maritime transport infrastructure Nui and Niutao outer islands in Tuvalu, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/aiffp-funds-released-improve-maritime-transport-infrastructure-nui-and-niutao-outer-islands-tuvalu>

³³⁰ \$35 million for Timor-Leste Police Development Program, Minister for International Development and the Pacific and for Defence Industry (Canberra) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/35-million-timor-leste-police-development-program>

³³¹ Cambodia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/cambodia>

³³² Indonesia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/indonesia>

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Laos, allocating AUD47.7 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help Laos transition to clean energy, develop human capability, strengthen economic resilience and increase societal equality.³³³

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Myanmar, committing AUD121 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help with immediate humanitarian assistance needs, strengthen community resilience and develop sustainably. The funds are distributed through trusted partners like the United Nations and non-government organizations.³³⁴

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with the Philippines, contributing AUD89.9 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help improve economic governance, increase climate resilience, transition to renewable energy and increase social inclusion.³³⁵

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Southeast Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, dedicating AUD346.3 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help Southeast Asia partners (specifically Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia) develop sustainably, in particular regarding climate change, social inclusion, sustainable growth and community resilience.³³⁶

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Timor-Leste, allocating AUD118 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help Timor-Leste overcome poverty and grow sustainably, such as through infrastructure investments, in support of Timor-Leste's Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).³³⁷

On 1 February 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Vietnam, committing AUD95.1 million in the 2023-2024 ODA program to help achieve sustainable, green growth and address climate change.³³⁸

On 8 February 2024, the government pledged a USD150 million grant and concessional loan package to Papua New Guinea to support the reparation and upgrading of key energy assets under the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific and assured a solar entrepreneur's partnership with Papua New Guinea to deliver renewable energy for 4,000 households in the Milne Bay and West New Britain Provinces.³³⁹

³³³ Laos Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/laos>

³³⁴ Myanmar Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/countries/myanmar/myanmar-development-cooperation-factsheet>

³³⁵ Philippines Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/philippines>

³³⁶ Southeast Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/southeast-asia-regional>

³³⁷ Timor-Leste Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/timor-leste>

³³⁸ Vietnam Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/vietnam>

³³⁹ AIFFP funds upgrade and installation of renewable energy projects across Papua New Guinea, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/aiffp-funds-upgrade-and-installation-renewable-energy-projects-across-papua-new-guinea>

On 16 February 2024, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Minister Conroy announced AUD609,500 and AUD245,000 investments to improve access to renewable energy and jobs for remote Papua New Guinea communities and to increase energy security for essential healthcare in the Solomon Islands, respectively.³⁴⁰ The investments total to AUD854,500 and are the first two Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships for the Pacific and Timor Leste under the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific.

On 1 March 2024, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation to organize the first Conference on Elevating Global Access through E-Commerce in Tajikistan alongside the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.³⁴¹ The conference encouraged knowledge and resource exchanges among Tajikistan enterprises and helped Tajikistan build productive relationships with regional and global e-commerce players.

On 15 March 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles, and Minister Conroy announced the termination of the temporary pause on funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and committed AUD6 million to the UNRWA and AUD4 million to UNICEF in response to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.³⁴² The UNRWA funds are granted under strict conditions such as guarantees of staff neutrality and security of supply chains to ensure the integrity of the organization's operations.

On 23 March 2024, the government continued its funding of the World Bank's Health and Nutrition Services Access Project to improve health and nutrition services in Laos for underserved communities.³⁴³

On 4 April 2024, the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific announced an investment of SBD1.5 million through its Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership to establish a more sustainable solar hybrid energy-generation system for the Solomon Islands' Tetere community's the Good Samaritan Hospital.³⁴⁴

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Micronesia, allotting AUD4.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help it strengthen its education, environment, post-Covid-19 recovery and women empowerment.³⁴⁵

³⁴⁰ First two off-grid renewable energy partnerships in the Pacific and Timor-Leste announced, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

<https://www.aifff.gov.au/news/first-two-grid-renewable-energy-partnerships-pacific-and-timor-leste-announced>

³⁴¹ The World Bank Supports Tajikistan's Advancement in E-commerce, The World Bank (Dushanbe) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/03/01/the-world-bank-supports-tajikistans-advancement-in-e-commerce>

³⁴² Funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and Additional Support for Gaza, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/funding-united-nations-relief-and-works-agency-and-additional-support-gaza>

³⁴³ World Bank and Partners to Build on Support for Improved Health and Nutrition in Lao PDR (Washington DC) 23 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/03/23/world-bank-and-partners-to-build-on-support-for-improved-health-and-nutrition-in-lao-pdr>

³⁴⁴ Powering Healthcare in Solomon Islands, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 4 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.aifff.gov.au/news/powering-healthcare-solomon-islands>

³⁴⁵ Federated States of Micronesia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/federated-states-micronesia>

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Fiji, dedicating AUD123.1 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help it achieve its National Development Plan and implement Sustainable Development Goals.³⁴⁶

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Kiribati, allocating AUD44 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program towards its healthcare, education, economy, infrastructure, social inclusion, climate resilience and food security.³⁴⁷

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Nauru, granting AUD46 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program towards increasing economic opportunities and reducing poverty.³⁴⁸

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Niue, allotting AUD2.3 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to strengthen its economy sustainably.³⁴⁹

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Papua New Guinea, dedicating AUD6637.4 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program for cooperation regarding economy, governance, legal systems, security, healthcare, education, climate change and social inclusion.³⁵⁰

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Palau, allocating AUD11.9 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program towards its development priorities to establish a more sustainable, prosperous and equal economy.³⁵¹

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with the Marshall Islands, granting AUD4.1 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help realize its long-term SDGs.³⁵²

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with the Solomon Islands, dedicating AUD171.2 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to strengthen its economy and community.³⁵³

³⁴⁶ Fiji Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/fiji>

³⁴⁷ Kiribati Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/kiribati>

³⁴⁸ Nauru Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/nauru>

³⁴⁹ Niue and Tokelau Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/niue-tokelau>

³⁵⁰ Papua New Guinea Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/papua-new-guinea>

³⁵¹ Republic of Palau Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/countries/palau/republic-palau-development-cooperation-factsheet>

³⁵² Republic of the Marshall Islands Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/republic-marshall-islands>

³⁵³ Solomon Islands Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/solomon-islands>

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Tonga, allocating AUD44.9 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to support its sustainable economy and social development.³⁵⁴

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Tuvalu, granting AUD86.7 million to the 2023-2024 ODA program to help accomplish its development priorities including education, economic governance and connectivity.³⁵⁵

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Vanuatu, allotting AUD83.2 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help achieve its National Sustainable Development Plan.³⁵⁶

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Indonesia, dedicating AUD353.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to strengthen its economy and community sustainably and equitably in connection to its 2025-2045 National Long-Term Development Plan and SDGs.³⁵⁷

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with the Philippines, contributing AUD94.2 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to strengthen economic and social stability, resilience and prosperity.³⁵⁸

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Laos, allotting AUD53.2 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to aid its economic development efforts.³⁵⁹

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Timor-Leste, allocating AUD123.3 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help increase its economic resilience in connection to its Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030 and the SDGs.³⁶⁰

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Afghanistan, dedicating AUD50 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program for humanitarian assistance delivered through UN partners.³⁶¹

³⁵⁴ Kingdom of Tonga Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/kingdom-tonga>

³⁵⁵ Tuvalu Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/tuvalu>

³⁵⁶ Vanuatu Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/vanuatu>

³⁵⁷ Indonesia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/indonesia>

³⁵⁸ Philippines Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/philippines>

³⁵⁹ Laos Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/laos>

³⁶⁰ Timor-Leste Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/timor-leste>

³⁶¹ Afghanistan Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/afghanistan-development-cooperation-factsheet>

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Bangladesh, granting AUD106.9 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to reduce inequality and promote social inclusion.³⁶²

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Bhutan, contributing AUD4.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to implement its SDGs by developing human capital, empowering women and addressing climate change.³⁶³

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Mongolia, committing AUD10 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to improve human resource capacity and governance of its extractive industry.³⁶⁴

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Nepal, allotting AUD26.1 million to the 2022-2025 ODA program to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation, increase climate resilience, promote social inclusion and develop human resources.³⁶⁵

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Pakistan, dedicating AUD15.1 million to the 2023-2024 ODA program to help it confront poverty, inequality and climate change.³⁶⁶

On 1 May 2024, the government published its South and Central Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, granting AUD103.1 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to support long-term social and economic stability and security.³⁶⁷

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Agricultural Development Cooperation Factsheet, allocating AUD221.8 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to aid international agricultural development and secure nutrition system resilience locally, regionally and globally.³⁶⁸

³⁶² Bangladesh Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/bangladesh>

³⁶³ Bhutan Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/bhutan>

³⁶⁴ Mongolia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/Mongolia>

³⁶⁵ Nepal Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/nepal>

³⁶⁶ Pakistan Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/pakistan>

³⁶⁷ South and Central Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/south-central-asia-regional-development-cooperation-factsheet>

³⁶⁸ Agricultural Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/agricultural>

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Disability Equity and Rights Factsheet, contributing AUD14 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help increase opportunities for people with disabilities to enable equal participation and their ability to reach their full potential.³⁶⁹

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Education Development Cooperation Factsheet, committing AUD595.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to expand access to quality education in Indo-Pacific partner countries.³⁷⁰

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Gender Equality Development Cooperation Factsheet, allotting AUD102.3 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to address gender equality and promote the rights of women and girls.³⁷¹

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Health Development Cooperation Factsheet, dedicating AUD655.9 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help partner governments establish gender-responsive and equitable healthcare systems.³⁷²

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Infrastructure Development Cooperation Factsheet, granting AUD625 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to support partner governments invest in long-term quality infrastructure.³⁷³

On 1 May 2024, the government published its Water for Development Cooperation Factsheet, allocating AUD101.3 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help partner governments assure climate-resilient water sanitation, hygiene, resource management and infrastructure.³⁷⁴

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Southeast Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, allocating AUD330.4 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to collaborate with nine ODA-eligible regional partners to support development achievements.³⁷⁵

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Cambodia, granting AUD83.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to support its development and economic programs.³⁷⁶

³⁶⁹ Disability Equity and Rights Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/disability>

³⁷⁰ Education Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/education>

³⁷¹ Gender Equality Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/gender-equality>

³⁷² Health Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/health>

³⁷³ Infrastructure Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/infrastructure>

³⁷⁴ Water for Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/water>

³⁷⁵ Southeast Asia Regional Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/southeast-asia-regional>

³⁷⁶ Cambodia Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/cambodia>

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Samoa, allotting AUD51.8 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help implement the Sustainable Development Goals and realize the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy.³⁷⁷

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Myanmar, dedicating AUD121.4 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to sustain agricultural development globally and secure local, regional and international nutrition system resilience.³⁷⁸

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Vietnam, committing AUD95.7 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help achieve its 2030 goals, with particular focus on sustainable economic and social development.³⁷⁹

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Development Cooperation Factsheet with Maldives, allotting AUD4.8 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to strengthen governance and response to climate change.³⁸⁰

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Social Protection Development Cooperation Factsheet, dedicating AUD164.6 million to the 2023-2024 ODA program to support households in face of poverty, risk and vulnerability.³⁸¹

On 1 June 2024, the government published its Effective Governance Development Cooperation Factsheet, granting AUD1118 million to the 2024-2025 ODA program to help partner countries assure effective and accountable governments to sustain national development and serve its peoples.³⁸²

On 5 June 2024, the government announced a AUD278,000 investment in collaboration with Its Time Foundation through the Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership for effective monitoring and maintenance for Its Time Foundation solar energy systems in remote Fijian schools.³⁸³

On 7 June 2024, the government published seven new Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships under the Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership to help develop small-scale, off-grid renewable energy in remote and rural Pacific and Timor-Leste communities.³⁸⁴

³⁷⁷ Samoa Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/samoa>

³⁷⁸ Myanmar Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/countries/myanmar/myanmar-development-cooperation-factsheet>

³⁷⁹ Vietnam Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/vietnam>

³⁸⁰ Maldives Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/maldives>

³⁸¹ Social Protection Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/social-protection>

³⁸² Effective Governance Development Cooperation Factsheet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/development-cooperation-fact-sheets-for-country-regional-and-sector-thematic-programs/effective-governance>

³⁸³ Lighting up remote Fijian school communities with sustainable solar energy systems, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 5 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/lighting-remote-fijian-school-communities-sustainable-solar-energy-systems>

³⁸⁴ Seven new Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships to power up remote Pacific communities, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/seven-new-grid-renewable-energy-partnerships-power-remote-pacific-communities-1>

On 28 June 2024, High Commissioner to Tonga Brek Batley represented the government at the commencement ceremony to upgrade Tonga's Queen Salote International Wharf as part of a larger project in cooperation with the government of Tonga and the Asian Development Bank to improve Tonga's ports and thus strengthen its international trade resilience.³⁸⁵ The government has allocated an AUD31.25 million grant from the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) to Tonga's project.

On 2 July 2024, Minister Wong and New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters delivered the upgraded Seghe Airfield in the Solomon Islands, which improves and strengthens the relationship between Solomon Islands' provinces.³⁸⁶ The AUD55 million project is co-funded by the three governments.

On 15 July 2024, Ambassador to Timor-Leste Caitlin Wilson represented the government at the ground-breaking ceremony for Timor-Leste's first submarine telecommunications cable.³⁸⁷ The government has provided an AUD7.2 million grant under Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) to revolutionize and strengthen Timor-Leste's digital connectivity.

On 16 July 2024, the government unveiled three new Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships with Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Vanuatu to provide off-grid renewable energy to isolated communities.³⁸⁸ Investments total to AUD5.8 million, with AUD3.6 million from the government. The AIFFP also anticipates the launch of an AUD75 million long-term off-grid renewable energy program later in 2024.

On 22 July 2024, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade financed the construction of Palau's first large solar and battery energy storage facility under the AIFFP to reduce Palau's reliance on fossil fuels and promote climate resilient energy sources.³⁸⁹

On 30 July 2024, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Biman Prasad and High Commissioner to Fiji Ewen McDonald pledged an AUD87 million grant to the government of Fiji to fund its sustainable development goals.³⁹⁰

On 1 August 2024, the Australian government, alongside the government of New Zealand and the World Bank, co-financed the Asian Development Bank's USD70 million policy-based concessional loan to the government of Fiji to increase Fiji's climate resilience and promote sustainable growth.³⁹¹

³⁸⁵ 'Golden Buoy' presentation marks a major leap in Timor-Leste's digital future, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 28 June 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/golden-buoy-presentation-marks-major-leap-timor-lestes-digital-future>

³⁸⁶ Australia, New Zealand and Solomon Islands deliver upgraded Seghe Airfield, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/australia-new-zealand-and-solomon-islands-deliver-upgraded-seghe-airfield>

³⁸⁷ Australia anchors Tonga's future with major port upgrades, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/australia-anchors-tongas-future-major-port-upgrades>

³⁸⁸ Powering the Pacific and Timor-Leste with three new Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (Canberra) 16 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024.

<https://www.aiffp.gov.au/news/powering-pacific-and-timor-este-three-new-grid-renewable-energy-partnerships>
³⁸⁹ High-quality finance to meet our partners' energy needs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/development/australias-development-program/stories-impact/high-quality-finance-meet-our-partners-energy-needs>

³⁹⁰ Australia gives \$87m for budget support, The Fiji Times (Suva) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/australia-gives-87m-for-budget-support/>

³⁹¹ ADB, Fiji Sign \$70 Million Loan for Climate Resilience and Sustainable Growth, Asian Development Bank (Suva) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-fiji-sign-70-million-loan-climate-resilience-and-sustainable-growth>

Australia has fully complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1

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Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 2 December 2023, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva raised the need to encourage consistent contribution of concessional finance to help low- and middle-income countries at the G77 Summit on the sidelines of the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.³⁹² Specifically, President Lula focused on the current debt situation in Africa as a challenge to be prioritized.

On 17 February 2024, President Lula announced at the 37th African Union Summit Brazil's plan to provide more scholarships to African citizens seeking higher education.³⁹³ This is a part of Brazil's larger wish to grow "alongside Africa" to reach its potential without dictating specific policies.

On 28 February 2024, President Lula announced at the 46th Conference of the Caribbean Community that Brazil will make concessional contributions to the Caribbean Development Bank.³⁹⁴ This pledge aims to support middle-income Caribbean countries with high levels of debt.

On 17 April 2024, the World Bank released its 2024-2028 strategy regarding its partnership with Brazil, focusing on increasing its economy's productivity and tackling climate change.³⁹⁵ The strategy involves the creation of the Amazon Finance Network by the founding members, including other development banks, which will mobilise capital to support the country.

On 24 April 2024, President Lula met with the President of the African Development Bank and affirmed Brazil's continued willingness in supporting the region.³⁹⁶ President Lula verbally committed to continuing support Africa in a wide range of issues and suggested that Africa's debt be converted into a form of investment.

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to receive more concessional finance from the World Bank. The country has taken actions with the World Bank to create a clear framework to mobilise

³⁹² President Lula's Speech at the G77 Summit at COP28, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brasília) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/content-centers/speeches-articles-and-interviews/president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil/speeches/president-lulas-speech-at-the-g77-summit-at-cop-28>

³⁹³ Speech by President Lula at the opening of the 37th African Union Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brasília) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/content-centers/speeches-articles-and-interviews/president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil/speeches/speech-by-president-lula-at-the-opening-of-the-37th-african-union-summit>

³⁹⁴ Speech by President Lula at the closing session of the 46th Conference of the Caribbean Community, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/follow-the-government/speeches/speech-by-president-lula-at-the-closing-session-of-the-46th-conference-of-the-caribbean-community>

³⁹⁵ World Bank Group's multi-year plan will strengthen development partnership with Brazil, World Bank Group (Washington DC) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/04/09/world-bank-groups-multi-year-plan-will-strengthen-development-partnership-with-brazil>

³⁹⁶ Lula hosts meeting with President of the African Development Bank, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/04/lula-hosts-meeting-with-president-of-the-african-development-bank?set_language=en

concessional finance and has supported the poorest countries by providing scholarships to Africa and fundings to Caribbean countries through the Caribbean Development Bank. But it has not collectively mobilized more headroom nor has worked to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of 0.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 1 December 2023, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced a CAD 16 million contribution to cover initial costs of a global fund to address loss and damage due to climate related crises faced by developing countries.³⁹⁷ The funding is part of Canada's CAD5.3 billion climate finance commitment administered by the United Nations Development Programme.

On 27 February 2024, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced a new partnership with the government of Guyana, contributing CAD9.5 million in support of the "One Guyana Digital Skills Development Programme."³⁹⁸ The initiative aims to support Guyanese youth in skills development and training in preparation for the digital economy. Minister Hussen also announced an additional funding allocation of CAD120 million to the Government of Canada, over the next 10 years through a policy-based loan with the Inter-American Development Bank, towards the strengthening of marginalized communities, climate crisis readiness, and social programming in the country.

On 21 March 2024, Ukrainian Minister of Finance Sergii Marchenko announced that Ukraine received CAD2 billion in a concessional loan from Canada. This loan is provided as part of a 10-year term, with an interest of 1.5 per cent per annum.³⁹⁹ The funding is an additional allocation to the almost CAD7 billion in budgetary support provided to Ukraine amid its ongoing conflict with Russia.

On 12 April 2024, Minister Hussen announced Canada's plan to provide CAD132 million in aid funding for people fleeing war and famine-like conditions in Sudan. CAD100 million will go towards humanitarian aid, while the rest of the funding will support development projects focused on sexual and reproductive health for women in Sudan, the Central African Republic, Chad, and Ethiopia.⁴⁰⁰

³⁹⁷ As a first move at COP28, Canada announces support for developing countries to address loss and damage due to climate change, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Dubai) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/12/as-a-first-move-at-cop28-canada-announces-support-for-developing-countries-to-address-loss-and-damage-due-to-climate-change.html>

³⁹⁸ Minister Hussen attends 46th CARICOM meeting and announces new funding for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/02/minister-hussen-attends-46th-caricom-meeting-and-announces-new-funding-for-multiple-countries-in-the-caribbean.html>

³⁹⁹ Ministry of Finance: Ukraine receives CAD 2 billion from Canada, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine (Kyiv) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/minfin-ukraina-otrymala-vid-kanady-2-mlrd-kanadskykh-dolariv>

⁴⁰⁰ Ottawa to provide \$132 million to help people fleeing civil war in Sudan, CTV News (Ottawa) 12 April 2024. Access Date: 28 June 2024. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/ottawa-to-provide-132-million-to-help-people-fleeing-civil-war-in-sudan-1.6845510>

On 3 May 2024, Minister Hussen announced a pledge of CAD65 million in humanitarian assistance and economic development financing to Lebanon. The funding will be channelled through United Nations organizations such as UN Women and will support vulnerable populations in Lebanon through enabling access to food, water, and healthcare services.⁴⁰¹

On 13 June 2024, G7 leaders announced an investment of USD420 million to boost infrastructure across the African continent, as part of the “G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment” project. G7 leaders, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, agreed that funding will go towards the development of flagship projects that will enhance mobility and economic collaboration between Africa, the Middle East, and Europe.⁴⁰²

On 23 September 2024, Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, participated in the 13th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Ministers-Canada Consultation in Vientiane.⁴⁰³ Minister Ng highlighted the progress made toward an ASEAN-Canada free trade agreement, and the importance of intensifying efforts to conclude the agreement negotiations in 2025. They also discussed the progress since the launch of the partnership, most notable in the areas of trade, inclusive trade, agriculture and agri-food and sustainability.

On 16 October 2024, Minister Hussen announced CAD 22.9 million in funding for the Aequitas Impact Investment Fund and CAD 6.5 million for designated to the fund’s Technical Assistance Facility, equaling CAD29.4 million.⁴⁰⁴ This project, in conjunction with Desjardins International Development, will help make personalized financial services available to underserved communities around the world in order to generate growth where financing is most needed.

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. It has taken action to support the economic development of low-to-middle income countries facing global challenges, namely, Canada has taken strong actions aimed at providing concessional finance to low and middle-income countries during the compliance period.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Theresa Jones

⁴⁰¹ Canada will send \$65M for humanitarian assistance and economic development to Lebanon, CityNews (Ottawa) 3 May 2024. Access Date. 28 June 2024. <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2024/05/03/canada-will-send-65m-for-humanitarian-assistance-and-economic-development-to-lebanon/>

⁴⁰² G7 Leaders Pledge \$420m Investments in Nigeria, Other African Countries, Philanthropy News Digest (Abuja) 14 June 2024. Access Date. 28 June 2024. [https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/news/other-sources/article/?id=15078066&title=G7-Leaders-Pledge-\\$420m-Investments-in-Nigeria,-Other-African-Countries](https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/news/other-sources/article/?id=15078066&title=G7-Leaders-Pledge-$420m-Investments-in-Nigeria,-Other-African-Countries)

⁴⁰³ Minister Ng promotes trade and investment ties at Association of Southeast Asian Nations economic ministers meeting in Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Global Affairs Canada (Toronto) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 21 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/09/minister-ng-promotes-trade-and-investment-ties-at-association-of-southeast-asian-nations-economic-ministers-meeting-in-lao-peoples-democratic-republic.html>

⁴⁰⁴ Canada announces \$29.4 million in funding to support small-scale financial institutions in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Toronto) 16 October 2024. Access Date 21 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/10/canada-announces-294-million-in-funding-to-support-small-scale-financial-institutions-in-developing-countries.html>

China: 0

China has partially complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 25 January 2024, Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang asserted China's readiness to cooperate with the World Bank in addressing global challenges.⁴⁰⁵ He pledged to open up the economy and make effective use of foreign investment but did not mention financial contributions.

On 24 February 2024, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Mao Ning announced that China had been discussing with the United States possible measures to help the poor countries servicing more than USD400 billion in debt annually.⁴⁰⁶ Possible solutions include extending loan periods or seeking other options to the current high borrowing rate these countries are paying.

On 18 April 2024, Ambassador to Zimbabwe Zhou Ding made a public statement regarding China's cancellation of a part of Zimbabwe's debt, though he did not specify the amount.⁴⁰⁷ The amount of debt to be forgiven was in the portion of loans that were originally due in 2015.

On 21 April 2024, Finance Minister Lan Fo'an called for developed countries in the G20 to fulfill their financial commitments to help developing countries with climate-related developments.⁴⁰⁸ This address was made in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, where China highlighted the need for further financial and technical support.

On 27 June 2024, the World Bank announced its provision of a USD200-million loan to help make the livestock sector in the Gansu province more sustainable and productive.⁴⁰⁹ Through the Sustainable Fodder Production and Low Methane Livestock Development Program, the World Bank will provide both appropriate technologies and technical knowledge which would help the province's crucial economic sector.

On 6 September 2024, President Xi Jinping met with President of South Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit, in Beijing and announced the elevation of the China-South Sudan relationship to a strategic partnership.⁴¹⁰ He expressed China's desire to share its development experience South Sudan, continue to develop projects in the region as well as strengthen cooperation in fields such as petroleum, mining and agriculture, and assist in increasing South Sudan's economic diversification.

⁴⁰⁵ China to enhance cooperation with World Bank: vice premier, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/25/content_WS65b240bec6d0868f4e8e37e5.html

⁴⁰⁶ China, US in talks to ease countries' debt; experts said the move could lead to a new breakthrough in cooperation, Global Times (Beijing) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202402/1307594.shtml>

⁴⁰⁷ China Writes Off Unspecified Amount of Zimbabwe's Interest-Free Debt, The China Global South Project (Beijing) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://chinaglobalsouth.com/2024/04/18/china-writes-off-unspecified-amount-of-zimbabwes-interest-free-debt/>

⁴⁰⁸ China urges developed countries to fulfill climate finance commitments at G20 meetings, Global Times (Beijing) 21 April 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202404/1310985.shtml>

⁴⁰⁹ New World Bank Program Supports Sustainable Fodder Production, Lower Methane Emissions for China's Livestock Industry, World Bank Group (Washington DC) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/06/27/new-world-bank-program-supports-sustainable-fodder-production>

⁴¹⁰ Xi Jinping Meets with President of the Republic of South Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) 6 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xw/zyxw/202409/t20240909_11487482.html

China has partially complied with its commitment to receive World Bank's concessional loans to tackle climate change and environmental problems helping the poorest countries. However, it has not developed programs with the World Bank to tackle global challenges nor has it offered a clear framework, but has conducted talks with the United States to help ease the debt situations of poor countries.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Que Khanh Luong

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 4 December 2023, Treasury Director General Emmanuel Moulin pledged to mobilize a liquidity support agreement to bolster the application of International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights by the African Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank for climate and development.⁴¹¹ Through the Special Drawing Rights, France will support these banks in supporting climate finance in low- and middle-income countries.

On 4 December 2023, France joined other countries and institutions at COP28 in committing to expand Climate-Resilient Debt Clauses in lending practices. The clauses will support the financial stability of developing countries experiencing climate disasters.⁴¹²

On 5 December 2023, the Agence Française de Développement announced, alongside the Gates Foundation, EUR55 million in concessional finance to Pakistan's national health institutions and the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative.⁴¹³ The financing regime will support the adaptation of Pakistani health infrastructure to the effects of climate-related stressors, particularly the fallout of the August 2022 floods.

On 5 December 2023, the Embassy of France to Laos pledged USD550,000 to southern Laos to support a food access project led by the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Health and the United Nations World Food Programme.⁴¹⁴ French funding will be distributed in small cash grants to families in the Salavanh Province to address urgent food needs and to support livelihood activities.

On 6 December 2023, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs pledged EUR173 million to support various multilateral climate change vulnerability funds at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The pledge includes contributions

⁴¹¹ COP28: Japan, France back plan to boost climate lending with SDRs, Reuters (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/cop28-france-japan-support-african-development-bank-push-leverage-sdrs-2023-12-04/>

⁴¹² COP28 Finance Day Unlocks Innovative Financial Mechanisms to Support Vulnerable Countries Fight Climate Change, COP28 (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.cop28.com/en/news/2023/12/COP28-Finance-Day-unlocks-innovative-financial-mechanisms>

⁴¹³ Gates Foundation and Agence Française de Développement partner to support last mile polio eradication in Pakistan and to build more climate resilient health systems, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/gates-foundation-and-agence-francaise-de-developpement-partner-support-last-mile-polio-eradication-pakistan-and-build-more-climate-resilient-health-systems>

⁴¹⁴ France provides additional funding to boost nutrition in Southern Lao PDR, World Food Programme (Salavanh) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.wfp.org/news/france-provides-additional-funding-boost-nutrition-southern-lao-pdr>

of up to EUR100 million to the Loss and Damage Fund, EUR20 million to the Global Shield Against Climate Risks, EUR35 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund, EUR10 million to the Adaptation Fund, and EUR8 million to the Climate Risks and Early Warning Systems programme.⁴¹⁵ The announcement mobilizes finances to the development of low- and middle-income countries most impacted by the present and future impacts of climate change.

On 15 December 2023, Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire hosted the fourth replenishment consultation of Member States of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and announced France's contribution of USD150 million to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.⁴¹⁶ The contribution will support the development of rural food systems to combat food insecurity in the face of climate change, extreme poverty, and global hunger.

On 27 December 2023, President Emmanuel Macron announced that the Agence Française de Développement will invest EUR1 billion in climate change adaptation and loss and damage in Bangladesh.⁴¹⁷ The partnership seeks to reduce climate risks in Bangladesh as one of the countries hardest hit by climate change.

On 5 February 2024, the Agence Française de Développement announced planned consultations with Rwandan authorities on 22 February 2024 to discuss the impact of previously made EUR500 million investment in Rwanda's development strategy.⁴¹⁸ The consultations sought to evaluate the impact of France's investment in health, education, local and economic development, and climate finance.

On 13 February 2024, Governor of the Banque de France François Villeroy de Galhau launched the EU-funded Regional Initiative aiming to build capacities of twelve central banks across Africa. The initiative will support the financial development of African members by focusing on money laundering, banking supervision, digitisation, and cyber security, among other issues.⁴¹⁹

On 19 April 2024, Minister Le Maire announced France's pledge to the World Bank's Portfolio Guarantee Platform.⁴²⁰ The platform is a risk management tool that will make financing more available for low- and middle-income countries tackling global challenges. France is joined by Belgium, Japan, and the US in contributing to the Portfolio Guarantee Platform, part of a wider pledge of USD70 billion of funds to "address cross-border challenges and advance development goals."

⁴¹⁵ France consolidates its support for the countries most vulnerable to climate change and announces a €173-million financial package at COP28, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/news/article/france-consolidates-its-support-for-the-countries-most-vulnerable-to-climate>

⁴¹⁶ World leaders support IFAD's urgent call for increased investment in rural communities and future global food security - Angola and France lead the way, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Paris) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/world-leaders-support-ifad-s-urgent-call-for-increased-investment-in-rural-communities-and-future-global-food-security-angola-and-france-lead-the-way-joint-statement>

⁴¹⁷ The Pillars of Green Wisdom, Project Syndicate (Paris) 27 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/main-priorities-for-global-climate-policy-by-emmanuel-macron-2023-12>

⁴¹⁸ France's Half Billion Euro Boost to Rwanda's Health, Training and Climate, French Development Agency (Paris) 5 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/frances-half-billion-euro-boost-rwandas-health-training-and-climate>

⁴¹⁹ EU-funded Regional Initiative to support African central banks through capacity building, Banque de France (Paris) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/news/eu-funded-regional-initiative-support-african-central-banks-through-capacity-building>

⁴²⁰ New Financing Tools Receive Major Funding Boost, The World Bank (Washington DC) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/04/19/new-financing-tools-receive-major-funding-boost>

On 30 April 2024, Agence Française de Développement CEO Rémy Rioux renewed a memorandum of understanding with the World Bank. The memorandum, spanning from 2024-2026, will direct the two banks' USD30 billion joint portfolio to the issues of climate action and financial resilience, particularly for fragile states.⁴²¹

On 20 May 2024, the Agence Française de Développement signed the Climate Policy-Based Loan Program with the government of Bangladesh. The program first mobilizes for 2023 and 2024 EUR100 million in credit to support climate change adaptation in Bangladesh.⁴²²

On 26 June 2024, Treasury Director-General Bertrand Dumont co-chaired the Paris Forum to convene creditor countries on the topic of debt and vulnerability.⁴²³ The Forum focused on the G20 "Common Framework" to address the debt of low-income countries.

On 8 July 2024, Consul General of France to Palestine Nicolas Kassianides and the Agence française de développement pledged EUR10 million to support development in Gaza and the West Bank. The funds will facilitate access to services for 1 million inhabitants across the two regions.⁴²⁴

France has fully complied with its commitment to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. France has employed a diversity of financial mechanisms, including debt clauses, grants, internationally convened climate change funds, and organizational capacity-building, to support low- and middle-income countries such as Bangladesh, Rwanda, Pakistan, and Laos.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Cooper Price

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 8 December 2023, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development issued a press release describing its "debt-for-climate swaps" initiative, which facilitates debt relief for a country owing debt to Germany, in exchange for investment into climate-friendly initiatives.⁴²⁵ This exchange does not apply to any country that is "over-indebted." Kenya will participate in this exchange as of 2024, to encourage the use of environmentally responsible energy resources, and farming practices. The maximum value of debt exchange for this project is EUR150 million, yearly.

⁴²¹ Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the World Bank Group strengthen strategic partnership to address global challenges, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

<https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communiquede-presse/agence-francaise-de-developpement-afd-and-world-bank-group-strengthen-strategic-partnership-address-global-challenges?origin=/fr/actualites/communiquede-presse>

⁴²² Climate Policy-Based Loan Program Signed Between France and Bangladesh, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communiquede-presse/climate-policy-based-loan-program-france-bangladesh>

⁴²³ Brazil and France co-chair Paris Forum meeting with creditors, Government of Brazil (Paris) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/secom/en/latest-news/2024/07/brazil-and-france-co-chair-paris-forum-meeting-with-creditors>

⁴²⁴ France grants 10 M€ support to Palestinian municipalities to help them deliver basic services to the population, Consulat général de France à Jerusalem (Ramallah) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024.

<https://jerusalem.consulfrance.org/France-grants-10-MEUR-support-to-Palestinian-municipalities-to-help-them>

⁴²⁵ Debt-for-climate swaps, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/climate-financing/debt-for-climate-swaps-195550>

On 12 December 2023, Federal Minister for Economic and Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze met with World Bank President Ajay Banga for a discussion, during which Minister Schulze brought up Germany's intentions to give EUR300 million worth of "hybrid capital" to the World Bank.⁴²⁶ This will allow the World Bank to provide additional loans totaling EUR2.4 billion.

On 2 December 2023, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development issued a press release detailing their ideological contributions to the Loss and Damage Fund set in motion at the Dubai United Nations Climate Change Conference.⁴²⁷ Along with the Vulnerable 20, Germany founded the Global Shield Against Climate Risks, a partnership from which three guiding philosophies were applied to the Loss and Damage Fund. The three guiding philosophies are: enhancing the already existing climate initiative of a country, prioritizing the climate in policy as opposed to one-off initiatives, and directing money towards initiatives that minimize negative outcomes as a result of the climate, in order to avoid larger negative financial outcomes down the road.

On 21 March 2024 the World Bank published an article about their work on sustainable transport in several members, including Senegal, where it has collaborated on funding an electric-powered fleet of buses.⁴²⁸ The Global Facility to Decarbonize Transport was created to collect money for this endeavour, and as of 21 March 2024 Germany was a financial contributor.

On 19 April 2024, Germany, along with six other countries, agreed to provide a sum of money to the World Bank for "hybrid capital."⁴²⁹ This "hybrid capital" will be put towards development initiatives and issues that concern more than one country.

On 8 May 2024, Minister Schulze met with Jordanian Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Zeina Toukan and Jordanian Minister of Water Raed Abu Soud, agreeing to a EUR200 million loan and a EUR21.5 million grant for the improvement of sewage facilities in Jordan so that wastewater can be reused in agriculture.⁴³⁰

On 21 May 2024, the World Bank approved USD30 million in results-based climate financing for Zambia as part of a new Emissions Reduction Purchase Agreement, funded in part by Germany.⁴³¹

⁴²⁶ "A storm is brewing", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/svenja-schulze-and-world-bank-president-ajay-banga-zeit-online-195406>

⁴²⁷ New fund responding to loss and damage taking shape – Germany and V20 moving implementation forward (Berlin) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/new-fund-responding-to-loss-and-damage-taking-shape-195146>

⁴²⁸ From Gridlock to Green Transport: Supporting Electric Mobility to Meet the Demand for Passenger Transport, World Bank (Washington DC) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/results/2024/03/21/from-gridlock-to-green-transport-supporting-electric-mobility-to-meet-the-demand-for-passenger-transport>

⁴²⁹ New Financing Tools Receive Major Funding Boost, World Bank (Washington DC) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/04/19/new-financing-tools-receive-major-funding-boost>

⁴³⁰ Deutschland und Jordanien verstärken Zusammenarbeit für nachhaltige Wasserversorgung, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Bonn) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by R. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/de-jordanien-zusammenarbeit-fuer-nachhaltige-wasserversorgung-209310>

⁴³¹ World Bank Approves Agreement to Cut Carbon Emissions in Zambia's Eastern Province, World Bank (Washington DC) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/05/21/zambia-afe-and-world-bank-sign-agreement-to-cut-carbon-emissions-in-eastern-province>

On 6 June 2024, the World Bank announced an extension of its PROBLUE program, a USD152 million project aimed at supporting ocean welfare funded in part by Germany.⁴³²

On 20 June 2024, Germany was joined by France, Italy, and the European Commission in pledging USD1 billion over ten years towards the newly created African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA).⁴³³ The AVMA seeks to create more vaccine production in Africa in order to promote a stable supply of vaccines, aiding African economic and social development.

On 15 July 2024, Minister Schulze presided over the fifth General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance in Berlin, where World Bank Vice President Ousmane Diagana was also in attendance.⁴³⁴ The purpose of the Sahel Alliance is to further development for the Sahel region, which encompasses Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad. The alliance has made efforts towards education and learning opportunities tailored to careers, improving social services and sources of food, and improving the physical environment to provide water, academic institutions, places to purchase items, and health resources.

On 16 July 2024, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, in tandem with the World Bank, announced the creation of an educational project for Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, and Chad through the Sahel Alliance.⁴³⁵ The goal of the project is to extend education to two million children currently not enrolled in an academic institution within seven years. The project will add courses of study to schools and community institutions, and distribute educational materials via radio, the web, and physical media. Germany contributed EUR60 million to the project, with the World Bank contributing additional financing.

On 24 July 2024, Germany was in attendance at the G20 Finance Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, where the government agreed to provide USD54 million in funds for the World Bank's newly announced Pandemic Fund dedicated to stopping pandemics before they happen, and taking appropriate measures when they do occur.⁴³⁶

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries through the World Bank, as well as in offering aid to countries of the lowest income. Germany financially supports the BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes, which has signed off on the Emissions Reductions Purchase Agreement for Zambia. Germany has also continued funding for the PROBLUE initiative, which has conducted work in São Tomé and Príncipe. Germany is active both bilaterally and multilaterally in providing concessional finance and other developmental support to low- and middle-income countries, working closely with the World Bank and its European partners.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Carmina Cornacchia

⁴³² World Bank's PROBLUE Ocean Trust Fund Extended to 2030, World Bank (Washington DC) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/06/06/world-bank-s-problue-ocean-trust-fund-extended-to-2030>

⁴³³ Neue Finanzierung für Impfstoffe aus Afrika, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Bonn) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Rudy Yuan. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/neue-finanzierung-fuer-impfstoffe-aus-afrika-215652>

⁴³⁴ Renewed support for crisis-torn Sahel region, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/general-assembly-sahel-alliance-in-berlin-217444>

⁴³⁵ Sahel Alliance resolves to enable millions of children in the Sahel to go to school, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 16 July 2024. Access Date: 21 July 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/sahel-alliance-enables-millions-of-children-to-go-to-school-217582>

⁴³⁶ Pandemic Fund Kickstarts Resource Mobilization with \$667 million from the United States, World Bank Group (Rio de Janeiro) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/07/24/pandemic-fund-kickstarts-resource-mobilization-with-667-million-from-the-united-states>

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 9 December 2023, at the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), India urged "rich nations" to mobilize resources for developing countries, specifically advocating for greater transparency within climate finance and to uphold their promise of USD100 billion per year for climate action in poor countries.⁴³⁷ Furthermore, during COP28 India aligned with China's goals regarding developing countries, advocating for a global goal on adaptation that would support billions of climate vulnerable people, and specifically use finance to help mitigate climate effects for vulnerable countries.

On 20 January 2024, Ambassador to Bhutan Sudhakar Dalela signed a memorandum of understanding with Interim Advisor of the Bhutanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade Dasho Chhewang Rinzin for a INR15 billion loan, specifically to fund the Gyalsung Infrastructure Project, which focuses on strengthening Bhutan's future development by creating a training program for young people.⁴³⁸ The goals of this loan are to support the financing of skill development in Bhutan, in areas including agriculture and construction, for Bhutan's youth to participate in the country's development.

On 6 March 2024, the government submitted a proposal to the UNFCCC calling for developed countries to provide at least USD1 trillion a year to support climate finance to developing countries in response to global warming. The Indian government's framework is for developed countries to increase grants and concessional finance to developing countries, with the goal of embodying common but differentiated responsibilities.⁴³⁹

On 21 March 2024, the Ministry of External Affairs reviewed the progress of infrastructure projects in the Maldives, which are being supported by Indian concessional finance through the redevelopment of Hanimadhoo International Airport.⁴⁴⁰ A team visited multiple project sites during the fourth India-Maldives Line of Credit Review Meeting to ensure effective implementation and identify any challenges. The goal of this initiative is to bolster India's partnership with the Maldives by providing concessional finance to promote the country's infrastructure development.

On 5 May 2024, Temporary Alternate Governor Vikas Sheel, as India's representative to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), announced at the 57th Annual ADB Meeting that India boosted its contribution towards the Asian Development Fund 14 by USD58.17 million.⁴⁴¹ The goal is to provide more grants for the most impoverished and vulnerable nations, which includes climate financing and concessional lending to developing countries.

⁴³⁷ India: Need clear definition of 'climate finance' for trust, Times of India (Dubai) 9 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-need-clear-definition-of-climate-finance-for-trust/articleshow/105849568.cms>

⁴³⁸ Bhutan and India sign MoU for INR 15bn loan dedicated to Gyalsung Infrastructure Project, BBS (Thimpu) 21 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=197879>

⁴³⁹ India calls for \$1 trillion per year climate finance from next year, submits its proposal to the UNFCCC, Times of India (New Delhi) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-calls-for-1-trillion-per-year-climate-finance-from-next-year-submits-its-proposal-to-the-unfccc/articleshow/108276300.cms>

⁴⁴⁰ MEA team appreciates progress of India-backed infra projects in Maldives, The Siasat Daily (Malé) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.siasat.com/mea-team-appreciates-progress-of-india-backed-infra-projects-in-maldives-2996407/>

⁴⁴¹ India urges ADB not to overlook its focus on growth, shared prosperity, Press Trust of India (Tbilisi) 5 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/india-urges-adb-not-to-overlook-its-focus-on-growth-shared-prosperity-124050500448_1.html

On 29 May 2024, the ADB pledged to lend USD2.6 billion to India towards advancing urban development, climate adaptation capacities, and increasing connectivity in 2023.⁴⁴² The Asian Development Bank also disclosed that it provided grants in the value of USD4.1 million, as well as USD23.53 million worth of technical assistance to India to support its development, especially in infrastructure and sustainable growth, and renewable energy.

On 6 June 2024, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal announced that India pledged to contribute more than USD500 billion by 2030 at the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Clean Investor Forum.⁴⁴³ This will contribute to building clean energy and sustainable infrastructure in developing Indo-Pacific countries. The forum also saw the initiation of the IPEF Catalytic Capital Fund to offer concessional financing and technical support to emerging economies, including renewable energy projects in India.

India has fully complied with its commitment to provide developmental aid to countries of the lowest income and receive multilateral concessional finances as a developing country. India has extended concessional financing to support impoverished nations, including parts of India itself, provided a loan to Bhutan to empower its youth in national development, funded infrastructure projects in the Maldives, pledged support to developing nations in the Indo-Pacific region, and contributed to the Asian Development Bank to enhance concessional lending to vulnerable nations. Additionally, as a member of the G24, India has urged the World Bank to implement comprehensive reforms and increase aid through concessional finance to developing countries. India has, as a developing nation, consistently engaged with receiving concessional financing from the Asian Development Bank and the IPEF Catalytic Capital Fund. As of 31 July 2024, India has continued its commitment by receiving concessional loans and credit from the Clean Technology Fund and the International Development Association, both which target clean and renewable energy initiatives in India. This includes financing to develop India's low-carbon energy and to fund solar rooftop installations.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lindsay Liu

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 25 January 2024, President Joko Widodo committed to increase cooperation in the improvement of the Farmer's Agricultural and Rural Training Center in Morogoro, Tanzania, the development of human resources in oil, gas and agriculture, and the implementation of the National Single Window System during a state visit by Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan.⁴⁴⁴

On 29 January 2024, Ambassador to Namibia Wisnu Edi Pratigny affirmed Indonesia's readiness to expand development cooperation with Namibia in key sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, and

⁴⁴² ADB Commits \$2.6 Billion in Sovereign Lending to India, Asian Development Bank (New Delhi) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-commits-26-billion-sovereign-lending-india>

⁴⁴³ India offers USD 500 billion investment opportunities in clean energy, other sectors by 2030, Press Trust of India (New Delhi) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://indianexpress.com/article/business/india-offers-usd-500-billion-investment-opportunities-in-clean-energy-other-sectors-by-2030-9375866/>

⁴⁴⁴ President Jokowi and President of Tanzania Express Commitment to Strengthen Cooperation in Various Sectors, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Hanoi) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5705/berita/president-jokowi-and-president-of-tanzania-express-commitment-to-strengthen-cooperation-in-various-sectors>

education in the meeting with the Director of Bilateral Affairs at the Namibian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the United Nations World Food Program for Namibia George Fedha.⁴⁴⁵

On 13 February 2024, the Indonesian Embassy in Cairo received 242.6 tonnes of humanitarian aid with a rough value of USD1.5 million, delivered by the warship Radjiman Wedyodiningrat. The aid was transported to Gaza by the Egyptian Red Crescent and handed over to the Palestinian Red Crescent in Gaza.⁴⁴⁶

On 7 March 2024, Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi and Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati distributed ten million doses of bivalent oral polio vaccines to Afghanistan under the Indonesian Agency for International Development in response to the humanitarian crisis.⁴⁴⁷ The doses will be transported and distributed by UNICEF in collaboration with the Afghan government.

On 30 March 2024, the National Alms Agency collaborated with the Palestinian Althouri Woman Center to distribute food and water humanitarian aid worth USD126,000 to Palestinian refugees in Rafah during Ramadan.⁴⁴⁸

On 31 March 2024, the government delivered 900 parachute humanitarian aid packages to Jordan to be distributed to the Palestinian people in Gaza.⁴⁴⁹

On 3 April 2024, President Joko Widodo dispatched IDR30 billion worth of humanitarian aid including medicines and medical equipment in accordance with the Egyptian and Sudanese governments' requests and needs for humanitarian aid for the Palestinians and Sudanese.⁴⁵⁰ The aid will be delivered directly to Egypt and Sudan.

On 3 April 2024, the National Alms Agency collaborated with the Palestinian Althouri Woman Center to distribute clean water to Palestinian refugees in Rafah in the month of Ramadan in response to the clean water crisis facing Palestinian refugee camps in Rafah.⁴⁵¹

On 9 April 2024, the Ministry of Defense collaborated with the Jordanian Air Force to airdrop 20 humanitarian aid packages that weighed 160 kilograms and included food, mineral water and medication to the Gaza Strip.⁴⁵²

⁴⁴⁵ Indonesia Commits to Expand Development Cooperation in Namibia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Hanoi) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5718/berita/indonesia-commits-to-expand-development-cooperation-in-namibia>

⁴⁴⁶ The Indonesian Embassy in Cairo Receives Aid for Palestine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Hanoi) 13 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5745/berita/the-indonesian-embassy-in-cairo-receives-aid-for-palestine>

⁴⁴⁷ Indonesia Sends 10 Million Polio Vaccine Doses to Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Hanoi) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5799/berita/indonesia-sends-10-million-polio-vaccine-doses-to-afghanistan>

⁴⁴⁸ Baznas distributing Gaza food aid worth Rp2 billion during Ramadan, ANTARA (Jakarta) 30 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/309627/baznas-distributing-gaza-food-aid-worth-rp2-billion-during-ramadan>

⁴⁴⁹ Indonesian assistance for Gaza transported by Indonesian Air Force Hercules arrives in Jordan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Amman) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5840/berita/indonesian-assistance-for-gaza-transported-by-indonesian-air-force-hercules-arrives-in-jordan>

⁴⁵⁰ Indonesia Dispatches Humanitarian Aid Shipments to Palestine and Sudan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Jakarta) 3 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5849/berita/indonesia-dispatches-humanitarian-aid-shipments-to-palestine-and-sudan>

⁴⁵¹ Berkah Ramadhan, BAZNAS Distribusikan Air Bersih untuk Pengungsi Palestina di Rafah, Baznas Amil Zakar Nasional (Jakarta) 3 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://baznas.go.id/news-show/Berkah_Ramadhan_BAZNAS_Distribusikan_Air_Bersih_untuk_Pengungsi_Palestina_di_Rafah/2141

⁴⁵² Indonesia airdrops aid in Gaza with Jordan's help, ANTARA (Jakarta) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/310485/indonesia-airdrops-aid-in-gaza-with-jordans-help>

On 22 May 2024, the government announced that it would be cooperating with the Australian government and the Asian Development Bank to make Nusantara, Indonesia's new capital, a water-sensitive city by including water management in urban planning processes to ensure sustainability.⁴⁵³

On 8 July 2024, the government sent IDR17 billion worth of humanitarian aid that contains essential items such as medication and generators to Papua New Guinea's landslide victims.⁴⁵⁴

Indonesia has partially complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. Indonesia has mobilized resources such as food, clean water and medication to support the poorest countries in humanitarian crises but has not boosted the World Bank's ability to support low- and middle-income countries.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Raixue (Kerry) Zhong

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support both low- and middle-income countries that require assistance in addressing global challenges.

On 1 December 2023, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced Italy's contribution of EUR100 million to the COP28 Loss and Damage Fund, which seeks to help the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.⁴⁵⁵ Prime Minister Meloni recommitted to its original EUR300 million pledge to support the Global Climate Fund (GCF). This contribution surpasses the pledges of both Germany and the United Arab Emirates, and shows Italy's commitment towards providing financial assistance to lower-income countries that are disproportionately affected by climate change.

On 2 December 2023, at the COP28 conference, the government signed a memorandum of understanding with the government of Ethiopia, which committed approximately EUR7 million from the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security to four projects pertaining to carbon emissions reduction and adaptation.⁴⁵⁶ This was part of the bilateral meeting between Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto and Ethiopian Minister of Planning and Development Fitsum Assefa. These contributions allow Ethiopia to receive significant assistance towards not only addressing the issues of climate change, but also creating a path of sustainable economic and social development. The memorandum of understanding also outlines the Italy's commitment to providing long-term assistance to Ethiopia.

On 5 December 2023, the government made a commitment of EUR5 million to Africa's sustainable energy development through the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa Special Fund at the the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in

⁴⁵³ ADB, Australia, Indonesia Announce Water Sensitive City Support for the New Capital at the 10th World Water Forum, Asian Development Bank (Denpasar) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-australia-indonesia-announce-water-sensitive-city-support-new-capital-10th-world-water>

⁴⁵⁴ Indonesia sends aid to landslide victims in Papua New Guinea, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/317988/indonesia-sends-aid-to-landslide-victims-in-papua-new-guinea>

⁴⁵⁵ President Meloni Address at the GST High-Level Event on Adaptation. Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-melonis-address-gst-high-level-event-adaptation/24468>

⁴⁵⁶ Cop28: memorandum Italia-Etiopia, ripartono progetti su cooperazione per adattamento, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Roma) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-memorandum-italia-etiofia-ripartono-progetti-su-cooperazione-adattamento>

Dubai.⁴⁵⁷ This contribution strengthens the commitment of the government to support low- and middle-income countries through providing more headroom to address issues pertaining to climate change.

On 31 January 2024, the government unveiled at the Italy-Africa Summit the Mattei Plan, a USD6 billion project aimed at boosting development in Africa hoping that it will help improve economic growth. The government announced an initial pledge of EUR5.5 billion including public guarantees for investment projects. It also announced that it will provide an additional EUR100 million towards infrastructural development in Africa through the Rome Process Financing Facility.⁴⁵⁸ The summit and the Mattei Plan demonstrate the government's commitment towards supporting both low- and middle-income countries that require assistance in addressing global challenges through providing guarantees and concessional loans.

On 17 February 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani signed an agreement with Ukrainian and European officials offering Italy's support to Ukraine's energy sector. The agreement lays out the terms of a subsidized rate loan of EUR100 million taken from the Rotating Fund for Development cooperation managed by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti. These funds will support Ukrhydroenergo, the main Ukrainian hydroelectric company.⁴⁵⁹ The government's financial support for Ukraine during the war demonstrates its G20 financial commitment.

On 26-29 February 2024, Under-secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Maria Tripodi attended the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization. In an issued statement, Undersecretary Tripodi highlighted the need to prioritize the needs of low- and middle-income countries to guarantee them a fair share of the benefits from international trade.⁴⁶⁰ The 13th Ministerial Conference was able to pass decisions on dispute settlement reforms and work programs on small economies to provide generous financial support to the least-developed countries.

On 6 March 2024, in the presence of Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Edmondo Cirelli and Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance Maurizio Leo, a collaboration agreement was signed between the Italian Agency of Development Cooperation and the Agency of the Customs and of Monopolies. This agreement highlights the two agencies' commitment towards strengthening the action of the Italian Cooperation in the southern shore of the Mediterranean, Africa, and the Balkans. This deal is expected to have positive impacts on economic operators who work in certain geographical locations, and will also be able to contribute to the objectives of the Mattei Plan that is in support of the developing countries.⁴⁶¹

⁴⁵⁷ COP28: Italy announces €5 million contribution to Sustainable Energy fund for Africa. African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024 <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/cop28-italy-announces-eu5-million-contribution-sustainable-energy-fund-africa-66619>

⁴⁵⁸ Italy announces \$6 billion plan to strengthen partnership with Africa at Italy-Africa Summit. African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/italy-announces-6-billion-plan-strengthen-partnership-africa-italy-africa-summit-68347>

⁴⁵⁹ Tajani. Agreements ratified to support the energy sector in Ukraine. Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/02/tajani-firma-di-accordi-per-il-sostegno-dellitalia-al-settore-energetico-dellucraina/

⁴⁶⁰ Statement by H.E. Ms Maria Tripodi Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. World Trade Organization's Thirteenth Session Ministerial Conference (Abu Dhabi) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/WT/MIN24/ST10.pdf&Open=True>

⁴⁶¹ Agreement between the Agencies for Development Cooperation and Customs and Monopolies Agency to strengthen joint programmes in countries benefiting from Italian cooperation. Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/03/intesa-fra-le-agenzie-per-la-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-e-delle-dogane-e-monopoli-per-rafforzare-programmi-congiunti-nei-paesi-beneficiari-della-cooperazione-italiana/

On 15 March 2024, the 15th Bank of Italy – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation annual conference was held in Rome. This conference discussed topics pertaining to the global economy and international cooperation. It examined the economic, social, and political challenges faced by countries in Africa, and reiterated the government’s prioritization of the continent in its development agenda. This conference highlighted Italy’s commitment towards providing economic support for developing countries in Africa and their respective development projects.⁴⁶²

On 18 March 2024, Ambassador to Mali Stegano Dejak signed an agreement with United Nations Population Fund Mali Director Yves Sassenrath, for the biennial refinancing of Mali’s gender violence prevention program that has affected four million Malian women of reproductive age. This contribution amounts to EUR2 million. The new contributions by the Italian government will allow the project to improve their assistance and information services and reach a greater number of women in Mali. This demonstrates Italy’s commitment towards supporting developing countries by providing financial contributions.⁴⁶³

On 19 March 2024, the government committed a concessional loan of EUR150 million to the Kenyan government. The government stated that this loan will provide help to the Kenyan government in its budget. However, the Italian delegation stressed that this loan is contingent upon the implementation of the reform measures outlined in the sixth Development Policy Operation, which aims to ensure greater government transparency and strengthen fiscal sustainability. Both the concessional loan, as well as the conditions that the Italian government provided, demonstrate the state’s commitment towards supporting developing countries as it not only shows their willingness to contribute financially, but also displays their efforts to ensure that the recipient state adopts a path towards sustainable fiscal development.⁴⁶⁴

On 17 April 2024, the government revealed its plans to provide Tunisia with significant financial assistance, stating its intent to provide up to EUR105 million with cash government financing and a credit facility.⁴⁶⁵ The aid will be allocated to support small and medium-sized Tunisian enterprises, fostering sustainable economic growth by promoting job creation in the country. This initiative reflects Italy’s commitment to improving economic development in the region of Africa as expressed in the Mattei Plan.

On 11 June 2024, Minister Tajani, while at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin, outlined Italy’s plan to send an aid package of EUR140 million to support the recovery of Ukraine’s physical infrastructure, including railways, healthcare, agriculture, and mine clearance.⁴⁶⁶ Of the EUR140 million, EUR45 million will be allocated for the reconstruction of the city of Odesa. This initiative

⁴⁶² 15th Bank of Italy – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Annual Conference. Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/03/la-quindicesima-conferenza-annuale-banca-ditalia-ministero-affari-esteri-e-della-cooperazione-internazionale/

⁴⁶³ Mali, Italy confirms support for the gender violence prevention program. Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/2024/03/mali-litalia-conferma-il-sostegno-al-programma-di-prevenzione-delle-violenze-di-genere/

⁴⁶⁴ Italy Commits to Give Ruto’s Gov’t Ksh22 Billion Loan Under 1 Condition. NairobiLeo (Nairobi) 19 March 2024.

Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.nairobileo.co.ke/business/article/15279/italy-commits-to-give-rutos-govt-ksh22-billion-loan-under-1-condition>

⁴⁶⁵ Italy commits financial aid to Tunisia with focus on economic collaboration, migration management. MENAFN (Amman) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://menafn.com/1108110003/Italy-commits-financial-aid-to-Tunisia-with-focus-on-economic-collaboration-migration-management>

⁴⁶⁶ Italy prepares \$150 million aid package to support Ukraine’s infrastructure, The Kyiv Independent (Kyiv) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://kyivindependent.com/italy-plans-150-million-aid-package-for-ukraines-recovery/>

demonstrates Italy's commitment to helping Ukraine's restoration efforts during the war through financial aid.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Meloni and President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) Akinwumi Adesina released a joint statement that stated Italy's commitment of USD150 million in highly concessional loans and grants to finance projects under the Mattei Plan.⁴⁶⁷ The AfDB also announced that it would match this amount, with a combined total of at least USD300 million being allocated to the development of African countries. The Italian development finance institution, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, expressed its intention to fund up to USD820 million over a five-year period in collaboration with key African and global stakeholders. The persistent collaboration between Italy and the AfDB reflects the Italian government's strong commitment towards providing financial assistance to projects in Africa.

On 8 July 2024, Director General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Stegano Gatti, along with Director of International Cooperation and Development Finance at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), Paolo Lombardo, signed an agreement with Mozambican Minister of Economy and Finance, Ernesto Maz Elias Tonela, for the development of a food and agriculture centre in Mozambique.⁴⁶⁸ The agreement allocates EUR38 million for the construction and equipping of the Manica Agrifood Centre (CAAM), which will be responsible for processing and distributing agricultural products throughout the region. This deal is a part of Italy's Mattei Plan, a foreign policy that aims to create new relationships with African countries by providing financial assistance, with the ultimate goal being to stop the massive influx of migration to Italy.

On 8 July 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance signed a EUR50 million agreement with the Rwandan Ministry of Environment and Energy Security with the goal of supporting Rwanda's National Climate Action Plan and enhancing the government's climate policy agenda by strengthening its resilience to the threat of global warming.⁴⁶⁹ The financing was achieved through the Italian Climate Fund and is expected to be managed by the CDP. This agreement, which is part of Italy's Mattei Plan foreign policy for African states, will provide the Rwandan government the necessary support to its national targets for carbon emission reduction.

On 29 July 2024, the CDP and the AfDB issued a joint plan to invest up to EUR400 million over the next five years in order to boost Africa's private sector growth through the Growth and Resilience Platform for Africa (GRAf).⁴⁷⁰ Both organizations are expected to jointly mobilize EUR200 million each, with the GRAf expected to mobilize an additional EUR350 million from other sources, bringing the total investment amount to EUR750 million. The investments will also help address a broad range of issues related to poor private-sector growth, such as providing greater economic opportunities for women and youth and reducing the rates of unemployment.

On 31 July 2024, Ambassador to Ethiopia Agostino Palese signed an agreement with Ethiopian Minister of Finance Ahmed Shide that stated the government's financial assistance of EUR25 million

⁴⁶⁷ G7: Italy commits 150 million dollars to finance projects under the Mattei Plan, Agenzia Nova (Rome) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/G7-Italy-commits-150-million-dollars-to-finance-projects-under-the-Mattei-plan/>

⁴⁶⁸ Mattei Plan for Africa: agreement signed for food and agriculture centre in Mozambique. Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 29 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/mattei-plan-africa-agreement-signed-food-and-agriculture-centre-mozambique/26202>

⁴⁶⁹ Rwanda and Italy Sign 50 Million Euros Agreement to Support Climate Resilience Projects. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (Kigali) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.minecofin.gov.rw/news-detail/rwanda-and-italy-sign-50-million-euros-agreement-to-support-climate-resilience-projects>

⁴⁷⁰ Italy's National Promotional Institution CDP and African Development Bank to invest €400 million in Africa's Private Sector Growth. African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 29 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/italys-national-promotional-institution-cdp-and-african-development-bank-invest-eu400-million-africas-private-sector-growth-73036>.

for Ethiopia's environmental development and green economy goals.⁴⁷¹ The agreement is expected to support job creation, economic growth, and the achievement of Ethiopia's sustainable development goals, particularly in relation to climate change. Of the EUR25 million, EUR13.5 million will be issued in the form of a grant and the remaining will be in a soft loan, ensuring the Ethiopian government greater financial flexibility in addressing its pressing challenges. This agreement, which falls under the Mattei Plan, demonstrates Italy's commitment to providing concessional finance and greater headroom to supporting countries that require assistance for its sustainable development goals.

Italy has fully complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges. This is evident through Italy's support to countries in need of financial assistance. The government has taken strong action to contribute to key development projects, particularly in Africa, as well as other humanitarian initiatives that seek to address a pertinent global issue.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Woosuk (Liam) Chun

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support both low- and middle-income countries that require assistance in addressing global challenges.

On 12 December 2023, the government, along with the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union, committed a total of USD10 billion for Indonesia's Just Energy Transition Partnership. The USD10 billion has been determined to be concessional, meaning that Indonesia will be offered a lower interest rate. This loan is to jump-start investment and demonstrate that Indonesia is a viable market for clean energy development. The contribution shows Japan's commitment towards providing fiscal support to developing countries.⁴⁷²

On 16 December 2023, the government exchanged notes with the Vietnamese government regarding a loan of up to JPY41.2237 billion and two grant aid projects that amassed to JPY2.51 billion. The loan was to assist in the government of Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Construction Project. The terms were set as 0.1 per cent per annum with a repayment period of 40 years, providing the government of Vietnam generous loan terms to aid with their sustainable development projects. The grant aid was given to contribute to the Vietnamese government's Project for the Improvement of Medical Equipment at National Cancer Hospital in Hanoi (up to JPY1.83 billion), as well as the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (up to JPY685 million).⁴⁷³ Both projects show Japan's commitment to help Vietnam strengthen both their health and education sector through bilateral loans and grants, both of which are key priorities in their development plan.

⁴⁷¹ Ethiopia Signs A €25m In Financing Agreement With Italy. Fana Broadcasting Corporate (Addis Ababa) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.fanabc.com/english/ethiopia-signs-a-e25mIn-support-agreement-with-italy-for-environmental-devt-green-economy/>

⁴⁷² Breaking Down the \$20 Billion in Indonesia's Just Energy Transition Partnership. The Diplomat (Washington) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://thediplomat.com/2023/12/breaking-down-the-20-billion-in-indonesias-just-energy-transition-partnership/>

⁴⁷³ Exchange of Notes Concerning One Yen Loan and Two Grant Aid Projects to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Contributing to "alleviating traffic congestion and air pollution," "improving the quality of medical services," and "human resource development" in Viet Nam). Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 16 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/cap1/pageite_000001_00055.html

On 17 December 2023, Japan hosted the Commemorative Summit for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. At the summit, members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) expressed their appreciation for Japan's contributions to ASEAN's economic and social development. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida reaffirmed Japan's intention to promote the economic effort of community building and social development and launched new initiatives such as the Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.⁴⁷⁴

On 24 December 2023, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with the Bangladeshi government in Dhaka to provide a Japanese official development assistance (ODA) loan of up to JPY76.635 million for the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Expansion Project (III). The project aims to improve the capacity, convenience, and safety of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka. This project will contribute to Bangladesh's economic growth as it will enable the efficient movement of people and goods through the expansion of the airport, which constitutes core infrastructure in terms of supporting the country's growing social economy. The terms of the loan are generous, with an interest rate of 1.32 per cent per annum and a repayment period of 30 years, along with a grace period of 10 years. This concessional loan allows the Government of Bangladesh to focus on achieving its development goals without the burden of having high interest rates.⁴⁷⁵

On 12 January 2024, Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki held discussions with the Sri Lankan government with the aim to deepen bilateral economic relations with the country. During the meeting, Shunichi outlined the potential resumption of yen loans pending the conclusion of a memorandum of understanding at the Official Creditor Committee and continued debt sustainability monitored by the International Monetary Fund.⁴⁷⁶

On 31 January 2024, the government, under the World Bank's INSPIRE and ARISE projects, provided USD390 million to the Ukrainian government. The funds will be used to compensate the state budget of Ukraine for high-priority needs, particularly in the areas of recovery and social assistance.⁴⁷⁷ This contribution highlights the government's commitment towards providing support to countries that require assistance in addressing issues caused by the conflict in the region.

On 22 February 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro. At the meeting, Minister Kamikawa emphasized the need for a reform of the World Trade Organization that is beneficial to both developed and developing countries, taking into account developing countries' challenges pertaining to development. She stated Japan's readiness to contribute to strengthening the lending capacity of approximately USD9 billion through the guarantee mechanisms of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. At the same time, Minister Kamikawa emphasized that addressing the debt issues facing developing countries is an urgent challenge, and that rapid debt restructuring through such measures as the Common Framework for Debt Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative is crucial. She urged that all creditor

⁴⁷⁴ The Commemorative Summit for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/rp/pageite_000001_00029.html

⁴⁷⁵ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Bangladesh: Contributing to the country's further socioeconomic development by responding to the rapidly increasing demand for air transportation and infrastructure. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Tokyo) 25 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20231224_31.html

⁴⁷⁶ Japanese Finance Minister Commends Impressive Economic Advancements in Sri Lanka. President's Media Division (Colombo) 12 January 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://pmd.gov.lk/news/japanese-finance-minister-commends-impressive-economic-advancements-in-sri-lanka/>

⁴⁷⁷ Ukraine received USD 390 million from Japan under the World Bank's INSPIRE and ARISE projects. Ministry of Finance of Ukraine (Kyiv) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/ukraina-otrymala-390-mln-dolariv-ssha-vid-iaponii-v-ramkakh-proektiv-svitovoho-banku-inspire-ta-arise>

countries and debtor countries, including G20 members, to collectively recognize the importance of transparent and fair development finance.⁴⁷⁸

On 1 March 2024, the first meeting of the Advisory Panel on New Financing for Development was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs chaired by Minister Kamikawa. This panel was established to create policies for new financing for development and to strengthen collaboration with various actors from both the public and private sector. At the meeting, Minister Kamikawa stressed the importance of considering new ways in which Japan's ODA should be implemented. Discussions were held surrounding the challenges of Japan's development cooperation in mobilizing finance, as well as possible solutions. While no policy decisions were made, the advisory panel concluded that it would build on these discussions with the aim of submitting policy recommendations to Minister Kamikawa by the summer of 2024.⁴⁷⁹

On 5 March 2024, the government signed a long-term financing agreement with the Rwandan government worth JPY14 billion to support the transformation of Rwanda's education sector. This agreement in the form of a concessional loan marks a crucial step towards driving digital transformation within education, enhancing operational efficiency across both primary and secondary levels, and fostering an enriched learning environment within technical colleges.⁴⁸⁰ This development policy loan was unprecedented at its scale, and exemplifies the bilateral cooperation between Japan and Rwanda, aligned with Rwanda's development vision.

On 5 March 2024, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Mitsuko Shino, alongside Deputy Executive Director for Partnerships at UNICEF Kitty van der Heijden, signed and exchanged notes for the Grant Aid to Myanmar entitled "the Project for Providing Various Life-saving Services to Vulnerable Children and Families facing Multiple Humanitarian Crises." The grant amount was approximately JPY690 million. The aim of the project is to improve the livelihoods and access to basic social services for the internally displaced persons in Myanmar, which accounts to approximately 2.45 million civilians.⁴⁸¹ This aid package is a part of the government's ODA policies, and displays its compliance with this commitment.

On 13 March 2024, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Masahiro Komura and Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Sok Chenda Suphea signed and exchanged notes for a yen loan project up to JPY21.104 billion. The government issued a loan with a small interest rate of 0.3 per cent per annum with a repayment period of 30 years and a 10-year grace period. This loan aims to improve access to advanced medical care in rural areas by providing necessary medical facilities and equipment necessary. The funds are expected to contribute to further strengthening the relationship between the two governments by assistance for the area that Cambodia views as a high-priority project in their national development plan.⁴⁸²

On 14 March 2024, State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan attended the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial held online.

⁴⁷⁸ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Summary). Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/pageite_000001_00186.html

⁴⁷⁹ The First Meeting of the Advisory Panel on New Financing for Development. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00186.html

⁴⁸⁰ Japan and Rwanda Sign Long-term Financing Agreement to Strengthen the Education Sector. Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda (MINECOFIN) (Kigali) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.minecofin.gov.rw/news-detail/japan-and-rwanda-sign-long-term-financing-agreement-to-strengthen-the-education-sector>

⁴⁸¹ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aid to Myanmar "the Project for Providing Various Life-saving Services to Vulnerable Children and Families facing Multiple Humanitarian Crises." Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000495.html

⁴⁸² Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Yen Loan for the Kingdom of Cambodia for the Development of Regional Hospitals. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00208.html

In the Ministerial, the participants confirmed the progress on the IPEF Supply Chain Agreement, the IPEF Clean Economy Agreement, and the IPEF Fair Economy Agreement. State Minister Tsuji stated that Japan will proceed with the necessary procedures to sign all three of the agreements. State Minister Tsuji also stressed the importance of cooperation and capacity building among IPEF members, and stated that Japan would like to continue its contributions under the IPEF.⁴⁸³

On 25 April 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with the Turkish government concerning an ODA loan of up to JPY60 billion for the Emergency Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Project.⁴⁸⁴ The project is in response to the earthquake that struck southeastern Türkiye in February 2023 and caused significant infrastructural damage. It aims to reconstruct existing infrastructure and construct new facilities in order to bring stability into the lives of residents and address sustainable social and economic growth in the affected areas. The content of the loan states that the Turkish government will have a low interest rate of 0.2 and a repayment period of 40 years, with a grace period of 10 years.

On 30 April 2024, Minister Kamikawa held a foreign ministers' meeting with Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Yusuf Maitama Tuggar to discuss Japan-Nigeria bilateral relations.⁴⁸⁵ In the meeting, Minister Kamikawa expressed Japan's intentions to provide assistance for Nigeria's political and economic stability by continuing its development assistance to address the root causes such as poverty and other humanitarian crises. Both ministers both recognized the need to strengthen the partnership in this area.

On 13 May 2024, Ambassador to Indonesia Yasushi Masaki signed a yen loan project amassing up to JPY140.7 billion with Indonesian Foreign Ministry Director-General of Asia-Pacific and African Affairs Abdul Kadir Jailani.⁴⁸⁶ The funds are to support the construction of the Mass Rapid Transit East-West Line in the Jakarta metropolitan area. The conditions of the yen loans will allow Indonesia to achieve sustainable growth due to its low interest rates and long repayment periods, which alleviate the Indonesian government from the burdens of repaying its debt within a short period. In addition to financial support, Japan will also provide its technology in the vehicle and signaling systems under its Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP).

On 15 May 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the third meeting of the Advisory Panel on New Financing for Development. This meeting discussed the intentions to reform Japan's ODA framework to address key social issues in the Global South. The Advisory Panel members provided rationales on achieving a mutually benefiting partnership between ODA and sustainable finance, and engaged in detailed discussions on the content of the Advisory Panel's recommendations. The meeting concluded by agreeing to the suggested changes of transforming the ODA framework, highlighting Japan's commitment to making necessary transformations in their assistance programs to provide impactful and sustainable financial support to low- and middle-income countries.⁴⁸⁷

⁴⁸³ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Online Ministerial. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00210.html

⁴⁸⁴ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Republic of Türkiye: Contributing to the reconstruction of public infrastructure such as water and sewage systems, housing, and emergency services affected by the earthquake in southeast Türkiye. Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240430_41.html

⁴⁸⁵ Japan-Nigeria Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af1/ng/pageite_000001_00316.html

⁴⁸⁶ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning the Yen Loan "Jakarta Metropolitan Mass Rapid Transit East-West Line Project Phase 1 (I)" for the Republic of Indonesia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 May 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00311.html

⁴⁸⁷ The Third Meeting of the Advisory Panel on New Financing for Development. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 15 May 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00316.html

On 17 May 2024, Ambassador to the Philippines Endo Kazuya signed a yen loan and grant aid project with Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs Enrique A. Manalo.⁴⁸⁸ A loan provision of up to JPY64.38 billion will be directed towards phase three of the Maritime Safety Capability Improvement Project for the Philippine Coast Guard. The relatively low interest rate, 0.3 per cent per annum, coupled with an extended repayment period of 40 years, which includes a 10-year grace period, means that the loan can be considered a concessional loan. The grant aid amounts to JPY327 million and will be sent to the Human Resource Development Scholarship, allowing young Philippine government officials an opportunity to obtain a graduate degree at a Japanese university.

On 22 May 2024, Minister Kamikawa signed a grant aid of JPY440 million with Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Ramiro Martinez Alvarado.⁴⁸⁹ The grant, which is part of Japan's Diplomatic Initiative toward Latin America and the Caribbean, will support Guatemala's Economic and Social Development Programme. This programme aims to improve the water supply and the sanitation conditions in the metropolitan area of Guatemala City through the provision of water and sewage maintenance equipment. In addition, the programme aims to promote social development by providing basic needs in areas with a large impoverished and indigenous population. Through the provision of basic needs, the government of Guatemala hopes to encourage sustainable and inclusive social growth while simultaneously addressing the causes of irregular migrations patterns.

On 22 May 2024, JICA President Tanaka Akihiko met with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Le Minh Khai to discuss Japan's ODA loans for Vietnam.⁴⁹⁰ Deputy Prime Minister Le expressed Vietnam's desire to receive further loans from Japan to help develop its strategic infrastructure projects. JICA President Tanaka expressed his satisfaction with the effective ODA cooperation between the two countries, and affirmed that the JICA desires to continue its cooperation and support Vietnam's infrastructure projects. This meeting between the JICA and the Vietnamese government not only reflects Japan's past success with its ODA projects, but also its intention to continue supporting low- and middle-income countries and their sustainable development projects by mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance.

On 6 June 2024, Minister Ken Saito and State Minister Kiyoto Tsuji attended the IPEF Ministerial and the Investor Forum in Singapore.⁴⁹¹ State Minister Tsuji expressed Japan's desire to see the IPEF Clean Economy Agreement, the IPEF Fair Economy Agreement, and the IPEF Agreement to enter into force. The Forum aimed to promote business matching among private and public stakeholders to attract sustainable infrastructure and climate change-related technology investments. Japan iterated its willingness to continue to work closely with the members of the IPEF to ensure greater sustainable investments in the respective countries. Japan's attendance and participation at the IPEF Ministerial and the Investor Forum demonstrate a high commitment towards cooperating to ensure greater sustainable investment and growth in countries in the Indo-Pacific region, many of which are low or middle-income states.

⁴⁸⁸ Signing and Exchange of Notes Concerning Yen Loan and Grant Aid Projects to the Republic of the Philippines.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00320.html

⁴⁸⁹ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Japan's Provision of a Water and Sewage System Maintenance Equipment (Pumps, Crane Trucks, etc.) to Guatemala (Grant Aid "the Economic and Social Development Programme"), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/la_c/m_ca_c/gt/pressite_000001_00336.html

⁴⁹⁰ Vietnam seeks Japan's new ODA loans for key infrastructure projects, Tuoitrenews (Ho Chi Minh City) 25 May 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://tuoitrenews.vn/news/society/20240525/vietnam-seeks-japans-new-oda-loans-for-key-infrastructure-projects/80064.html>

⁴⁹¹ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00360.html

On 11 June 2024, Ambassador Kazuya signed a grant aid project in the Philippines of up to JPY858 million with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Philippines Head of National Office Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo.⁴⁹² The grant aid project aims to promote digital birth registration of populations at risk of statelessness in the Bangasomo Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao by providing the necessary equipment and technical assistance to local government officials who are responsible for birth registration.

On 13 June 2024, Ambassador to Timor-Leste Tetsuya Kimura signed a grant aid project for Human Resource Development Scholarships in Timor-Leste with Timorese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Bendito dos Santos Freitas. The grant provision is expected to amount to JPY184 million and is aimed to support up to eight young administrative officials studying in Japan's graduate schools in 2025.⁴⁹³

On 26 June 2024, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshifumi Tsuge and Laotian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Phoxay Khaykhamphithoune signed an agreement for two grant aid projects amassing up to JPY753 million.⁴⁹⁴ The first project seeks to help the Laotian government address its development issues in relation to human capital. The second project pertains to the second phase of the Lao Government's Project for Regional Development through Acceleration of the Clearance of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in the Southern Provinces.

On 5 July 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Indian government concerning an ODA loan agreement of JPY84.26 million for the Mumbai Metro Line 3 Project.⁴⁹⁵ The project aims to address the increase in traffic demand in the city of Mumbai by expanding the city's mass rapid transportation system, which will in turn foster regional economic development and improve the urban environment. India will have a 1.8 per cent interest rate for the project and 0.2 per cent interest rate for consultation services, with a repayment period of 30 years, with a 10-year grace period.

On 17 July 2024, the Japanese government expressed its intention to arrange USD3.3 billion in loans to Ukraine as part of the overall support from the G7 members.⁴⁹⁶ The funds will be acquired through utilizing interest from frozen Russian sovereign assets. This multilateral financial commitment to Ukraine demonstrates Japan's compliance to the G20 financial commitments as it reflects the Japanese government's willingness to support countries that require financial assistance to address global issues.

On 19 July 2024, the JICA signed an agreement with the Senegalese government pertaining to a grant of up to JPY3.72 million for the Project for the Expansion of the Regional Hospital of Thies. This grant will be used to improve the capacity to receive patients by constructing a new specialized outpatient ward and an MRI ward at the Regional Hospital of Thies. This aid will allow Senegal to

⁴⁹² Signing and Exchange of Notes Concerning Grant Aid "The Project for Promoting Digital Birth Registration of Populations at risk of Statelessness in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao" to the Republic of the Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00367.html

⁴⁹³ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aid to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste "the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship", Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00373.html

⁴⁹⁴ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning the grant aid projects for Human Resource Development Scholarship and for the Regional Development through Acceleration of the Clearance of Unexploded Ordnance in the Southern Provinces (Phase2). Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo). 26 June 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00393.html

⁴⁹⁵ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with India: Metro construction in Mumbai to enhance economic activity and mitigate climate change through traffic congestion relief. Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo). 5 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240702_31.html

⁴⁹⁶ Japan arranging to shoulder \$3.3 billion in G7 loans for Ukraine. Kyodo News (Tokyo). 17 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2024/07/c7a8b0c56927-japan-arranging-to-shoulder-33-billion-in-g7-loans-for-ukraine.html>

meet its Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) by alleviating the fundamental issues that stem from a lack of supply and funding.⁴⁹⁷

On 1 August 2024, Ambassador to the Philippines Kazuya Endo and Resident Representative at the United Nations Development Programme Philippines Selvakumaran Ramachandran signed and exchanged notes pertaining to a JPY234 million grant aid to the Philippine government's project Raising Voters' Awareness and Promoting Digitalization of Electoral Process in Bangsamoro. This project seeks to strengthen both the analytical and management capacity of the Philippine Commission on Elections in order to foster fair participation at elections, which will in turn contribute to the promotion of peace and development in Mindanao.⁴⁹⁸

Japan has fully complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges. The government has committed several concessional loans to various countries in need, and has also urged other member states of the G20 to take action. Moreover, the government has provided additional support through the provision of material goods, helping reduce the expenditures of the recipient state's development projects and ensuring high quality results. Japan's contributions towards economic, social, and political development projects of several developing countries demonstrates their efforts to provide necessary support.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1

Analyst: Woosuk (Liam) Chun

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to mobilizing more headroom and concessional finance to support the poorest countries and boost the World Bank's support capacity.

On 25 January 2024, First Vice Minister of Economy and Finance Kim Byoung-hwan declared at the first meeting of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund Advisory Committee that Korea would be expanding its official development assistance (ODA) to fulfil its role in the international community, especially in meeting the needs of developing countries' infrastructure demands and private sector developments.⁴⁹⁹ The reference to strengthening the linkage between concessional and non-concessional ODA projects will benefit low-income countries' developments.

On 25 January 2024, Finance Minister Choi Sang-mok met with World Bank President Ajay Banga to discuss development aid, global economy issues, and ways to boost cooperation between Korea and the international entity on digital technology.⁵⁰⁰ Banga believes Korea can play an essential role in leading other developing countries' economies due to its successful development from an underdeveloped country to one with new technological innovations.

⁴⁹⁷ Signing of Grant Agreement with Senegal: Contributing to the achievement of UHC by expanding a regional hospital. Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo). 22 July 2024. Access Date 5 August 2024

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240722_21.html

⁴⁹⁸ Signing and Exchange of Notes Concerning Grant Aid "The Project for Raising Voters' Awareness and Promoting Digitalization of Electoral Process in Bangsamoro" to the Republic of the Philippines. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo). 1 August 2024. Access Date 5 August 2024 https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00468.html

⁴⁹⁹ 1st Meeting of EDCF Advisory Committee is Held, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 28 May 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5762>

⁵⁰⁰ Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok met with World Bank Group President Ajay Banga to discuss ways for close bilateral cooperation between the two sides on January 25, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 28 May 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/mi/selectTbMinisterDtl.do?boardCd=M0001&seq=2720>

On 3 June 2024, Korea signed loan agreements with Tanzania and Ethiopia.⁵⁰¹ Tanzania will receive USD2.5 billion over the next five years through concessional loans and signed accords to allow Korea to utilize its resources for clean energy technologies. Ethiopia signed a USD1 billion finance deal over the next four years to aid its infrastructure, science and technology, and health and urban development.

On 17th June 2024, the Export-Import Bank of Korea signed a loan agreement with the government of Uzbekistan to provide EUR185.91 million to Uzbekistan for the purchase of Korean-made high-speed trains.⁵⁰² These vehicles and the development of a high-speed railway network are meant to improve accessibility and transit across the country.

On 25th July 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Choi and World Bank President Banga met to discuss expanding cooperation and hosting the final meeting for Korea's 21st replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA).⁵⁰³ The IDA is a part of the World Bank Group and offers highly concessional lending.

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to boost the World Bank's support capacity. There is evidence that demonstrates their concessional financing of low and middle-income countries.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: TianTian Dong

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 22 February 2024, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alicia Bárcena advocated for the reformation of international financial architecture and multilateral development banks.⁵⁰⁴ Secretary Bárcena encouraged the expansion of sources of finance and equitable access to financial markets for emerging economies as a means of promoting financial development among low- and middle-income countries.

On 22 July 2024, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation represented Mexico at the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting.⁵⁰⁵ The agency underscored Mexico's support for international financial efforts to achieve inclusive development.

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. The country

⁵⁰¹ South Korea agrees to lend billions to Tanzania, Ethiopia, Reuters (Dar es Salaam) 3 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/south-korea-agrees-lend-billions-tanzania-ethiopia-2024-06-03/>

⁵⁰² Eximbank signs \$198 mil. loan agreement with Uzbekistan, The Korea Times (Seoul) 18 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/biz/2024/06/602_376799.html

⁵⁰³ On July 25, Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok held a meeting with World Bank President Ajay Banga to discuss ways to expand cooperation between the two sides, including the successful hosting of the final meeting for the 21st replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA), which is scheduled to be held in Korea, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul) July 29 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024 <https://english.moef.go.kr/mi/selectTbMinisterDtl.do?boardCd=M0001&seq=2814>

⁵⁰⁴ Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena concludes her participation in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-alicia-barcelona-concludes-her-participation-in-the-g20-foreign-ministers-meeting?idiom=en>

⁵⁰⁵ Mexico takes part in G20 Ministerial Meetings on Development and Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-takes-part-in-g20-ministerial-meetings-on-development-and-global-alliance-against-hunger-and-poverty?>

has made few public commitments to provide support to the poorest countries since 1 December 2024 and lacks a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Cooper Price

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 28 February 2024, Russia convened the Russian-Iranian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation for the 17th time.⁵⁰⁶ The two countries have indicated their intention to open up free trade between themselves, as per one memorandum of understanding. Russia and Iran agreed to collaborate on the development of electricity capacities, and the modernization of oil and gas corporations. Further, Russia and Iran planned to send a co-produced technology into space, beginning a new space travel partnership. Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak articulated that Iranian officials were welcome to the Caucasus Investment Forum, the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, and the Russian Energy Week International Forum.

On 6 June 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk and Prime Minister Felix Oloua of the Central African Republic discussed plans to establish a Russian academic institution in the Central African Republic.⁵⁰⁷

On 19 June 2024, Russia announced that advancements had been made in their plan for constructing a Nuclear Science and Technology Centre in Vietnam.⁵⁰⁸ Russia also indicated its intentions to open a Russian-Vietnamese school in Hanoi, which would prioritize exposure to the sciences and mathematics, and train students for various competitions.

On 19 June 2024, Russia announced its intentions to continue its support of the Tropical Research and Technological Centre in Vietnam by improving the centre's capacity for aquatic research and hiring personnel who do not have a fixed end date for employment.⁵⁰⁹

On 9 July 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko had a discussion with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha, preceding the Intergovernmental Russia-Vietnam Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation.⁵¹⁰ Deputy Prime Minister Chernyshenko put forward the idea to increase the amount of scholarships available to Vietnamese people at the Russian-Vietnamese Consortium of Technical Universities who study green and renewable energy. The two officials also decided to continue offering support to the Russian-Vietnamese Tropical Research and Technology Centre. Deputy Prime Minister Chernyshenko also encouraged constructing a Russian

⁵⁰⁶ Alexander Novak holds 17th meeting of Russian-Iranian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, The Russian Government (Moscow) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51000/>

⁵⁰⁷ Alexei Overchuk meets with Prime Minister of the Central African Republic Felix Moloua, The Russian Government (Moscow) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51805/>

⁵⁰⁸ Dmitri Chernyshenko's meeting with Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Tran Hong Ha (Moscow) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51899/>

⁵⁰⁹ Dmitri Chernyshenko: We plan plans to sign a development strategy of the Tropical Centre until 2035 (Moscow) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51896/>

⁵¹⁰ Dmitry Chernyshenko meets with Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Tran Hong Ha, The Russian Government (Moscow) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 21 July 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52070/>

and Vietnamese academic institution in Hanoi that would allow its alumni to pursue higher education in Russia.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to aid low and middle-income countries through the World Bank, and to aid countries of the lowest income. Russia has plans for establishing academic institutions in Vietnam and the Central African Republic, to construct a Nuclear Science and Technology Centre in Vietnam and continue supporting the Tropical Research and Technological Centre in Vietnam⁵. However, it has failed to aid low- and middle-income countries through the World Bank.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Carmina Cornacchia

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries through the World Bank, as well as in offering aid to countries of the lowest income.

On 4 December 2023, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad signed a development loan agreement with Tajikistani Minister of Finance Kahhorzoda Fayziddin Sattor, pledging USD100 million to fund the Rogun Hydropower Project.⁵¹¹ This initiative aims to enhance energy, food, and water security, as well as foster sustainable development in the country, supporting the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 2, Zero Hunger, SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation, and SDG 7, Affordable and Clean Energy.

On 5 December 2023, the Arab Coordination Group, which includes the SFD, announced its commitment to allocate USD10 billion until 2030 for promoting renewable energy in developing countries at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The funding aims to accelerate the transition towards cost-effective clean energy sources, and is part of a strategic plan comprising seven key points.⁵¹² This pledge is aligned with the group's earlier promise of USD24 billion, and highlights its efforts towards facilitating a global shift to sustainable energy.

On 13 December 2023, the Office of the Executive Director of the World Bank Group for Saudi Arabia led a high-level delegation consisting of members of the Executive Board of Directors of the World Bank to the SFD's headquarters in Riyadh.⁵¹³ The delegation learned about SFD's global development projects and initiatives, which have been ongoing for over 49 years. Both parties discussed ways to advance sustainable development in developing countries worldwide through development cooperation.

On 17 December 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad signed a USD40 million development loan agreement with Mauritanian Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Abdessalam Ould Mohamed Saleh to establish and equip specialized educational institutes in key sectors of the economy.⁵¹⁴ The project aims to promote sustainable development in Mauritania.

⁵¹¹ Saudi Fund for Development Provides \$100 Million Development Loan for the Rogun Hydropower Project, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n649>

⁵¹² Arab Coordination Group Allocation of US\$10 Billion to Support Energy Transition, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n651>

⁵¹³ Saudi Fund for Development Welcomes World Bank Delegation to Discuss Avenues of Development Cooperation. SFD Portal (Riyadh) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n655>

⁵¹⁴ Saudi Fund for Development Inaugurates Medical Center and Funds the Establishment of New Educational Institutes in Mauritania, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n658>

On 17 January 2024, the government signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) at the 2024 World Economic Forum in Davos.⁵¹⁵ The memorandum aims to solidify their cooperation in multiple policy areas, provide support to Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and explore its role in current OECD standards and best practices. This MOU will also build upon the existing collaboration between Saudi Arabia and the OECD on matters such as development cooperation and public governance.

On 9 February 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad and Beninese Minister of Economy and Finance Romuald Wadagni signed a memorandum of understanding, which allocated a USD5 million grant to support the 5th phase of the Saudi Program for Drilling of Wells and Rural Development in Benin.⁵¹⁶ Additionally, the SFD has granted USD8 million to Benin to support water security and resources, and reduce the impact of drought, as part of the fourth and fifth phases of the Saudi Program for Drilling Wells and Rural Development in Africa. This project aims to achieve SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation.

On 16 February 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad signed a new development loan agreement worth USD55 million with Turkish Deputy Minister of Treasury and Finance Osman Çelik.⁵¹⁷ The loan will help fund the Mitigating Seismic Risk in Several Public Schools Project and contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 4, Quality Education.

On 23 February 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad and Tunisian Minister of Economy and Planning Feryel Ouerghi signed a new development loan agreement worth USD55 million to finance the project for the renewal and development of the Tunisian railway network for transportation of phosphate.⁵¹⁸

On 22 March 2024, Sultan Al-Marshad signed two development loan agreements worth USD101 million with Secretary for the Pakistani Ministry of Economic Affairs Kazim Niaz to promote the clean energy sector in Pakistan. Soft development loans in the amount of USD66 million and USD35 million will be used to finance the establishment of the Shounter Hydropower and the Jagran-IV Hydropower Projects respectively.⁵¹⁹ These two agreements signify an ongoing effort to bolster clean energy projects in Pakistan, as they address the challenges brought about by conventional energy and its accompanying financial costs.

On 6 May 2024, the SFD and the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) signed a joint cooperation agreement in Riyadh. The agreement commits the SFD and the FCDO, and by extension, Saudi Arabia and the UK to improve donor coordination, aid accountability, monitoring,

⁵¹⁵ OECD and Saudi Arabia Sign MoU to Deepen Co-Operation and Support Reforms, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Davos) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 28 March 2024.

<https://www.oecd.org/governance/oecd-and-saudi-arabia-sign-mou-to-deepen-co-operation-and-support-reforms.htm>

⁵¹⁶ The Saudi Fund for Development Signs a Memorandum of Understanding to Fund a Water Project in the Republic of Benin, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n707>

⁵¹⁷ Saudi Fund for Development Signs a New \$55 Million Development Loan Agreement with the Republic of Turkey to Support Education, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n710>

⁵¹⁸ Saudi Fund for Development Signs a New Development Loan Agreement to Support the Transport Sector in Tunisia, and Inaugurates 270 Housing Units, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n716>

⁵¹⁹ Saudi Fund for Development Has Signed Two Development Loan Agreements Totaling \$101 Million to Support Clean Energy Sector in Pakistan, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024, <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n727>

evaluation, and transparency to ensure support for “the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people”.⁵²⁰

On 17 May 2024, SFD CEO Al-Marshad signed two loan agreements with Maldivian Minister of Finance Mohamed Shafeeq, pledging USD100 million for the expansion of the Velana International Airport and USD50 million for the Maldives’ Health Sector Development project.⁵²¹ These bilateral loans will contribute towards the development of physical infrastructure in the Maldives.

On 6 June 2024, SFD CEO Al-Marshad signed a development loan agreement with Salvadorian Minister of Finance Jerson Posada worth USD83 million to finance a water treatment and biogas power generation project using the Acelhuate River’s water in El Salvador.⁵²²

On 7 June 2024, SFD CEO Al-Marshad signed a development loan agreement with Nicaraguan Vice Minister of Finance and Public Credit Bruno Gallardo Palaviccine worth USD103 million to fund the construction and equipment required for the construction of a new hospital.⁵²³

On 29 July 2024, SFD CEO Al-Marshad signed an additional development loan agreement worth USD14.13 million with Kosovan Minister of Finance, Labor and Transfers Hekuran Murati to aid the Pristina-Mitrovica highway project.⁵²⁴ The agreement extends a 2013 project to upgrade a 27-kilometre highway, enhancing services and expanding capacity for 27,000 daily vehicles. It aims to reduce traffic and accidents, create jobs, and boost regional integration for sustainable development.

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries in offering aid to countries of the lowest income. Saudi Arabia has invested in multiple low- or middle-income countries like Pakistan, Türkiye, Tunisia, Benin, Gambia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Mauritania, Maldives, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Tajikistan. Although Saudi Arabia committed to meet World Bank officials, Saudi Arabia has yet implemented practical plans with the World Bank to collectively mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sharvi Jain

South Africa: -1

South Africa has not complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

⁵²⁰ Saudi Fund for Development and the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office Sign Joint Cooperation Arrangement to Advance Global Development, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n752>

⁵²¹ Saudi Fund for Development Inaugurates Hulhumale Island Development Project and Signs Two Development Loan Agreements in the Republic of Maldives, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n759>

⁵²² Saudi Fund for Development Signs First Development Loan Agreement Worth \$83 Million to Support Water and Energy Generation in El Salvador, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n762>

⁵²³ Saudi Fund for Development Signs First Development Loan Agreement Worth \$103 Million to Support Health Sector in Nicaragua, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 7 June 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n764>

⁵²⁴ Saudi Fund for Development Signs a New \$14 Million Development Loan Agreement to Support the Transport Sector in Kosovo, SFD Portal (Riyadh) 29 July 2024. Access Date: 4 Aug 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n772>

On 16 April 2024, Minister in the Presidency Responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Maropene Ramokgopa reaffirmed and lauded China's role as the largest scale investor in South Africa's economy, through more than USD25 billion spent in investments, generating over 400,000 jobs at the 2024 Job Fair of Chinese-Invested Enterprises in South Africa.⁵²⁵

South Africa has not complied with the commitment to aid low- and middle-income countries in offering aid to countries of the lowest income. With a single collaborative action with China, South Africa has taken little action to collectively mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources that provides strong support for the poorest countries.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Natasha Bhimji

Türkiye: -1

Türkiye has not complied with commitments to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 28 January 2024, the government expressed concern over the growing number of Türkiye's international allies suspending financing for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs urged international allies to continue funding for UNRWA to ensure the needs of millions of Palestinian refugees can be met.⁵²⁶

Türkiye has not complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries as it has taken a single weak action of compliance.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Theresa Jones

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment to mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries.

On 22 February 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) invited tenders to conduct a rapid evidence assessment of the research literature on the effects of interventions for reducing financial hardship for low- and middle-income countries, focusing specifically on the field of

⁵²⁵ Minister Maropene Ramokgopa: Job Fair 2024 of Chinese-Invested Enterprises in South Africa, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (Pretoria) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/minister-maropene-ramokgopa-job-fair-2024-chinese-invested-enterprises-south-africa>

⁵²⁶ Turkey urges countries to reconsider suspending Unrwa funding, Middle East Eye (Ankara) 28 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.middleeasteye.net/live-blog/live-blog-update/turkey-urges-countries-reconsider-suspending-unrwa-funding>

healthcare. The FCDO claims to contribute to a better understanding of the evidence on how government and organizations can diversify all backgrounds of low- and middle-income countries.⁵²⁷

On 26 March 2024, the United Kingdom contributed USD516 million in funding via the World Bank's advance Ukraine Trust Fund to the World Bank's USD1.5 billion Growth Foundations Development Policy Loan to Ukraine.⁵²⁸ The funding will work to support Ukraine's state budget and economic recovery.

On 11 July 2024, the United Kingdom announced GBP151 million in bilateral support for Afghanistan in 2024-2025, aimed at funding medical, economic, and climate related crises facing the country.⁵²⁹

On 10 October 2024, new funding for Ethiopia was announced with the aim of promoting greater stability in the region.⁵³⁰ The UK has committed GBP 16 million to assist in ensuring lasting peace in the country. Another GBP 6.9 million has been earmarked for the textile industry. The goal is to rebuild communities ravaged by the civil war and accelerate economic recovery.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment mobilize more headroom and concessional finance to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low and middle-income countries that need help in addressing global challenges, with a clear framework for the allocation of scarce concessional resources, and to provide strong support for the poorest countries. Namely, the United Kingdom has initiated and executed plans to provide financial aid to low- and middle-income countries, particularly Kenya, Somalia, Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Nigeria through loans and a pledge to uplift the World Bank's IBRD.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Natasha Bhimji

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to boost the World Bank's capacity to support low- and middle-income countries and offer aid to countries of the lowest income.

On 2 December 2023, the United States announced a multi-year pledge of USD3 billion to the Second Replenishment of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) from 2024 to 2027.⁵³¹ This pledge forms part of the United States' commitment to concessional finance in terms of enhancing the utilization of the GCF's financial resources to help foster innovation for small island developing states and least developed

⁵²⁷ Reducing financial hardship from healthcare spending in low- and middle-income countries: a rapid evidence assessment, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/reducing-financial-hardship-from-healthcare-spending-in-low-and-middle-income-countries-a-rapid-evidence-assessment>

⁵²⁸ Ukraine to receive USD 1.5 billion development policy loan from Japan and UK through World Bank mechanism, Official Website of Ukraine (Kiev) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/ukraina-otrymaie-15-mlrd-dolariv-ssha-na-pidtrymku-polityky-rozvytku-cherez-mekhanizm-svitovoho-banku-vid-iaponii-ta-velykoi-brytanii>

⁵²⁹ Aid watchdog visits Afghanistan to examine UK's aid programmes, Independent Commission for Aid Impact (London) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://icai.independent.gov.uk/aid-watchdog-visits-afghanistan-to-examine-uks-aid-programmes/>

⁵³⁰ UK announces support to drive stability and growth in Ethiopia, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-support-to-drive-stability-and-growth-in-ethiopia>

⁵³¹ Announcement of Pledge to Second Replenishment of the Green Climate Fund, Department of State (Washington DC) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/announcement-of-pledge-to-second-replenishment-of-the-green-climate-fund/>

countries. The goal of this pledge is to enhance the GCF's effectiveness, leverage private capital for climate actions, and support new approaches to address climate challenges in developing countries.

On 4 December 2023, Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen announced a USD568 million loan to the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) during the Climate Investment Funds Panel, which will fund CTF projects developed by the World Bank Group among other groups, thus boosting the World Bank's capacity.⁵³² The loan is funded by Congress and aligns with US climate commitments to fund clean energy. The goal is to facilitate the implementation of clean energy initiatives and supply chains in developing countries.

On 4 December 2023, the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the Inter-American Development Bank announced their intention to participate as leaders of a new task force in a global initiative aimed at increasing climate-sustainable financing for developing countries.⁵³³ The goal is to help developing countries meet their climate goals by alleviating debt and debt service burdens.

On 12 December 2023, DFC Chief Executive Officer Scott Nathan announced a USD200 million loan to Banco Popular Dominicano.⁵³⁴ The loan is aimed at supporting development by aiding the Banco Popular Dominicano's lending to underserved groups including both female entrepreneurs and small businesses. The goal is to help the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean partner countries foster new economic growth.

On 11 January 2024, the DFC launched a USD500 million loan to support the establishment of a new solar panel manufacturing facility, First Solar, in Tamil Nadu, India.⁵³⁵ This loan aims to promote economic growth and generate jobs in India. The aim is to support global transitions to clean and green energy through green development within India.

On 8 February 2024, DFC Deputy Chief Executive Officer Nisha Biswal announced new financing to support the Lobito corridor in building new infrastructure and investments into agriculture, healthcare, and financial services.⁵³⁶ The goal is to improve economic growth and development in alignment with Africa's development goals.

On 15 May 2024, Assistant Secretary for International Trade and Development Alexia Latortue announced that the United States pledged USD174.4 million toward replenishing the Asian Development Fund.⁵³⁷ This will help to support the economic development of the most impoverished and vulnerable nations in Asia and the Pacific, including developing states. The Fund will provide support towards addressing the impacts of climate change, debt burdens, and sustainable development.

⁵³² Treasury Affirms Support for Clean Technology Fund through \$568 Million Loan that Advances U.S. Climate Commitments, Just Energy Transition Partnerships and MDB Evolution, Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1943>

⁵³³ Eight International Organizations and Development Finance Institutions Join Forces to Boost Innovative Financing for Nature and Climate (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/eight-international-organizations-and-development-finance-institutions-join>

⁵³⁴ DFC CEO in Dominican Republic Announces \$200 Million Loan, Intention to Open New Caribbean Office (Santo Domingo) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-dominican-republic-announces-200-million-loan-intention-open-new>

⁵³⁵ DFC CEO Marks U.S. \$500 Million Loan for Strategic Supply Chain Diversification With Launch of New Energy Manufacturing Facility in India (Chennai) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-ceo-marks-us-500-million-loan-strategic-supply-chain-diversification>

⁵³⁶ DFC Announces New U.S. Financing for Africa's Lobito Corridor (Lusaka) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.dfc.gov/media/press-releases/dfc-announces-new-us-financing-africas-lobito-corridor>

⁵³⁷ Assistant Secretary for International Trade and Development Alexia Latortue on the Asian Development Bank Annual Meetings and Asian Development Fund Replenishment, Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 15 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2341>

On 20 May 2024, Assistant Secretary Latortue, being the American representative to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), expressed the United States' support for the ADB's contributions to developing countries at its 57th Annual Meeting.⁵³⁸ Latortue highlighted the importance of initiatives like the Community Development Window for the people of Afghanistan and displaced populations from Myanmar in Bangladesh. Additionally, Latortue urged the ADB to increase support for capacity-building in developing countries and endorsed substantial increases in its financing.

On 21 May 2024, USAID Counselor Clinton White signed a Framework for Cooperation with the government of Kenya, aiming to foster new collaborations between universities and industries to boost research and job opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.⁵³⁹ Additionally, USAID also announced a USD32 million investment to enhance Kenya's education system, including initiatives to support the country's engineers, scientists, and researchers, to further support Kenya's economic development.

On 29 May 2024, Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced the US's commitment of USD135 million to support Moldova's electric power system.⁵⁴⁰ This will help aid Moldova's economic growth and development.

On 13 June 2024, Ambassador to Egypt Herro Mustafa Garg, along with the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation, announced USD130 million in bilateral funding for Egypt.⁵⁴¹ This funding aims to enhance economic opportunities by providing development financing and technical support for education, human capital investment, women's empowerment, and agricultural capacity building. The investment supports the commitment to achieving sustainable economic and social development.

On 24 June 2024, Assistant Secretary Latortue stated at the African Development Bank's Annual Meeting that the United States approved, alongside other shareholders, a USD117 billion "general callable capital increase" toward the African Development Bank.⁵⁴² The goal is to support the Bank in advancing development in Africa through building infrastructure and dealing with developmental challenges such as climate change.

On 26 June 2024, USAID contributed information technology equipment valued at around USD50,000 to Uzbekistan.⁵⁴³ This contribution aims to enhance the efficiency of energy sector regulation and support the development of primary and secondary legislative frameworks to promote sustainable development.

⁵³⁸ Remarks by the Temporary Alternate Governor for the United States of America Alexia Latortue, 2024 Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the Asian Development Bank, Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2350>

⁵³⁹ The United States Announces New Partnership with Kenya to Support STEM Education, United States Agency for International Development Office of Press Relations (Atlanta) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-21-2024-united-states-announces-new-partnership-kenya-support-stem-education>

⁵⁴⁰ The United States Commits \$135 Million to Support Moldova's Energy and Economic Security, United States Agency for International Development Office of Press Relations (Washington DC) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-29-2024-united-states-commits-135-million-support-moldovas-energy-and-economic-security>

⁵⁴¹ The United States Invests \$130 Million for Egypt's Development, U.S. Embassy in Egypt (Cairo) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://eg.usembassy.gov/us-invests-130-million-egypt-development>

⁵⁴² Statement from Assistant Secretary for International Trade and Development Alexia Latortue on the African Development Bank Annual Meetings, Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2426>

⁵⁴³ USAID Supports the Uzbekistan's Regulatory Agency with New IT Equipment to Promote Efficient Regulation of the Energy Sector, U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan (Tashkent) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://uz.usembassy.gov/usaid-handed-over-new-it-equipment/>

On 3 July 2024, the United States and Indonesia entered a “debt-for-nature” swap.⁵⁴⁴ This agreement seeks to decrease Indonesia’s debt payments to the United States for the following nine years in exchange for Indonesia’s commitment to allocate funds to protect and restore its coral reef ecosystems. The debt swap is financed in part by grants from the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation, which focuses on sustainable development for communities alongside conservation of protected areas

On 9 July 2024, Secretary Yellen announced before the Committee on Financial Services that the United States Congress has, up to date, contributed USD250 million to the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) Crisis Response Window. The goal of this contribution is to offer crucial support to the world’s poorest and most vulnerable countries. The IDA allocates funds on highly concessional lending terms. Secretary Yellen also called on Congress to approve USD1 billion in the President’s budget, which would expand the World Bank’s lending headroom by USD36 million.⁵⁴⁵

On 24 July 2024, the United States Export-Import Bank approved a USD1.6 billion loan to the Angolan government intended to improve access to clean water by constructing 65 solar mini-grids. The initiative is aimed at enhancing the quality of life in certain provinces in Angola through improved health, education, and wellbeing. Moreover, this loan reflects the United States’ commitment to the Partnership for Global Infrastructure initiative, which focuses on extending finance and investment in developing markets.⁵⁴⁶

On 24 July 2024, Secretary Yellen revealed that the United States plans to pledge up to USD667 million to the World Bank Group’s Pandemic Fund. The commitment is aimed at boosting pandemic resilience and preparedness in the event of a future pandemic, and to address the needed areas of improvement revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pandemic Fund is designed to provide grants to aid low-and-middle-income countries prepare for future pandemics. Furthermore, Secretary Yellen reaffirmed support for collaboration between the IMF and the World Bank to enhance global pandemic preparedness.⁵⁴⁷

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to boost the World Bank’s capacity to support low and middle-income countries by mobilizing headroom and creating a clear framework to allocate concessional resources. The United States has not only boosted the World Bank’s capacity through loans to the Clean Technology Fund, but it has also engaged in financing various programs that support low- and middle-income countries since 1 December 2023. The United States has continued to reiterate their support for providing concessional finance to developing countries through the IMF and World Bank. The United States has taken further action to increase lending to low-income countries and announced discussions of a new loan to Jamaica alongside other countries. Moreover, the United States has proposed in their 2024 Fiscal Year Budget an increase in monetary contribution to the World Bank for concessional finance. Since 2 May 2024, the United States has continued to mobilize headroom to support the development of the poorest and most vulnerable countries. The United States has contributed towards replenishing the Asian Development Fund and the African

⁵⁴⁴ The United States and Indonesia Sign \$35 Million Debt Swap Agreement to Support Coral Reef Ecosystems, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2451>

⁵⁴⁵ Testimony of Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen Before the Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2453>

⁵⁴⁶ Angola secures another US Exim loan for solar and water project, Global Trade Review (London) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://www.gtreview.com/news/africa/angola-secures-another-us-exim-loan-for-solar-and-water-project/>

⁵⁴⁷ Remarks by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at the Pandemic Fund Investment Case Launch Event, U.S. Department of the Treasury (Washington DC) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2483>

Development Bank and expressed support for their contributions to developing countries. Moreover, the United States has provided strong support to countries including contributions to Kenya's universities, Moldova's energy systems, Uzbekistan's energy sector, and Egypt's development. Since 31 July 2024, the United States has continued demonstrating its dedication to the commitment by contributing to financing of several of the poorest and most vulnerable countries and boosting the World Bank's headroom. The United States has approved a debt swap with Indonesia and contributed to the International Development Association's Crisis Response Window. Moreover, it has supported technical assistance grants in Latin American and Caribbean countries and made pledges to the Pandemic Fund, which targets financing developing markets. Lastly, the United States has approved technical assistance to small businesses in the form of grants.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lindsay Liu

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilising more headroom and concessional finance to support the poorest countries and boost the World Bank's support capacity.

On 3 December 2023, the European Investment Bank (EIB) supported several initiatives by investing in climate-resilient projects and industries, which can offer "opportunities for policy exchange and operational coordination." The majority of countries that are at risk of climate change are in Africa or Asia. Since climate adaptation requires billions of dollars, the EIB's aid will allow developing and low-income countries to overcome the financial challenges of climate change.⁵⁴⁸

On 23 February 2024, the European Union and EIB supported the launch of a strengthening project in St. George's, Grenada, providing the country's healthcare infrastructure with a USD9.97 million loan.⁵⁴⁹ This concessional financing aims to boost the region's healthcare facilities, increase the purchase of medical and non-medical equipment and general supplies, and help construct healthcare facilities. This will help the lower-income country after the Covid-19 pandemic.

On 17 March 2024, the EU announced a EUR7.4 billion aid package to Egypt to stem migration flows to Europe.⁵⁵⁰ This package includes grants and loans for the next three years, as the EU hopes to establish a "strategic partnership" with Egypt.

On 26 April 2024, President of the European Council Charles Michel remarked after meeting Beninese President Patrice Talon that the European Union remained active in supporting Benin's economic development and affirmed that the EU would continue to supply Benin with equipment for combatting terrorism to create stable conditions for economic development.⁵⁵¹ The EU will provide EUR47 million to Benin in counterterrorism funding over the course of 2024.

⁵⁴⁸ Impact adaptation, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/stories/adaptation-climate-migration-impact>

⁵⁴⁹ Grenada: CDB, EIB launch US\$ 9 970 500 health sector strengthening project, European Investment Bank (St. George's) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-083-cdb-eib-launch-usd-9-970-500-health-sector-strengthening-project-in-grenada>

⁵⁵⁰ EU announces \$8bn package for Egypt as part of deal to check migration, Al Jazeera (Doha) 17 March 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/3/17/eu-announces-8bn-package-for-egypt-as-part-of-deal-to-check-migrant-flows>

⁵⁵¹ Remarks by President Charles Michel after his meeting with the President of Benin, Patrice Talon, European Council (Brussels) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/04/26/remarks-by-president-charles-michel-after-his-meeting-with-president-of-benin-patrice-talon/>

On 2 May 2024, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen announced that the EU will be providing EUR1 billion in financial assistance to Lebanon from 2024 to 2027, to ensure the provision of basic services like education, social services, and health in Lebanon.⁵⁵²

On 11 June 2024, President von der Leyen announced a group of new initiatives designed to aid Ukraine's war recovery at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin.⁵⁵³ The EU pledged to provide a total of EUR3.4 billion to Ukraine, from the EU's Ukraine facility and from profits generated from seized Russian assets.

On 20 June 2024, the European Union announced that it would be contributing over EUR750 million to the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA), which will aid in the growth of Africa's manufacturing capacity as a continent in cooperation with the African Union.⁵⁵⁴ The AVMA aims to increase vaccine production in Africa, ensuring predictability of supply in African countries and thereby healthcare development.

On 24 June 2024, the European Council approved the newest EU development aid targets, cementing the EU and its member states' status as the world's largest provider of official development assistance (ODA). The EU, combined with its member states, provided EUR95.9 billion in ODA in 2023, or 42 per cent of all global ODA.⁵⁵⁵

On 25 July 2024, the EU established an agreement with Albania to provide EUR136 million in EU grants for rehabilitating the Vore-Hani i Hotit railway line.⁵⁵⁶ The Western Balkans Investment Framework will aid in providing the funds, which represent the largest EU grants given to Albania to date. Through these grants, Albanian Railways will be able to electrify more than 120 kilometres of track and renovate 12 train stations.

On 27 July 2024, the EU pledged an additional EUR1.9 billion to Ukraine under its Ukraine Facility for a total of EUR8 billion spent to date.⁵⁵⁷ Commission President von der Leyen stated that the Commission and the EU is committed to continue providing aid to Ukraine in the future to help the country as it "fights for its freedom".

On 29 July 2024, the EU signed a financing agreement for two projects of EUR93 million with the Malawian government to support the Eastern Backbone power transmission line and Malawian civil society organizations.⁵⁵⁸ The latter will help develop innovative solutions to increase job opportunities

⁵⁵² President von der Leyen reaffirms EU's strong support for Lebanon and its people and announces a €1 billion package of EU funding, European Commission (Brussels) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2384

⁵⁵³ EU bolsters support for Ukraine's recovery, European Commission (Brussels) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. https://commission.europa.eu/news/eu-bolsters-support-ukraines-recovery-2024-06-11_en

⁵⁵⁴ Team Europe announces over €750 million to the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator, European Commission (Brussels) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_3262

⁵⁵⁵ Official development assistance: the EU and its member states remain the biggest global provider, European Council (Brussels) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/24/official-development-assistance-the-eu-and-its-member-states-remain-the-biggest-global-provider/>

⁵⁵⁶ European Union Provides €136 Million Grant for Reconstruction of Vore-Hani i Hotit Railway Line, European Economic and Social Committee (Tirana) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/albania/european-union-provides-%E2%82%AC136-million-grant-reconstruction-vore-hani-i-hotit-railway-line_en

⁵⁵⁷ Commission disburses an additional €1.9 billion to Ukraine in pre-financing, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 27 July 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/commission-disburses-additional-%E2%82%AC19-billion-ukraine-pre-financing_en

⁵⁵⁸ EU in Malawi commits to two projects under the priority areas of the Global Gateway strategy, European Economic and Social Committee (Lilongwe) 29 July 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malawi/eu-malawi-commits-two-projects-under-priority-areas-global-gateway-strategy_en

and private sector dynamism. The European Investment Bank (EIB) will provide concessional funding and the EU will provide grants.

On 1 August 2024, the EIB joined with Armenian bank Evocabank to lend EUR12 million to Armenia.⁵⁵⁹ This financial concession will contribute to Armenia's economic growth, with 20 per cent in women-led businesses, through the expansion of operations, new jobs and market opportunities. The EU will support this transaction through grant funding, allowing affordable interest rates on the loan.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilising more headroom and concessional finance to support the poorest countries and boost the World Bank's support capacity. Although the European Union, the European Commission, and the European Investment Bank have supported low-income and developing countries, there is a lack of evidence demonstrating their specific actions that aid the World Bank to increase its support capacity.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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⁵⁵⁹ Armenia: EIB Global and Evocabank join forces with €12 million loan deal to aid small businesses, European Investment Bank (Yerevan) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024 <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-311-armenia-eib-global-and-evocabank-join-forces-with-eur12-million-loan-deal-to-aid-small-businesses>

3. Health: Access to Affordable Healthcare

“[We will] facilitate equitable access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in Low-and-Middle-income Countries (LMICs), LDCs [least developed countries] and SIDS [small island developing states].”

G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.65 (83%)	

Background

Health has been addressed by G20 leaders since the Toronto Summit in 2010.⁵⁶⁰

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders affirmed the importance of “social safety nets” including public health care systems to “help strengthen [economic] resilience...and promote more stable growth.”⁵⁶¹

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders encouraged compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO)’s International Health Regulations.⁵⁶² G20 leaders emphasized the importance of this to address disease outbreaks.

⁵⁶⁰ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicue.html>

⁵⁶¹ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicue.html>

⁵⁶² G20 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders pledged to provide funding, medical personnel and medical countermeasures to address the Ebola Virus outbreak.⁵⁶³ This included financing international efforts to support countries in Western Africa such as “Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Mali and Nigeria.” G20 leaders also reiterated the importance of strengthening global health systems to respond to infectious diseases. In 2014, they started to make health commitments, producing 33 on joint partnerships and financial assistance to address the Ebola Virus outbreak.⁵⁶⁴ Efforts focused on supporting low- and middle-income countries by providing financial aid, medical personnel, equipment and medications.

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the importance of addressing “global health risks, such as antimicrobial resistance, infectious disease threats and weak health systems.”⁵⁶⁵

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders reiterated the importance of research and development to address the ongoing health threat posed by antimicrobial resistance.⁵⁶⁶ G20 leaders also committed to addressing access and affordability concerns for antimicrobials.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to establishing universal health coverage and strengthening health systems worldwide.⁵⁶⁷ G20 leaders also called for increased funding and cooperation between members, other countries and international organizations to improve “global health capacities,” support the “WHO’s Health Emergencies Programme” and continue research and development.

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards establishing high quality and affordable health systems to work towards universal health coverage.⁵⁶⁸ G20 leaders also committed to supporting the “prevention, detection and response to public health emergencies,” in accordance with the WHO’s International Health Regulations.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to financing medical personnel and cost-effective innovations to strengthen public health systems.⁵⁶⁹ G20 leaders also reiterated their pledge to address communicable diseases such as Ebola, polio, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders declared goals to address the COVID-19 pandemic through financial assistance for the “research, development, manufacturing and distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.”⁵⁷⁰ G20 leaders emphasized the importance of international coordination through the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) initiative and other efforts.

⁵⁶³ G20 Leaders' Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

⁵⁶⁴ G20 Leaders' Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

⁵⁶⁵ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>

⁵⁶⁶ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>

⁵⁶⁷ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-leaders-declaration.html>

⁵⁶⁸ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

⁵⁶⁹ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

⁵⁷⁰ Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders committed to “vaccinating at least 40 per cent of [the global population] by the end of 2021 and 70 per cent by mid-2022.”⁵⁷¹ G20 leaders also pledged to increase the access to vaccines and medical countermeasures in developing countries.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to universal health coverage and the strengthening of health systems.⁵⁷² G20 leaders also reiterated their pledge to provide “equitable and universal access to safe, affordable, quality and effective vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics” for Covid-19.

Building on previous commitments, the 2023 New Delhi Summit focused on strengthening affordable healthcare systems, while working to improve access to medical diagnostic and treatment options as well as vaccines.⁵⁷³ This commitment falls under the theme of “One Earth, One Family, One Future” established as part of India’s G20 Presidency. At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders committed to implementing the One Health approach to improve global health systems.⁵⁷⁴ This holistic approach focuses on sustainable and inclusive health coverage to improve physical and mental health, address infectious diseases, engage in pandemic preparedness and conduct research and development. G20 members also committed to ensuring the safe and equitable access to high quality “vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures.” These efforts will prioritize LMICs, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi summit, G20 leaders committed to “facilitate equitable access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in Low-and-Middle-income Countries (LMICs), LDCs and SIDS.”⁵⁷⁵

Definitions and Concepts

“Facilitate” is understood to mean “to make [something] easier; to help bring (something) about; [or] to help (something, such as a discussion) run more smoothly and effectively.”⁵⁷⁶

“Equitable” should be interpreted to mean “fair and just as indicated by law.”⁵⁷⁷

“Access” is understood to mean “the right to obtain or make use of the entity in reference.”⁵⁷⁸ The WHO characterizes access as “a broad concept that measures three dimensions of key health sector interventions.”

⁵⁷¹ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

⁵⁷² The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>

⁵⁷³ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 10 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

⁵⁷⁴ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>

⁵⁷⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 10 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/G20-New-Delhi-Leaders-Declaration.pdf>

⁵⁷⁶ Facilitate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/facilitate>

⁵⁷⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁵⁷⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

“Safe” is understood to mean “free from harm or risk.”⁵⁷⁹

“Effective” refers to vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures that result in a “decided, decisive, or desired effect.”⁵⁸⁰

“Quality-assured” means that the products or services have undergone a “process that looks at activities or products on a regular basis to make sure they are being done at the required level of excellence.”⁵⁸¹

“Affordable” is understood to mean “not expensive.”⁵⁸²

A “vaccine” is “a preparation that is administered (as by injection) to stimulate the body’s immune response against a specific infectious agent or disease: such as” an “inactivated or attenuated” antigen, a “pathogenic agent (such as a bacterium or virus) or one of its components or products (such as a protein or toxin)” or “a preparation of genetic material” that results in the formation of an “antigenic substance.”⁵⁸³ A vaccine may also be “a preparation or immunotherapy that is used to stimulate the body’s immune response against noninfectious substances, agents, or diseases.”

“Therapeutics” are understood to mean “treatment[s] of disease or disorders by remedial agents or methods.”⁵⁸⁴

“Diagnostics” are understood to mean “methods or systems for discovering the cause of a problem, illness, etc.”⁵⁸⁵

“Medical countermeasures” are defined as “medicines and medical supplies that can be used to diagnose, prevent, or treat diseases related to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) threats.”⁵⁸⁶ Medical countermeasures include “[b]iologic products [such as] vaccines, blood products and antibodies, [d]rugs [including] antimicrobial or antiviral drugs and [d]evices [including] diagnostic tests to identify threat agents and personal protective equipment.”

“LMICs” are defined as countries with a gross national income of USD13,845 or lower.⁵⁸⁷

According to the United Nations, “LDCs” are defined as “countries that have low levels of income and face severe structural impediments to sustainable development.”⁵⁸⁸

⁵⁷⁹ Safe, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/safe>

⁵⁸⁰ Effective, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/effective>

⁵⁸¹ Quality assurance, National Cancer Institute n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/quality-assurance>

⁵⁸² Affordable, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/affordable>

⁵⁸³ Vaccine, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/vaccine>

⁵⁸⁴ Therapeutic, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/therapeutic>

⁵⁸⁵ Diagnostic, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/diagnostic>

⁵⁸⁶ Medical Countermeasures, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta) 5 October 2020. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.cdc.gov/orr/readiness/mcm2-508.html>

⁵⁸⁷ Low and middle income countries and regions, International Statistical Institute (The Hague) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.isi-web.org/low-and-middle-income-countries-and-regions>

⁵⁸⁸ Least Developed Countries Category, The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Developing States (New York) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/about-small-island-developing-states>

According to the United Nations, “SIDS” are a “distinct group of 39 States and 18 Associate Members of United Nations regional commissions that face unique social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities.”⁵⁸⁹

General Interpretive Guidelines

This commitment can be broken down into two overarching dimensions, to be further broken down: 1) facilitating equitable access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures in LMICs, LDCs, and SIDS and 2) focusing actions on LMICs, LDCs and SIDS to facilitate equitable access to medical countermeasures. To achieve full compliance, G20 members must strongly comply with most aspects in both areas.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that take actions to facilitate the equitable access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures and focus actions on LMICs, LDCs and SIDS to facilitate equitable access to medical countermeasures. This commitment can be further broken down into several parts. Part 1 requires members to take action to facilitate access to 1) vaccines, 2) therapeutics, 3) diagnostics and 4) other medical countermeasures that are 1) safe, 2) effective, 3) quality-assured and 4) affordable. In addition to this, actions must be equitable. As such, Part 2 of the commitment requires that the aforementioned four elements must be made accessible for 1) LMICs, 2) LDCs and 3) SIDS.

In order to achieve full compliance, G20 members must take international action to satisfy the “equitable” component of the commitment that focuses on three country groupings identified above. Full compliance for this commitment requires the G20 member to take strong action across most of Part 1 and most of Part 2 of the commitment. Examples of strong actions include donating vaccines and other medical countermeasures to LDCs, streamlining the production and procurement of medical countermeasures between companies and recipients, offering financial aid to support public health services, cooperating with the pharmaceutical sector to increase the availability of medical countermeasures, developing programs to vaccinate populations against infectious diseases and signing or ratifying international treaties.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members that take action in all of Part 1 or Part 2 of the commitment or take strong action in some aspects of both Part 1 and Part 2 (i.e. addressing access to vaccines and therapeutics in one small island state) or take less strong/weak action across many or most of the criteria of Part 1 and Part 2. G20 members will achieve partial compliance if they take domestic action across the four elements defined in Part 1. For example, if they facilitated access to quality-assured and affordable vaccines and therapeutics in a remote community, but not in an LMIC, LDC or SIDS, this would count as partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member fails to take action towards Part 1 or Part 2 of the commitment or the G20 member has only taken weak action in a few criteria of Part 1 and Part 2 but not most/many criteria. Examples of weak actions include verbally reaffirming the commitment, releasing statements recognizing the need for equitable access to medical countermeasures or participating in bilateral meetings where the topic is discussed.

⁵⁸⁹ About Small Island Developing States, The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Developing States (New York) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/about-small-island-developing-states>.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has not taken any action towards Part 1 or Part 2 of the commitment or has only taken weak action on one or fewer of the criteria of Part 1 or Part 2.
0	The G20 member has taken action in all of Part 1 or Part 2 of the commitment or has taken strong action in some aspects of both Part 1 and Part 2 or has taken weak action on two of the criteria of Part 1 and Part 2.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action on three or more of Part 1 of the commitment, which requires members to take action to facilitate access to 1) vaccines, 2) therapeutics, 3) diagnostics and 4) other medical countermeasures that are a) safe, b) effective, c) quality-assured and d) affordable and also across most of Part 2 of the commitment, which requires that the aforementioned four elements must be made accessible for a) low- and middle-income countries, b) least developed countries and c) small island developing states.

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Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 11 January 2024, the Ministry of Health and the National Agri-Food Health and Quality Service (Senasa) held a meeting to strengthen the surveillance, control and prevention framework for Western Equine Encephalitis.⁵⁹⁰ Senasa and provincial ministries reached a consensus to prioritize the distribution of vaccines to the most affected areas.

On 19 January 2024, the Ministry of Health announced a series of regulations for the prescription and marketing of medicines under decree 63/2024.⁵⁹¹ Decree 63/2024 establishes conditions for the prescription and distribution of medications by health professionals as well as the marketing of over-the-counter medications in establishments other than pharmacies.⁵⁹² The measures aim to reduce the cost of medication, ensure the safety, quality and effectiveness of prepared and imported medicines in accordance with established standards and improve the application of the regulatory framework.⁵⁹³

On 20 February 2024, Chief of Staff Nicolás Posse Minister of Health Mario Russo and the Minister of Human Capital Sandra Pettovello announced the transfer of purchasing high-cost medications to

⁵⁹⁰ Salud y Senasa refuerzan el trabajo con las provincias para el control y prevención de la Encefalitis Equina del Oeste, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 11 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-y-senasa-refuerzan-el-trabajo-con-las-provincias-para-el-control-y-prevencion-de-la>

⁵⁹¹ Decreto 63/2024: DECTO-2024-63-APN-PTE – Disposiciones, Boletín Oficial de la República Argentina (Buenos Aires) 19 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/301967/20240122>

⁵⁹² Reglamentación para la prescripción de medicamentos y su comercialización, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 22 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 March 2024.

⁵⁹³ Decreto 63/2024: DECTO-2024-63-APN-PTE – Disposiciones, Boletín Oficial de la República Argentina (Buenos Aires) 19 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 March 2024.

<https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/301967/20240122>

the Ministry of Health.⁵⁹⁴ The initiative aims to improve organizational efficiency and transparency and support patients experiencing health and social vulnerabilities.

On 1 March 2024, the Ministry of Health presented a preventative vaccination strategy against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).⁵⁹⁵ Government officials and scientific societies supported incorporating the RSV vaccine into the National Vaccination Calendar. This initiative aims to protect newborns under six months of age against bronchiolitis.

On 7 March 2024, the Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) published recommendations in response to the dengue outbreak across Argentina and other regions in the Americas.⁵⁹⁶ To prevent and control the current outbreak, PAHO suggests strengthening surveillance, eliminating mosquito breeding sites, timely patient care for rapid detection and collaborating with communities.

On 7 March 2024, Minister Russo met with representatives from different non-governmental organizations for cancer patients and rare and chronic pathologies.⁵⁹⁷ During the meeting, health authorities reaffirmed their commitment to continue providing high-cost medications to vulnerable populations.

On 11 March 2024, Minister Russo held a meeting with the minister of the province of Rio Negro, Ana Senesi, to strengthen efforts and establish a common agenda between different jurisdictions and the national health portfolio. The meeting aims to improve the management of national health care resources.

On 19 March 2024, Minister Russo and the representative of PAHO in Argentina Eva Jané Llopis officially launched the “Federal Network of References for the Care of People with Arboviral Diseases.”⁵⁹⁸ The initiative aims to strengthen coordinated actions between the Ministry of Health and 24 jurisdictions in Argentina for the detection, prevention and care of patients with these diseases.

On 25 March 2024, the Ministry of Health launched the national flu vaccination campaign to reduce infection, hospitalization, complications and death among at risk populations of the influenza virus.⁵⁹⁹ The vaccination campaign is free for the specified at-risk populations.

⁵⁹⁴ La asistencia para la compra de medicamentos a personas en situación de vulnerabilidad social y sanitaria fue transferida al Ministerio de Salud, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 20 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-asistencia-para-la-compra-de-medicamentos-personas-en-situacion-de-vulnerabilidad-social>

⁵⁹⁵ Se presentó frente a las sociedades científicas la vacuna contra el Virus Sincial Respiratorio, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-presento-frente-las-sociedades-cientificas-la-vacuna-contra-el-virus-sincial>

⁵⁹⁶ El Ministerio de Salud de la Nación y la Organización Panamericana de la Salud difunden recomendaciones ante el brote de dengue, Ministerio de Salud (Argentina) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-salud-de-la-nacion-y-la-organizacion-panamericana-de-la-salud-difunden>

⁵⁹⁷ Russo recibió a representantes de ONGs de pacientes oncológicos, patologías poco frecuentes y crónicas (Buenos Aires) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/russo-recibo-representantes-de-ongs-de-pacientes-oncologicos-patologias-poco-frecuentes-y>

⁵⁹⁸ Salud y OPS trabajan para fortalecer la respuesta al dengue con la conformación de la Red Federal de Referentes para la Atención de Personas con Enfermedades Arbovirales, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 20 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-y-ops-trabajan-para-fortalecer-la-respuesta-al-dengue-con-la-conformacion-de-la-red>

⁵⁹⁹ Salud inició la campaña de vacunación contra la gripe, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-inicio-la-campana-de-vacunacion-contra-la-gripe>

On 25 March 2024, Minister Russo met with health ministers from 24 jurisdictions across the country to advance collaborative actions and address challenges in healthcare.⁶⁰⁰ The meeting provided a platform to reallocate healthcare resources based on changing epidemics and outbreaks, establish priorities for the general health agenda and align provincial policies with the healthcare priorities.

On 9 April 2024, the Ministry of Health and PAHO organized a joint National Immunization Workshop ahead of Vaccination Week of the Americas.⁶⁰¹ The meeting aimed to identify gaps in policy to improve vaccination coverage and prevent the reintroduction of diseases, recognize immunization coverage progress and further discuss the logistics for upcoming strategies.

On 16 April 2024, the Secretary of Quality in Health Leonardo Busso represented Argentina at the World Renal Policy Forum organized by the International Society of Nephrology.⁶⁰² The meeting provided a platform for key actors to discuss the impact of kidney diseases, strategies and better management practices on a local and international level. During the meeting, Secretary Busso highlighted Argentina's approach to tackling the issue by emphasizing prevention and care through its progression.

On 22 April 2024, the Ministry of Health launched the Winter Campaign of the Low Acute Respiratory Infections Program.⁶⁰³ Leaders from various jurisdictions provided key metrics and addressed common challenges and solutions to strengthen primary care. In addition, the Ministry of Health purchased medications to protect against and treat respiratory infections. The campaign aims to prevent and treat these diseases which pose a threat to vulnerable populations specifically children.

On 23 April 2024, the Ministry of Health and PAHO reinforced local health systems' approach to managing dengue cases.⁶⁰⁴ The Ministry incorporated a series of workshops for healthcare professionals and public outreach programs. The initiative aims to strengthen local health system capacities and improve the quality and effectiveness of health care by introducing coordinated efforts across jurisdictions and healthcare professions.

On 26 April 2024, the Ministry of Health signed an agreement to improve healthcare services with the National Directorate of Health Surveillance of Paraguay.⁶⁰⁵ The initiative aims to facilitate collaborative efforts on the quality control, laboratory management and research and development of medical countermeasures.

⁶⁰⁰ Russo convocó a los ministros de Salud de todo el país, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/russo-convoco-los-ministros-de-salud-de-todo-el-pais>

⁶⁰¹ En vísperas de la Semana de Vacunación en las Américas, el Ministerio de Salud y la OPS organizaron el Taller Nacional de Inmunizaciones, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 11 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/en-visperas-de-la-semana-de-vacunacion-en-las-americas-el-ministerio-de-salud-y-la-ops>

⁶⁰² Argentina participó del Foro Mundial de Política Renal, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-participo-del-foro-mundial-de-politica-renal>

⁶⁰³ Salud lanzó la Campaña de Invierno del Programa de Infecciones Respiratorias Agudas bajas, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 22 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-lanzo-la-campana-de-invierno-del-programa-de-infecciones-respiratorias-agudas-bajas>

⁶⁰⁴ Salud refuerza las estrategias de manejo clínico de dengue en todo el país, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-refuerza-las-estrategias-de-manejo-clinico-de-dengue-en-todo-el-pais>

⁶⁰⁵ Argentina y Paraguay firman un convenio para fortalecer servicios de salud, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-paraguay-firman-un-convenio-para-fortalecer-servicios-de-salud>

On 26 April 2024, the Ministry of Health distributed 80,400 doses of the Moderna mono-variant vaccine for Covid-19 to children across the country.⁶⁰⁶ The initiative includes regular vaccination schedules and booster shots for children six months to 11 years of age.

On 26 April 2024, the Minister of Health met with President of the Bunge y Born Foundation Jorge Born and Executive Director Gerardo Della Paolera to further strengthen immunization efforts.⁶⁰⁷ The Foundation publishes annual research on public perception of vaccines and barriers to access. The meeting established a joint commitment towards continued efforts to monitor, analyze and implement new policies and strategies to boost vaccination rates.

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry of Health reinforced the national vaccination campaign against influenza and RSV by disseminating additional recommendations for prevention and reiterating the importance of vaccinations.⁶⁰⁸

On 9 May 2024, Minister Russo, Ms Llopis and president of the National Immunization Commission Angela Gentile presented the 2024-2025 Work Plan for strengthening dengue prevention and management.⁶⁰⁹ The plan includes reallocating resources to strengthen local health networks and updated recommendations for the vaccination strategy.

On 22 May 2024, Minister Russo met with representatives from the Argentine Chamber of Medicinal Specialties, the Chamber of Pharmaceutical Laboratories and the Industrial Chamber of Argentine Pharmaceutical Laboratories to discuss improving public acquisition of costly medications and medical guidelines for healthcare treatment.⁶¹⁰

On 10 June 2024, Minister Russo along with the Secretary General of the Presidency Karina Milei, the President of the Chamber of Deputies Martín Menem and the Mayor of the Buenos Aires Town of San Nicolás Santiago Passaglia visited the first public-private health center of Argentina.⁶¹¹ This San Nicolás Sanatorium center will implement Municipal Medical Insurance, a health system aimed at providing health coverage to nearly 50,000 town residents who do not have social security or prepaid medicines. Operated through a digital credential, each user obtains their unique member number to prevent fraud while providing quality healthcare.

⁶⁰⁶ Salud distribuyó a todo el país vacunas monovariante contra COVID-19 para población pediátrica, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-distribuyo-todo-el-pais-vacunas-monovariante-contra-covid-19-para-poblacion>

⁶⁰⁷ Russo mantuvo un encuentro con el presidente de la Fundación Bunge y Born, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/russo-mantuvo-un-encuentro-con-el-presidente-de-la-fundacion-bunge-y-born>

⁶⁰⁸ Avanza en el país la vacunación contra la gripe y el Virus Sincicial Respiratorio para prevenir enfermedades respiratorias graves, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/avanza-en-el-pais-la-vacunacion-contra-la-gripe-y-el-virus-sincicial-respiratorio-para>

⁶⁰⁹ Salud presentó el plan de trabajo para el abordaje integral del dengue 2024-2025, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 9 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-presento-el-plan-de-trabajo-para-el-abordaje-integral-del-dengue-2024-2025>

⁶¹⁰ Reunión con representantes de las cámaras farmacéuticas, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 22 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/reunion-con-representantes-de-las-camaras-farmaceticas>

⁶¹¹ Comienza a implementarse en Argentina el sistema de voucher de salud, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/comienza-implementarse-en-argentina-el-sistema-de-voucher-de-salud>

On 24 June 2024, Minister Russo presented the plan for implementing electric prescriptions nationally to ministers and provincial authorities.⁶¹² The initiative aims to improve the safety and efficiency of prescription dispensary, traceability and delivery.

On 8 July 2024, the Ministry of Health held a workshop with representatives from 24 jurisdictions and PAHO to address challenges and establish management and preventative strategies for diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease at the primary care level.⁶¹³

On 17 July 2024, the representatives from the National Institute of Infectious Diseases of the National Administration of Laboratories and Institutes of Health completed laboratory skills and bioinformatic analysis training at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States.⁶¹⁴ The initiative aims to strengthen local capacity for the detection, surveillance, diagnosis and research of local and regional epidemiological risks.

On 31 July 2024, the Ministry of Health participated in a training program as a part of Argentina's three-month strategy to improve field epidemiology and public health skills of healthcare workers in Tucumán and La Rioja.⁶¹⁵ The field course aims to provide epidemiological surveillance and first response task forces with the tools to detect, notify, respond to and implement public health measures.

On 13 September 2024, the Central National Institute for the Coordination of Ablation and Implantation (INCUCAI) and regional hospitals in Misiones, Chaco, Corrientes and Formosa signed agreements to open clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of advanced chronic kidney disease.⁶¹⁶ INCUCAI will provide training and funding for these clinics while supporting their development.

On 19 September 2024, the Ministry of Health began distributing vaccines for dengue as part of the Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Dengue 2024-2025.⁶¹⁷ Vaccines will be distributed to priority populations in northeast, northwest and central Argentina for individuals aged 15 to 39.

⁶¹² Comienza el Plan de implementación de recetas electrónicas en todo el país, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 24 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/comienza-el-plan-de-implementacion-de-recetas-electronicas-en-todo-el-pais>

⁶¹³ Salud organizó un encuentro con equipos provinciales para el abordaje integral de la diabetes, la hipertensión y la enfermedad renal, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-organizo-un-encuentro-con-equipos-provinciales-para-el-abordaje-integral-de-la>

⁶¹⁴ ANLIS Malbrán fortalece capacidades con entrenamiento en el Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades de Estados Unidos, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 17 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/anlis-malbran-fortalece-capacidades-con-entrenamiento-en-el-centro-para-el-control-y-la>

⁶¹⁵ Comenzó el Programa de Entrenamiento en Epidemiología de Campo y Acciones de Salud Pública en Tucumán y La Rioja, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 31 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/comenzo-el-programa-de-entrenamiento-en-epidemiologia-de-campo-y-acciones-de-salud-publica>

⁶¹⁶ Firma de convenios para la prevención de la enfermedad renal en la Región NEA, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/firma-de-convenios-para-la-prevencion-de-la-enfermedad-renal-en-la-region-nea>

⁶¹⁷ Estrategia focalizada: Salud comienza la distribución de vacunas contra el dengue, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 19 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/estrategia-focalizada-salud-comienza-la-distribucion-de-vacunas-contra-el-dengue>

On 20 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that approximately 300 individuals were vaccinated against Argentine Hemorrhagic Fever at the 85th Pergamino Rural Exhibition.⁶¹⁸ This initiative was spearheaded by the National Institute of Viral Diseases.

On 20 September 2024, INCUCAI and regional hospitals in Jujuy, Salta, Catamarca and Santiago del Estero signed agreements to promote kidney health and support organ and tissue donation.⁶¹⁹ These agreements fall under the “Program for the Comprehensive Approach to Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease” which allows hospitals to open clinics for advanced chronic kidney disease and the “Program for the implementation of Hospital Organ and Tissue Procurement Units.” INCUCAI will provide training and funding for these clinics and units while supporting their development.

On 7 October 2024, the Ministry of Health and National Institute of Social Services for Retirees and Pensioners announced their cooperation to procure and distribute expensive medications or medications for oncological treatment.⁶²⁰ This is expected to reduce the cost of purchasing medications by 50 per cent.

On 9 October 2024, Minister of Health Mario Lugones announced the formation of a joint provincial and national working group to develop financing mechanisms for expensive medications.⁶²¹

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Argentina has facilitated access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable medical care through streamlining the distribution of vaccines, establishing regulations for dispensing medications and meeting with various representatives to strengthen collaborative public health efforts. However, while Argentina has engaged LMICs such as Paraguay, it has not taken steps to engage with LDCs or SIDS.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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Australia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

⁶¹⁸ Operativo de vacunación contra la Fiebre Hemorrágica Argentina en la 85° Exposición Rural de Pergamino, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 20 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/operativo-de-vacunacion-contra-la-fiebre-hemorragica-argentina-en-la-85deg-exposicion-rural>

⁶¹⁹ Convenios en la Región NOA para fortalecer la donación de órganos y tejidos y prevenir la enfermedad renal, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 20 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/convenios-en-la-region-noa-para-fortalecer-la-donacion-de-organos-y-tejidos-y-prevenir-la>

⁶²⁰ El Ministerio de Salud y PAMI se unen para bajar costos en la compra de medicamentos oncológicos y de tratamientos especiales, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 7 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-salud-y-pami-se-unen-para-bajar-costos-en-la-compra-de-medicamentos>

⁶²¹ Salud conformó una mesa de trabajo con obras sociales nacionales y provinciales, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 9 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-conformo-una-mesa-de-trabajo-con-obras-sociales-nacionales-y-provinciales>

On 22 December 2023, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced that the National Immunization Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy Program would begin on 1 January 2024.⁶²² The government will provide financial remuneration to involved pharmacies for delivering eligible immunizations to individuals over five years of age. The goal of this initiative is to increase the accessibility and affordability of vaccines.

On 2 January 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced the expansion of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to provide cheaper medications for advanced ovarian cancer, chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, small lymphocytic lymphoma, cystic fibrosis and atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome.⁶²³ This will increase access to affordable medications for over 1,200 Australians living with these illnesses.

On 1 February 2024, Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler announced the expansions of available medicines in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.⁶²⁴ This initiative will increase the affordability of otherwise expensive medicines for those with advanced melanoma and relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis.

On 4 February 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced up to AUD20 million for a national research program to develop treatments and carry out clinical trials for childhood brain cancers such as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.⁶²⁵ This initiative aims to produce better data, enable priority individuals to access clinical trials and ultimately ensure that new treatments can be assessed for safety and effectiveness as quickly as possible.

On 6 February 2024, Minister Butler announced AUD35 million in funding for a manufacturing facility for bioengineered corneas, which will be made available globally.⁶²⁶ In light of the lack of cornea tissue donations, this initiative will increase access to countermeasures for blind patients.

On 19 February 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy announced an initiative to address HIV, malaria, antimicrobial resistance and other health challenges in Papua New Guinea which is a SIDS.⁶²⁷ Funding will support research, training and efforts to develop medical countermeasures to prevent malaria in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere.

On 20 February 2024, Minister Butler announced AUD50 million in funding “to develop and commercialize the world’s most advanced artificial heart.”⁶²⁸ This promising technology is expected to

⁶²² Launch of the National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 22 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/launch-of-the-national-immunisation-program-vaccinations-in-pharmacy-nipvip-program?language=en>

⁶²³ Expanded PBS listings make vital treatments more affordable, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 2 January 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/expanded-pbs-listings-make-vital-treatments-more-affordable?language=en>

⁶²⁴ Cheaper medicines for advanced melanoma and multiple sclerosis, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 1 February 2024. Access date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/cheaper-medicines-for-advanced-melanoma-and-multiple-sclerosis>

⁶²⁵ \$20 million to find new treatments for DIPG and other childhood brain cancers, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 5 February 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/20-million-to-find-new-treatments-for-dipg-and-other-childhood-brain-cancers?language=en>

⁶²⁶ \$35 million to fight blindness with manufactured corneas, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 6 February 2024. Access date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/35-million-to-fight-blindness-with-manufactured-corneas?language=en>

⁶²⁷ Investing in our region's health, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/investing-our-regions-health>

⁶²⁸ \$50 million to develop world-leading artificial heart, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 20 February 2024. Access date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/50-million-to-develop-world-leading-artificial-heart?language=en>

lower up to 50 per cent of deaths from heart failure globally and while making heart transplants more accessible to patients of various ages.

On 20 February 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced that a specialised endometriosis and pelvic pain clinic will open in Bardon.⁶²⁹ This initiative aims to increase efficient access to information and treatment for endometriosis.

On 1 March 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced the expansion of medicines with 60-day prescriptions under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.⁶³⁰ The expansion will facilitate access to medication for patients with relatively long-term needs. The anticipated expansion will reach 300 medicines by September 2024.

On 13 March 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care opened applications for the 2024 International Clinical Trial Collaborations grant opportunity.⁶³¹ A total amount of AUD12.6 million is available. The initiative aims to provide international trials, medications or medical devices to the general public. In addition to strengthening Australia's role in collaborative international research initiatives.

On 24 March 2024, the Ministry for International Development and the Pacific provided AUD17 million funding to the Global Alliance for Tuberculosis.⁶³² The goal of this initiative is to introduce and research novel tuberculosis treatments with a focus on the Western Pacific and Southeast Asian region. By working collaboratively with countries in this region, Australia aims to improve the affordability of tuberculosis treatments in Lower Income Countries.

On 25 April 2024, Minister Wong and Minister Conroy announced up to AUD30 million in aid to combat malaria in the Pacific and Southeast Asia which includes a number of SIDS, LMICs and LDCs.⁶³³ Of this, AUD5 million will go to James Cook University to improve surveillance and control mechanisms for malaria, dengue and zika, AUD8 million will go to PATH for new diagnostic tests and AUD17 million will support new medical treatments for malaria “including medicines suitable for use in pregnancy and for children.”

On 29 April 2024, the National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy Program subsidized vaccinations administered in residential senior and disability homes, aiming to expand access to the free National Immunization Program.⁶³⁴

⁶²⁹ New Bardon clinic for endometriosis and pelvic pain, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-ged-kearney-mp/media/new-bardon-clinic-for-endometriosis-and-pelvic-pain?language=en>

⁶³⁰ More medicines available for 60-day prescriptions, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 5 March 2024. Access date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/more-medicines-available-for-60-day-prescriptions?language=en>

⁶³¹ \$12.6 million to support international clinical trials in Australia and evidence-based health care, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-126-million-to-support-international-clinical-trials-in-australia-and-evidence-based-health-care?language=en>

⁶³² Investing in the next generation of Tuberculosis treatment, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 24 March 2024. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/investing-next-generation-tuberculosis-treatment>

⁶³³ Eliminating malaria in our region, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/eliminating-malaria-our-region>

⁶³⁴ Expansion of the National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 24 April 2024. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/expansion-of-the-national-immunisation-program-vaccinations-in-pharmacy-nipvip-program?language=en>

On 25 April 2024, the Ministry for International Development and the Pacific announced AUD30 million in funding to act against malaria in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.⁶³⁵ Of this, AUD8 million will support the development of new diagnostic measures while AUD17 million will go towards new treatments for malaria.

On 1 May 2024, the PBS included two new medications for cardiomyopathies.⁶³⁶ This change increases the range of potentially life-saving treatment and affordability of medications for those with transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

On 1 May 2024, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) will begin including two new medicines for endometrial cancer and itching related to chronic kidney disease.⁶³⁷ This provides access to additional pharmaceutical options.

On 2 May 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced AUD1.89 billion in funding focused on health research including clinical trials.⁶³⁸ This funding supports research on female health, high morbidity cancers and equitable healthcare access.

On 16 May 2024, the Australian government approved the National Lung Cancer Screening Program proposed by the Department of Health and Aged Care.⁶³⁹ The government is investing AUD60 million to support the program's creation.

On 21 May 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced AUD43.9 million in funding to address the spread of HIV.⁶⁴⁰ A major portion of the funding will help finance pre-exposure prophylaxis medicine for Australians without Medicare. This initiative will also increase access to care and decrease stigma.

On 27 May 2024, the Ministry for International Development and the Pacific announced AUD10 million in humanitarian aid to Syria.⁶⁴¹ This aid will include nutrition support for children and reproductive healthcare.

⁶³⁵ Eliminating malaria in our region, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 25 April 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/eliminating-malaria-our-region>

⁶³⁶ Government adds two new heart disease treatments on the PBS, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 9 May 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/government-adds-two-new-heart-disease-treatments-on-the-pbs?language=en>

⁶³⁷ Australians benefit from new lifechanging medicines added to the PBS, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 13 May 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/australians-benefit-from-new-lifechanging-medicines-added-to-the-pbs?language=en>

⁶³⁸ Transforming health and medical research in Australia, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 2 May 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/transforming-health-and-medical-research-in-australia?language=en>

⁶³⁹ Progress towards the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 11 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/progress-towards-the-national-lung-cancer-screening-program?language=en>

⁶⁴⁰ \$43.9 million to boost fight against HIV, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 21 May 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/439-million-to-boost-fight-against-hiv?language=en>

⁶⁴¹ Additional humanitarian assistance to the Syria crisis, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 27 May 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/additional-humanitarian-assistance-syria-crisis>

On 11 June 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care reported AUD5 million in funding for rheumatic heart disease prevention in the Pacific.⁶⁴² This initiative will involve collaboration throughout the Pacific and a Knowledge Hub in Fiji.

On 11 June 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care reported developments in the implementation of the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, which is set to begin in July 2025.⁶⁴³ The program, aimed at those at risk for lung cancer, includes regular screening.

On 13 June 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced additional medications for lung cancer and chronic skin diseases will be added to the PBS list.⁶⁴⁴ The drugs, Osimertinib and Secukinumab, will thereby be made more financially accessible to Australians.

On 13 June 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced AUD34 million in research funding focused on treatment for chronic pain and long Covid.⁶⁴⁵ A portion of the funding will go towards researching primary care in rural and isolated areas.

On 20 June 2024, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles and the Ministry for Development and the Pacific announced financial aid for Papua New Guinea following a landslide.⁶⁴⁶ Of this, AUD220,000 will go towards equipment and services for maternal health.

On 21 June 2024, the Ministry for International Development and the Pacific announced initiatives to tackle potential infectious outbreaks in the Pacific and Southeast Asia.⁶⁴⁷ The government will invest in training veterinary epidemiologists, tracking infections and creating therapies.

On 21 June 2024, the Ministry for International Development and the Pacific and the Minister for Industry and Science Ed Music announced AUD24.2 million in funding for a program combating future health crises.⁶⁴⁸ This program enables collaboration between the national science agency and governments in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. It will also support the increased development of vaccines, biopharmaceuticals and drug products through a new biomanufacturing partnership.

⁶⁴² Addressing rheumatic heart disease in the Pacific, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 11 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/addressing-rheumatic-heart-disease-in-the-pacific?language=en>

⁶⁴³ Progress towards the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 11 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/progress-towards-the-national-lung-cancer-screening-program?language=en>

⁶⁴⁴ Expanded PBS listings for lung cancer and a chronic skin disease, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 13 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/expanded-pbs-listings-for-lung-cancer-and-a-chronic-skin-disease?language=en>

⁶⁴⁵ \$34 million for research to improve primary care and chronic pain treatment and to better understand long COVID, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 13 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/34-million-for-research-to-improve-primary-care-and-chronic-pain-treatment-and-to-better-understand-long-covid-mrff?language=en>

⁶⁴⁶ Additional support for Papua New Guinea landslide recovery, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 20 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/additional-support-papua-new-guinea-landslide-recovery>

⁶⁴⁷ Enhancing health security across our region, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 21 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/enhancing-health-security-across-our-region>

⁶⁴⁸ Strengthening preparedness across our region, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 21 June 2024. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/strengthening-preparedness-across-our-region>

On 24 June 2024, the Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler announced AUD16 million in funding to improve healthcare services in underpopulated areas.⁶⁴⁹ This investment will include 11 projects focusing on ensuring equitable healthcare access.

On 26 June 2024, Minister Butler announced a AUD27 million investment for eight genomic research projects to improve cancer and genetic disease detection and treatment at the early stages of the disease.⁶⁵⁰

On 1 July 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced MenQuadfi vaccine will be available at no cost under the NIP for individuals aged 14 to 19 years.⁶⁵¹ This initiative aims to prevent meningococcal disease and subsequent complications.

On 3 July 2024, the Department of Health and Aged Care announced AUD20 million in funding to implement digital health technology.⁶⁵² This funding will support access to innovative countermeasures such as imaging technology.

On 5 July 2024, Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Malarndirri McCarthy announced a AUD100 million investment for 33 projects to improve health infrastructure across Indigenous communities in the country.⁶⁵³ The investment will support the renovation and construction of care clinics and staff accommodation.

On 10 July 2024, Minister Butler announced the free provision of difluoromethylornithine, a drug used to treat high-risk neuroblastoma.⁶⁵⁴ This action will benefit children and young adults suffering from neuroblastoma.

On 19 July 2024, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care and for Indigenous Health Ged Kearney announced AUD386,000 in funding to support research to improve treatments and survival rates for ovarian cancer.⁶⁵⁵

On 23 July 2024, Assistant Minister McCarthy announced the establishment of six remote Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in the Northern Territories.⁶⁵⁶ The initiative increases healthcare equipment,

⁶⁴⁹ \$16 million to support innovative healthcare delivery in rural and remote Australia, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 24 June 2024. Access date: 31 July 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/16-million-to-support-innovative-healthcare-delivery-in-rural-and-remote-australia?language=en>

⁶⁵⁰ Genomic research forwarding the fight against genetic disease and cancer, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 26 June 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/genomic-research-forwarding-the-fight-against-genetic-disease-and-cancer?language=en>

⁶⁵¹ National Immunisation Program (NIP) Meningococcal ACWY changes from 1 July 2024, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 1 July 2024. Access date: 31 July 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/national-immunisation-program-nip-meningococcal-acwy-changes-from-1-july-2024?language=en>

⁶⁵² \$20 million to move digital health research from the lab into health care, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 3 July 2024. Access date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-20-million-to-move-digital-health-research-from-the-lab-into-health-care?language=en>

⁶⁵³ \$100 million to improve health infrastructure in First Nations communities, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 5 July 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-malarndirri-mccarthy/media/100-million-to-improve-health-infrastructure-in-first-nations-communities?language=en>

⁶⁵⁴ Hope for children with neuroblastoma as Government provides free access to DFMO, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 10 July 2024. Access date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/hope-for-children-with-neuroblastoma-as-government-provides-free-access-to-dfmo?language=en>

⁶⁵⁵ Research to improve treatment and survival for women with ovarian cancer, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 19 July 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-ged-kearney-mp/media/research-to-improve-treatment-and-survival-for-women-with-ovarian-cancer?language=en>

⁶⁵⁶ Six Medicare Urgent Care Clinics for remote Northern Territory, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 23 July 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-malarndirri-mccarthy/media/six-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-for-remote-northern-territory?language=en>

infrastructure and workers to improve the capacity, efficiency and cultural appropriateness of primary and urgent care in the region.

On 24 July 2024, the Australian Government announced AUD333.7 million in funding to employ pharmacists to work in community pharmacies and residential long-term care homes.⁶⁵⁷ The initiative aims to improve the efficiency, quality and safety of dispensing medications and vaccines.

On 26 July 2024, the Australian Government awarded over AUD19 million to six research projects developing mRNA vaccines to prevent cancer and urinary tract infections.⁶⁵⁸

On 29 July 2024, the Minister Butler announced the expansion of cystic fibrosis patients eligible to obtain Trikafta drugs through the PBS.⁶⁵⁹ Going forward, patients aged two to five years with a specific mutation will have access to this treatment.

On 10 September 2024, the Australian Government announced AUD55.24 in funding for new treatments.⁶⁶⁰ Of this, AUD34.5 million will support research for stem cell therapies and treatment for conditions like osteoarthritis, AUD9.2 will support research for treatments and cures of various conditions including cervical cancer and infertility and AUD11.54 million will be directed towards the University of Queensland to develop a treatment for the remission of rheumatoid arthritis. Funding will be provided through the Medical Research Future Fund.

On 13 September 2024, the Australian Government announced AUD71 million for research and clinical trials.⁶⁶¹ Of this, AUD8 million will be directed towards primary care while AUD63 million will support treatments for rare cancers and diseases as well as other health interventions. Funding will be provided through the Medical Research Future Fund.

On 19 September 2024, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for International Development and the Pacific announced an AUD15.9 million initiative to tackle high priority health issues in the Solomon Islands and across the Pacific and Southeast Asia.⁶⁶² The initiative includes AUD9 million to provide technical support to improve immunisation across the region.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Australia has taken strides to increase accessibility safe, effective and affordable vaccines, medications and other therapeutics for its citizens through the National Immunization Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy Program, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and

⁶⁵⁷ Funding for on-site pharmacists in aged care homes, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 24 July 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-anika-wells-mp/media/funding-for-on-site-pharmacists-in-aged-care-homes?language=en>

⁶⁵⁸ Using mRNA technology to prevent cancer and treat disease, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 26 July 2024. Access date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/using-mrna-technology-to-prevent-cancer-and-treat-disease?language=en>

⁶⁵⁹ Life changing medicine for children with cystic fibrosis, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 29 July 2024. Access date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/life-changing-medicine-for-children-with-cystic-fibrosis?language=en>

⁶⁶⁰ \$55 million for stem cell therapies, data infrastructure and research into rheumatoid arthritis, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 10 September 2024. Access date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-55-million-for-stem-cell-therapies-data-infrastructure-and-research-into-rheumatoid-arthritis?language=en>

⁶⁶¹ \$71 million for clinical trials and research into the best multidisciplinary models of primary care, Department of Health and Aged Care (Canberra) 13 September 2024. Access date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-71-million-for-clinical-trials-and-research-into-the-best-multidisciplinary-models-of-primary-care?language=en>

⁶⁶² Expanded support to address priority health needs in the region, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 19 September 2024. Access date: 12 November 2024. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/expanded-support-address-priority-health-needs-region>

other measures. Australia has also invested in innovative countermeasures such as the development of an artificial heart and bioengineered corneas for improved health globally.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 20 December 2023, the Ministry of Health announced that the Unified Health System (which guarantees universal and free access to a range of medical services) will be distributing 12,000 units of benznidazole 12.5 mg to address pediatric cases of Chagas disease.⁶⁶³ As the medication was not available through the Unified Health System for the past eight years, this represents an important shift to increase access to an effective treatment for Chagas disease in children.

On 9 January 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the conclusion of its distribution of 5.6 million units of the dolutegravir 50mg and lamivudine 300mg nationally.⁶⁶⁴ In combination, these drugs provide effective antiretroviral therapy for individuals with HIV or AIDS.

On 18 January 2024, the Government of Brazil announced BRL393 million in funding for Hemobrás to complete the development of an immunoglobulin factory which expects to “process up to 500 thousand liters of plasma annually.”⁶⁶⁵ This will ensure that Brazilians have access to blood products like plasma which are necessary to treat a range of health issues including inflammation and a lack of antibodies.

On 23 January 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL55 million in funding to prevent and treat leprosy nationally in 2024.⁶⁶⁶ Funding will support improved diagnostic attempts and research for medications and treatments for leprosy.

On 9 February 2024, the Ministry of Health and Cuban counterparts met in Havana for the first Brazil-Cuba Binational Steering Committee meeting.⁶⁶⁷ They committed to increased cooperation to develop vaccines and diagnose and treat “neglected diseases and populations” like sickle cell anemia, Chagas

⁶⁶³ SUS retoma a distribuição de medicamento pediátrico contra a doença de Chagas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2023/dezembro/sus-retoma-a-distribuicao-de-medicamento-pediatrico-contra-a-doenca-de-chagas>

⁶⁶⁴ Saúde distribui 5,6 milhões de unidades de novo medicamento para tratamento do HIV, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/janeiro/saude-distribui-5-6-milhoes-de-unidades-de-novo-medicamento-para-tratamento-do-hiv>

⁶⁶⁵ Hemobrás recebe aporte de R\$ 393 milhões para conclusão da fábrica de imunoglobulina, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/janeiro/hemobras-recebe-aporte-de-r-393-milhoes-para-conclusao-da-fabrica-de-imunoglobulina>

⁶⁶⁶ Ministério da Saúde anuncia R\$ 55 milhões em ações de prevenção e tratamento da hanseníase, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-r-55-milhoes-em-acoes-de-prevencao-e-tratamento-da-hanseniose>

⁶⁶⁷ Brasil e Cuba ampliam cooperação com assinatura de protocolo na área de ciência, tecnologia, inovação e complexo da saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/fevereiro/brasil-e-cuba-ampliam-cooperacao-com-assinatura-de-protocolo-na-area-de-ciencia-tecnologia-inovacao-e-complexo-da-saude>

disease, dengue and neurodegenerative diseases. This partnership aims to combine the biotechnological capacity of Cuba, a LMIC and Brazil's "industrial capacity for large-scale production" and access to markets to improve health outcomes through the development of effective vaccines and medications.

On 17 February 2024, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva spoke at the opening of the 37th African Union Summit, reaffirming Brazil's commitment to collaborating with African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to combat infectious diseases and pledged to expand access to vaccines to ensure equal access and prevent a repeat of "vaccine apartheid" seen in COVID-19.⁶⁶⁸ This demonstrates Brazil's recognition of the necessity of equitable access to vaccines internationally.

On 21 February 2024, the Government of Brazil began its free vaccination campaign against dengue in public schools across the country.⁶⁶⁹ Following the World Health Organization's regulations, children aged 10 to 14 will receive the vaccine alongside their scheduled immunizations, regardless of their socioeconomic status, increasing the affordability of dengue vaccines.

On 22 February 2024, the Ministry of Health led the first meeting of the G20 Health Working Group with 170 delegates from 21 members and 30 international organizations.⁶⁷⁰ At the meeting, Brazil proposed the creation of an Alliance for Regional Production and Innovation which aims to develop vaccines, medications, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures for a number of illnesses including dengue, malaria and tuberculosis. This proposal comes as part of Brazil's G20 Presidency.

On 6 March 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that they have begun to distribute flu vaccines nationally alongside the Butantan Institute and the National Institute for Health Quality Control.⁶⁷¹ This initiative aims to vaccinate 75 million vulnerable individuals including pregnant and breastfeeding women, children and the elderly through the Unified Health System thus increasing access to safe vaccines.

On 7 March 2024, President Lula da Silva announced that BRL11.6 billion would be invested to support the Ministry of Health under the project of New PAC Selections.⁶⁷² The investments will go towards constructing new polyclinics, maternity hospitals and increasing the number of basic health units and ambulances. This will ensure more people have adequate access to healthcare thereby addressing areas of vulnerability and inequality.

On 13 March 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL30 million to support the diagnosis and quality-assured treatment of rare diseases.⁶⁷³ This aims to increase access to timely and effective care for these illnesses under the Unified Health System.

⁶⁶⁸ Speech by President Lula at the opening of the 37th African Union Summit, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/follow-the-government/speeches/president-lulas-speech-at-the-opening-of-the-37th-african-union-summit>

⁶⁶⁹ Governo Federal inicia mobilização contra a dengue nas escolas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by DeepL. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/fevereiro/governo-federal-inicia-mobilizacao-contra-a-dengue-nas-escolas>

⁶⁷⁰ Com foco na redução das desigualdades, GT Saúde realiza primeira reunião no G20, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 February 2024. Translation provided by DeepL. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/fevereiro/com-foco-na-reducao-das-desigualdades-gt-saude-realiza-primeira-reuniao-no-g20>

⁶⁷¹ Ministério da Saúde começa distribuição das vacinas contra a gripe, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/ministerio-da-saude-comeca-distribuicao-das-vacinas-contra-a-gripe>

⁶⁷² Novo PAC Seleções investe R\$ 23 bilhões em saúde, educação, esporte e cultura, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by DeepL. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/novo-pac-selecoes-investe-r-23-bilhoes-em-saude-educacao-esporte-e-cultura>

⁶⁷³ Saúde anuncia R\$ 30 milhões para ampliar assistência a doenças raras, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/saude-anuncia-r-30-milhoes-para-ampliar-assistencia-a-doencas-raras>

On 15 March 2024, the Ministry of Health delivered 4,000 treatment regimens of tafenoquine 150mg (a medication used to cure malaria) to the Yanomami Special Indigenous Health District in Yanomami territory in Roraima.⁶⁷⁴ This was the first region in Brazil to receive tafenoquine.

On 15 March 2024, the Minister of Health Nísia Trindade, announced BRL629 million in investments from the Growth Acceleration Program for medical equipment.⁶⁷⁵ This includes funding for a public health laboratory and radiotherapy equipment in areas that previously did not have access to it. As such, this initiative focuses on expanding health care services and constructing infrastructure to support the provision of medical countermeasures, patient care and diagnostic assessment.

On 18 March 2024, the National Audit Department of the Unified Health System and the Department of the National Immunization Program prepared a protocol to improve the National Immunization Program.⁶⁷⁶ The initiative aims to evaluate the logistical process for immunization, which includes ensuring immunobiologicals are stored, handled and transported in a manner that aligns with established regulations. The audit ultimately supports the safety and quality of vaccines delivered to the Brazilian population.

On 18 March 2024, the Ministry of Health announced a BRL208 million investment to expand mobile oral health care units to reach 800,000 people in over 395 municipalities.⁶⁷⁷ Under the new Growth Acceleration Program, the initiative aims to reach socially vulnerable populations.

On 22 March 2024, the Ministry of Health pledged that BRL100 million would be invested in initiatives combating tuberculosis with funds directed towards regions with vulnerable or at-risk populations.⁶⁷⁸

On 22 March 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that it would allocate BRL312 million for the Basic Component of Pharmaceutical Assistance, promoting and facilitating access to medicines, treatments and medical countermeasures.⁶⁷⁹

⁶⁷⁴ Território Yanomami é a primeira região do Brasil a receber medicamento para cura da malária, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/territorio-yanomami-e-a-primeira-regiao-do-brasil-a-receber-medicamento-para-cura-da-malaria>

⁶⁷⁵ Ministra anuncia 182 equipamentos de saúde para o Rio Grande do Sul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/ministra-anuncia-182-equipamentos-de-saude-para-o-rio-grande-do-sul>

⁶⁷⁶ Auditoria do SUS e departamento de imunização se unem para aprimorar logística de vacinação, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/auditoria-do-sus-e-departamento-de-imunizacao-se-unem-para-aprimorar-logistica-de-vacinacao>

⁶⁷⁷ Novo PAC Saúde quadruplica atendimento odontológico móvel nos municípios, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/novo-pac-saude-quadruplica-atendimento-odontologico-movel-nos-municipios>

⁶⁷⁸ Ministério da Saúde anuncia incentivo de R\$ 100 milhões para ações pelo fim da tuberculose, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-incentivo-de-r-100-milhoes-para-acoes-pelo-fim-da-tuberculose>

⁶⁷⁹ Incremento de R\$ 312 milhões para a assistência farmacêutica reforça combate à dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/incremento-de-r-312-milhoes-para-a-assistencia-farmacutica-reforca-combate-a-dengue>

On 27 March 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that an additional 165 municipalities will receive dengue vaccines, thus expanding the country's vaccination campaign to increasingly address areas of high transmission and vulnerability.⁶⁸⁰

On 27 March 2024, the Ministry of Health reported an investment of BRL1.65 billion to build 55 polyclinics to increase citizens' access to diagnostic support, specialized clinical services, medical exams and medical procedures.⁶⁸¹ These polyclinics will be built across 24 states in the country and aim to provide medical aid including diagnostics and therapeutics to over 19.2 million individuals.

On 13 April 2024, the Ministry of Health announced its plan to vaccinate 130,000 Indigenous people in Brazil, administering approximately 240,000 doses.⁶⁸² This represents the federal government's initiative to increase comprehensive vaccinations coverage in Indigenous territories particularly in regions with challenging geographical accessibility.

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry of Health stated that BRL150 million would be committed to supporting vaccination programs across Brazil, with the goal of increasing immunization against infectious diseases for children under 15.⁶⁸³

On 18 April 2024, President Lula da Silva and Colombian President Gustavo Petro signed a joint statement reaffirming the importance of their health cooperation, increasing local vaccine production capabilities and the promotion of Indigenous health.⁶⁸⁴

On 19 April 2024, the Ministry of Health signed a contract for the purchase of 12.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines.⁶⁸⁵ This will increase access to medical countermeasures for infectious diseases.

On 25 April 2024, the Ministry of Health announced it would expand dengue vaccination to over 625 new municipalities and 6 Brazilian states, increasing access to vaccines.⁶⁸⁶

⁶⁸⁰ Mais 165 municípios serão contemplados com doses de vacinas contra a dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/mais-165-municipios-serao-contemplados-com-doses-de-vacinas-contra-a-dengue>

⁶⁸¹ Em ação inédita, governo federal vai construir 55 policlínicas distribuídas em todas as regiões, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/em-acao-inedita-governo-federal-vai-construir-55-policlinicas-distribuidas-em-todas-as-regioes>

⁶⁸² Ministério da Saúde inicia plano para vacinar 130 mil indígenas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/ministerio-da-saude-inicia-plano-para-vacinar-130-mil-indigenas>

⁶⁸³ Saúde destina R\$ 150 milhões para apoiar estratégias de vacinação em todo o Brasil, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/saude-destina-r-150-milhoes-para-apoiar-estrategias-de-vacinacao-em-todo-o-brasil>

⁶⁸⁴ Brasil e Colômbia reafirmam estratégias conjuntas para a cooperação em saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/brasil-e-colombia-reafirmam-estrategias-conjuntas-para-a-cooperacao-em-saude>

⁶⁸⁵ Ministério da Saúde assina contrato para compra de 12,5 milhões de doses da vacina contra a Covid-19, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/ministerio-da-saude-assina-contrato-para-compra-de-12-5-milhoes-de-doses-da-vacina-contra-a-covid-19>

⁶⁸⁶ Ministério da Saúde amplia vacinação da dengue para mais 6 estados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/ministerio-da-saude-amplia-vacinacao-da-dengue-para-mais-6-estados>

On 26 April 2024, the Ministry of Health announced it would be providing a new Malaria drug called Artesunate + Mefloquine to be used for children in Brazil's Yanomami indigenous population.⁶⁸⁷ The drug is easier to consume and has fewer side effects which is critical for controlling Malaria.

On 26 April 2024, President da Silva participated in the inauguration of the Biommm insulin production plant.⁶⁸⁸ The government's investment of BRL800 million has enabled the plant to fulfill Brazil's demand for insulin thereby enhancing access to medicine for patients with diabetes.

On 1 May 2024, the Ministry of Health expanded the flu vaccination campaign to include individuals over six months old.⁶⁸⁹

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that it will invest BRL708.8 million for the construction of 293 Basic Health Units, benefitting 256 municipalities.⁶⁹⁰

On 9 May 2024, the Ministry of Health began delivering about 360,000 vaccines against Covid-19 to the states of Goiás, Maranhão, Paraná and Mato Grosso.⁶⁹¹

On 12 May 2024, the Ministry of Health concluded its delivery of approximately 700,000 Covid-19 vaccinations to 11 Brazilian states.⁶⁹²

On 13 May 2024, the Ministry of Health announced it will deliver 600 doses of immunoglobulin—proteins which are essential for protection against viruses and bacteria—to Rio Grande do Sul, a state heavily impacted by recent flooding.⁶⁹³

⁶⁸⁷ Saúde disponibilizará novo tratamento contra a malária para crianças, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/saude-disponibilizara-novo-tratamento-contra-a-malaria-para-criancas>

⁶⁸⁸ Presidente acompanha retomada da produção de insulina no Brasil em Nova Lima (MG), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/presidente-acompanha-retomada-da-producao-de-insulina-no-brasil-em-nova-lima-mg>

⁶⁸⁹ Ministério da Saúde amplia vacinação contra a gripe, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-amplia-vacinacao-contra-a-gripe>

⁶⁹⁰ Ministério da Saúde destina R\$ 708 milhões via Novo PAC para construção de Unidades Básicas de Saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-destina-r-708-milhoes-via-novo-pac-para-construcao-de-unidades-basicas-de-saude>

⁶⁹¹ Ministério da Saúde entrega primeiras doses da nova vacina contra Covid-19, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-primeiras-doses-da-nova-vacina-contra-covid-19>

⁶⁹² Covid-19: Ministério da Saúde envia cerca de 700 mil doses da nova vacina para mais 11 estados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/covid-19-ministerio-da-saude-envia-cerca-de-700-mil-doses-da-nova-vacina-para-mais-11-estados>

⁶⁹³ Ministério da Saúde destina 600 doses de imunoglobulina ao estado. Confirma outras ações da pasta, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-destina-600-doses-de-imunoglobulina-ao-estado-confirma-outras-acoes-da-pasta>

On 16 May 2024, the Ministry of Health collaborated with Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF to deliver medicines and other basic necessities to Indigenous communities impacted by heavy flooding in Rio Grande do Sul.⁶⁹⁴

On 18 May 2024, the Ministry of Health opened another field hospital in Rio Grande do Sul, allowing for an additional 150-200 treatments daily while operating 24 hours a day.⁶⁹⁵

On 21 May 2024, President Lula da Silva pledged BRL4.3 billion for funding professionals working with oral health, an investment that will reach all 5,570 municipalities in Brazil.⁶⁹⁶

On 23 May 2024, Minister Trindade introduced the National Palliative Care Policy which aims to bring multidisciplinary teams to medical facilities addressing palliative care and making medical supplies increasingly accessible for those under such care.⁶⁹⁷

On 24 May 2024, the Ministry of Health delivered 83,000 ampoules of critical medication for patients with respiratory issues in Rio Grande do Sul.⁶⁹⁸

On 24 May 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that it will invest BRL5.5 million for the creation and maintenance of operational pharmacies, providing greater access to herbal and traditional medicines.⁶⁹⁹

On 27 May 2024, the Ministry of Health piloted the National Polio Vaccination Campaign which intends to reduce polio's risk of being reintroduced in Brazil.⁷⁰⁰

On 29 May 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that it would distribute nearly one million dengue vaccines, increasing coverage to an additional 405 municipalities.⁷⁰¹

On 5 June 2024, Brazil, participating in a side event of the Health Working Group, proposed that countries collaborate in learning about long Covid and its potential treatments and response

⁶⁹⁴ Ministério da Saúde, Médico Sem Fronteiras e Unicef realizam ações de socorro em aldeias atingidas pelas enchentes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-medico-sem-fronteiras-e-unicef-realizam-acoes-de-socorro-em-aldeias-atingidas-pelas-enchentes>

⁶⁹⁵ Ministério da Saúde abre terceiro hospital de campanha no Rio Grande do Sul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-abre-terceiro-hospital-de-campanha-no-rio-grande-do-sul>

⁶⁹⁶ Presidente Lula anuncia incremento de R\$ 4,3 bilhões à saúde bucal, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/presidente-lula-anuncia-incremento-de-r-4-3-bilhoes-a-saude-bucal>

⁶⁹⁷ Ministério da Saúde lança política inédita no SUS para cuidados paliativos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-politica-inedita-no-sus-para-cuidados-paliativos>

⁶⁹⁸ Saúde destina mais de 83 mil ampolas de medicamentos hospitalares ao estado, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/saude-destina-mais-de-83-mil-ampolas-de-medicamentos-hospitalares-ao-estado>

⁶⁹⁹ Ministério da Saúde vai destinar R\$5,5 milhões em projetos de implantação ou estruturação de Farmácias Vivas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-vai-destinar-r-5-5-milhoes-em-projetos-de-implantacao-ou-estruturaacao-de-farmacias-vivas>

⁷⁰⁰ Ministério da Saúde lança Campanha Nacional de Vacinação contra Poliomielite, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-campanha-nacional-de-vacinacao-contr-poliomielite>

⁷⁰¹ Ministério da Saúde entrega nova remessa de vacinas da dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/maio/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-nova-remessa-de-vacinas-da-dengue>

procedures.⁷⁰² The government also acknowledged socioeconomic inequalities in the prevalence of long Covid cases.

On 6 June 2024, President Lula da Silva and Minister Trindade announced BRL269.3 million in funding for public health in Rio Grande do Sul.⁷⁰³ This includes BRL64.4 million to open 799 clinical and pediatric beds across 56 municipalities, BRL75.7 million for “high complexity [medical] facilities” and BRL111.3 million for hemodialysis services in four hospitals.

On 6 June 2024, the Ministry of Health stated that it had begun delivering 500 purifiers and four water treatment plants to Indigenous communities impacted by recent heavy rains.⁷⁰⁴

On 6 June 2024, the Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation and of the Brazilian Health Economic-Industrial Complex Carlos Gadelha presented the Global Alliance for Local and Regional Production and Innovation to the Health Working Group.⁷⁰⁵ The proposal entailed transfers of medical technology, stresses collaboration and aims to reduce health inequalities.

On 7 June 2024, the Ministry of Health reported that it had conducted joint visits with the Red Cross to Rio Grande do Sul to deliver medical care, materials and treatment to those impacted by flooding.⁷⁰⁶ These visits culminated in an agreement by the ministry and organization to install water filters in Indigenous communities in the region to promote proper sanitation.

On 10 June 2024, Minister Trindade announced that BRL32.4 million would be invested in Franco da Rocha for the construction of a new polyclinic and Basic Health Unit.⁷⁰⁷

On 13 June 2024, the Ministry of Health finished delivering 100 emergency medical backpacks containing medications and equipment to Rio Grande do Sul, a state recently impacted by heavy flooding.⁷⁰⁸

⁷⁰² Brasil propõe cooperação internacional para estudos de sintomas pós-covid, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/brasil-propoe-cooperacao-internacional-para-estudos-de-sintomas-pos-covid>

⁷⁰³ Ministério da Saúde anuncia mais 799 leitos e 30 ambulâncias para municípios gaúchos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-mais-799-leitos-e-30-ambulancias-para-municipios-gauchos>

⁷⁰⁴ Ministério da Saúde distribui purificadores de água para comunidades indígenas do RS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-distribui-purificadores-de-agua-para-comunidades-indigenas-do-rs>

⁷⁰⁵ No G20, Brasil apresenta proposta de Aliança Global para produção local de insumos e inovação, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/no-g20-brasil-apresenta-proposta-de-alianca-global-para-producao-local-de-insumos-e-inovacao>

⁷⁰⁶ Ministério da Saúde e Forças Armadas distribuem alimentos e remédios para aldeias no estado, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-e-forcas-armadas-distribuem-alimentos-e-remedios-para-aldeias-no-estado>

⁷⁰⁷ Ministério da Saúde anuncia mais de R\$ 32 milhões para novas obras em Franco da Rocha (SP), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-mais-de-r-32-milhoes-para-novas-obras-em-franco-da-rocha-sp>

⁷⁰⁸ Ministério da Saúde destina ao estado 100 mochilas de emergência médica, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 14 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-destina-ao-estado-100-mochilas-de-emergencia-medica>

On 17 June 2024, Minister Trindade announced that a new maternity ward would be constructed in Águas Lindas, further expanding access to medical services and countermeasures.⁷⁰⁹

On 18 June 2024, the Ministry of Health reported that a telehealth channel has been made available for medical professionals with malaria patients, allowing them to connect with specialists who can assist in diagnosing and treating the disease, reducing wait-time and treatment costs.⁷¹⁰

On 21 June 2024, the Ministry of Health conducted the National Meeting of Health Observatories in Peripheral Territories with stakeholders from various regions to discuss and strengthen health policies in peripheral territories.⁷¹¹

On 22 June 2024, the Ministry of Health wrote that the National Force of the Unified Health System alongside the Brazilian Navy successfully delivered vaccinations, medicines, prescriptions and personal protective equipment to remote populations on Ilha dos Marinheiros affected by recent flooding.⁷¹²

On 25 June 2024, the Ministry of Health reported that it began training medical professionals operating in the Yanomami territory to respond to obstetric, neonatal and primary care emergencies alongside educating them on preventing, diagnosing and treating malaria.⁷¹³ This aims to reduce maternal mortality and improve malaria treatment responses among Indigenous populations in the region.

On 26 June 2024, the Ministry of Health invested BRL93 million into building birth centers through the New Growth Acceleration Program.⁷¹⁴ The centers include pre-labour, delivery, and post-labour units and medical equipment. The initiative aims to alleviate the burden on hospitals and provide specialized care.

On 27 June 2024, Minister Trindade, Minister of Culture Margareth Menezes and Minister of Cities Jader Filho announced a delivery of ten new pediatric hospital beds to Juventina Paula de Jesus Maternal and Child Center and additional primary health care teams.⁷¹⁵ The government also announced 22 new family health teams, two new Basic Health Units and one Psychosocial Care Center which will be built by 2026.

⁷⁰⁹ Novo hospital de Águas Lindas de Goiás vai beneficiar mais de um milhão de pessoas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/novo-hospital-de-aguas-lindas-de-goias-vai-beneficiar-mais-de-um-milhao-de-pessoas>

⁷¹⁰ Novo canal para profissionais que atendem pacientes com malária é disponibilizado pela Saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/novo-canal-para-profissionais-que-atendem-pacientes-com-malaria-e-disponibilizado-pela-saude>

⁷¹¹ Ministério da Saúde fortalece diálogo com organizações para ações de saúde nas periferias, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-fortalece-dialogo-com-organizacoes-para-acoes-de-saude-nas-periferias>

⁷¹² Força Nacional do SUS realiza atendimento em áreas remotas do Rio Grande do Sul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/forca-nacional-do-sus-realiza-atendimento-em-areas-remotas-do-rio-grande-do-sul>

⁷¹³ Ministério da Saúde treina profissionais que atuam no território Yanomami, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/ministerio-da-saude-treina-profissionais-que-atuam-no-territorio-yanomami>

⁷¹⁴ Trinta Centros de Parto Normal serão construídos com recursos do Novo PAC, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/trinta-centros-de-parto-normal-serao-construidos-com-recursos-do-novo-pac>

⁷¹⁵ Em Contagem (MG), ministra da Saúde anuncia dez novos leitos pediátricos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/junho/em-contagem-mg-ministra-da-saude-anuncia-dez-novos-leitos-pediatricos>

On 2 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the construction of two new maternity hospitals in the state of Pernambuco, increasing the region's capacity to respond to the needs of three million women as well as newborns by providing medium and high-level obstetric and gynecological services.⁷¹⁶

On 3 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis users would be included in the population of individuals receiving human papillomavirus vaccines, thereby bolstering the prevention of sexually transmitted infections and cancers brought on by the disease.⁷¹⁷

On 4 July 2024, the Ministry of Health delivered 280 new ambulances to municipalities throughout Brazil, replacing old fleets and ensuring another 6.6 million citizens have coverage to emergency healthcare services.⁷¹⁸

On 9 July 2024, the National Force of the Unified Health System administered 548 influenza vaccine doses to indigenous communities in Assis Brasil, responding to existing cases of flu and diarrhea and preventing further cases from emerging.⁷¹⁹

On 10 July 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL425 million to bolster the health of workers who collect recyclable and reusable materials.⁷²⁰ These funds will go towards mobile health units providing first aid, vaccinations and mental health support.

On 15 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced an allocation of BRL87 million towards family health care in the state of Tocantins to reduce infant mortality and hospitalizations, alleviating the pressure on specialized care facilities.⁷²¹

On 16 July 2024, the Ministry of Health increased funding to home care facilities by 30 per cent, aiming to enhance the quality and efficiency of home care services.⁷²²

On 18 July 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL143.7 million to 217 private, non-profit hospitals to restore and expand healthcare in Rio Grande do Sul after heavy flooding and destruction.⁷²³ Funds

⁷¹⁶ Duas novas maternidades em Pernambuco vão beneficiar 3 milhões de brasileiras, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/duas-novas-maternidades-em-pernambuco-va-beneficiar-3-milhoes-de-brasileiras>

⁷¹⁷ Ministério da Saúde anuncia a ampliação da vacina contra o HPV para usuários da PrEP, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-a-ampliacao-da-vacina-contra-o-hpv-para-usuarios-da-prep>

⁷¹⁸ Governo federal entrega 280 novas ambulâncias para a frota do SAMU 192, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/governo-federal-entrega-280-novas-ambulancias-para-a-frota-do-samu-192>

⁷¹⁹ Força Nacional do SUS vacina comunidades indígenas do Acre, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/forca-nacional-do-sus-vacina-comunidades-indigenas-do-acre>

⁷²⁰ Catadores de materiais recicláveis terão assistência em saúde por meio de unidades móveis, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/catadores-de-materiais-reciclavéis-terao-assistencia-em-saude-por-meio-de-unidades-moveis>

⁷²¹ Saúde anuncia expansão de recursos para atenção primária em Tocantins, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/saude-anuncia-expansao-de-recursos-para-atencao-primaria-em-tocantins>

⁷²² Ministério da Saúde aumenta em 30% o valor do repasse à atenção domiciliar, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/ministerio-da-saude-aumenta-em-30-o-valor-do-repasse-a-atencao-domiciliar>

⁷²³ Ministério da Saúde destina mais R\$ 143,7 milhões para os hospitais filantrópicos do RS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/ministerio-da-saude-destina-mais-r-143-7-milhoes-para-os-hospitais-filantropicos-do-rs>

will be used for hospital supplies, specialized care, the maintenance of medical technologies and education campaigns.

On 23 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced it would invest over BRL1.5 million in a study by Fiocruz Minas investigating citizens with post-COVID conditions to characterize their immunological, hematological and tissue states while also providing them with ongoing treatment and monitoring.⁷²⁴

On 24 July 2024, the National Bank for Economic and Social Development approved BRL386 million for a new medical production plant at the Butantan Institute, enabling Brazil to be self-sufficient for the manufacturing of vaccines and drugs for various diseases.⁷²⁵

On 26 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that two new medications for the treatment of sickle cell disease would become available through the Unified Health System thereby promoting access to modern medical countermeasures.⁷²⁶

On 26 July 2024, the Ministry of Health released guidelines for authorized pharmacies to administer rapid tests for HIV, viral hepatitis, syphilis and other sexually transmitted infections.⁷²⁷ This initiative aims to expand diagnostic services, making testing more accessible to individuals who may not have access to routine healthcare services.

On 26 July 2024, the Ministry of Health announced it would invest BRL25 million in municipalities hoping to structure their pharmaceutical services, enabling them to purchase devices and equipment to enhance the dispensation of medicine and facilitating safe access to quality drugs.⁷²⁸

On 29 July 2024, the Ministry of Health introduced a new pilot project aimed at optimizing the testing, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis D in the Northern region, where the majority of cases are concentrated.⁷²⁹

On 29 July 2024, Minister Trindade opened the Global Pandemic Preparedness Summit and participated in bilateral meetings on emergency preparedness.⁷³⁰ These discussions included conversations with the Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organization Mike Ryan and

⁷²⁴ Saúde vai investir cerca de R\$ 1,6 milhão em pesquisa sobre sequelas da covid-19 em MG, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/saude-vai-investir-cerca-de-r-1-6-milhao-em-pesquisa-sobre-sequelas-da-covid-19-em-mg>

⁷²⁵ Instituto Butantan terá aporte de R\$ 386 milhões para instalação de nova planta em São Paulo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/instituto-butantan-tera-aporte-de-r-386-milhoes-para-instalacao-de-nova-planta-em-sao-paulo>

⁷²⁶ SUS vai disponibilizar dois novos medicamentos para a doença falciforme, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/sus-vai-disponibilizar-dois-novos-medicamentos-para-a-doenca-falciforme>

⁷²⁷ Saúde orienta farmácias autorizadas a realizar testes rápidos de HIV, hepatites virais, sífilis e ISTs, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/saude-orienta-farmacias-autorizadas-a-realizar-testes-rapidos-de-hiv-hepatites-virais-sifilis-e-ists>

⁷²⁸ Saúde vai investir mais de R\$ 25 milhões para estruturação da Assistência Farmacêutica, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/saude-vai-investir-mais-de-r-25-milhoes-para-estruturacao-da-assistencia-farmacutica>

⁷²⁹ Ministério da Saúde vai realizar testagem inédita da hepatite D na região Norte, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/ministerio-da-saude-vai-realizar-testagem-inedita-da-hepatite-d-na-regiao-norte>

⁷³⁰ Ministra Nísia Trindade participa da abertura da Cúpula Global de Preparação para Pandemias, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/julho/ministra-nisia-trindade-participa-da-abertura-da-cupula-global-de-preparacao-para-pandemias>

culminated in the signing between Fiocruz and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations. This partnership will enable Fiocruz to expand its vaccine manufacturing capacity in anticipation of future pandemic threats.

On 30 July 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL100 million for the improvement of testing, diagnosis and preventative treatment of tuberculosis as part of a larger campaign to combat infectious diseases.⁷³¹

On 2 August 2024, the Institutional Development Support Program for the Unified Health System allocated BRL11.4 million to provide emergency support and repairs to seven hospitals in Rio Grande do Sul impacted by heavy flooding, ensuring an uninterrupted flow of medical services to the local population.⁷³²

On 12 September 2024, the Government of Brazil launched the Alyne Network to reduce maternal mortality by 25 per cent by 2027 and provide care to pregnant and postpartum women and babies.⁷³³ The program will guarantee hospital admission for pregnant or postpartum women and newborns with serious or potentially serious conditions, add a specialized obstetrics team to the Unified Health System Regulatory System, triple the funding to states and municipalities for prenatal exams, provide 30 per cent more funding to Normal Birth Centers, build 60 maternity hospitals with Normal Birth Centers and provide an investment of BRL41.9 million to human milk banks per year.

On 20 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that the two booster vaccines of bivalent oral polio will be replaced by one dose of inactivated polio vaccine on 4 November.⁷³⁴ This change is expected to increase the safety and efficiency of the vaccine.

On 27 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that municipalities with lower human development index ratings will receive 20 per cent more in funding this year compared to 2023 amounting to a BRL253 million increase.⁷³⁵ This will enable increased access to medications and basic health supplies as well as strengthen services provided by public pharmacies.

On 30 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL49 million in funding to open 15 Specialized Rehabilitation Centers and increase the capacity of 8 centers by 20 per cent.⁷³⁶ Specialized

⁷³¹ Em iniciativa inédita, Ministério da Saúde repassa R\$ 100 milhões para vigilância da tuberculose, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/agosto/em-iniciativa-inedita-ministerio-da-saude-repassa-100-milhoes-para-vigilancia-da-tuberculose>

⁷³² Proadi-SUS vai destinar cerca de R\$11,4 milhões para a reestruturação de 7 hospitais gaúchos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/agosto/proadi-sus-vai-destinar-cerca-de-r-11-4-milhoes-para-a-reestruturacao-de-7-hospitais-gauchos>

⁷³³ Conheça cinco novas medidas anunciadas pelo governo para o enfrentamento da mortalidade materna, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/conheca-cinco-novas-medidas-anunciadas-pelo-governo-para-o-enfrentamento-da-mortalidade-materna>

⁷³⁴ Vacina oral da poliomielite será substituída por dose ainda mais segura e eficiente, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/vacina-oral-da-poliomielite-sera-substituida-por-dose-ainda-mais-segura-e-eficiente>

⁷³⁵ Repasse para aquisição de medicamentos retirados na atenção primária recebe incremento de R\$ 253 milhões a mais do que em 2023, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/repasse-para-aquisicao-de-medicamentos-retirados-na-atencao-primaria-recebe-incremento-de-r-253-milhoes-a-mais-do-que-em-2023>

⁷³⁶ Ministério da Saúde vai abrir 15 centros para cuidado da pessoa com deficiência, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-vai-abrir-15-centros-para-cuidado-da-pessoa-com-deficiencia>

Rehabilitation Centers provide auditory, visual, intellectual and physical rehabilitation and support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

On 30 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that ferripolimaltose, a medication for anemia, will now be available under the Unified Health System.⁷³⁷ This medication will be particularly useful for iron deficiency anemia patients who are intolerant to ferrous sulfate.

On 30 September 2024, Ministry of Health announced BRL30 million in funding to increase access to safe, effective and quality-assured medicinal plants and phytotherapeutics.⁷³⁸ This initiative is part of Brazil's Unified Health System.

On 1 October 2024, the Government of Brazil announced that Law 14.977/24 which will come into effect in 2025 will require pharmaceutical laboratories to produce medications for socially determined diseases.⁷³⁹ Alongside this, the government will pursue national and international partnerships for knowledge-sharing regarding the production of pharmaceuticals.

On 4 October 2024, the Ministry of Health sent 54 emergency kits containing medication and other supplies to support 81,000 individuals impacted by drought in the Amazonas state.⁷⁴⁰

On 6 October 2024, the Government of Brazil donated 20,000 syringes with needles and 4,000 additional needles to Lebanon amidst the current conflict in the Middle East.⁷⁴¹

On 8 October 2024, the Government of Brazil sent medical supplies including 491 kilograms of medicines, rehydration envelopes and disposable syringes to Lebanon.⁷⁴²

On 10 October 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL383 million in funding from the federal government to support Psychosocial Care Centers and Therapeutic Residences which provide mental health services.⁷⁴³ The Ministry will also support 137 new mental health services with BRL71 million in funding for 2024.

⁷³⁷ SUS oferece novo medicamento para pacientes com anemia por deficiência de ferro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/sus-oferece-novo-medicamento-para-pacientes-com-anemia-por-deficiencia-de-ferro>

⁷³⁸ Saúde investe R\$ 30 milhões para expandir acesso a plantas medicinais e fitoterápicos como opção terapêutica no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/saude-investe-r-30-milhoes-para-expandir-acesso-a-plantas-medicinais-e-fitoterapicos-como-opcao-terapeutica-no-sus>

⁷³⁹ Governo sanciona lei que amplia produção de medicamentos para doenças que afetam populações de baixa renda, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/governo-sanciona-lei-que-amplia-producao-de-medicamentos-para-doencas-que-afetam-populacoes-de-baixa-renda>

⁷⁴⁰ Ministério da Saúde envia kits com medicamentos e insumos para apoiar o enfrentamento à seca no Amazonas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-envia-kits-com-medicamentos-e-insumos-para-apoiar-o-enfrentamento-a-seca-no-amazonas>

⁷⁴¹ Governo brasileiro doa 24 mil insumos de saúde ao Líbano, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/governo-brasileiro-doa-24-mil-insumos-de-saude-ao-libano>

⁷⁴² Governo Federal envia segunda carga de insumos de saúde para o Líbano, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/governo-federal-envia-segunda-carga-de-insumos-de-saude-para-o-libano>

⁷⁴³ Dia Mundial da Saúde Mental: Governo Federal aumenta custeio anual da Rede de Atenção Psicossocial em R\$ 383 milhões, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/dia-mundial-da-saude-mental-governo-federal-aumenta-custeio-anual-da-rede-de-atencao-psicossocial-em-r-383-milhoes>

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Brazil has taken strong action to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable medical countermeasures through vaccination campaigns and funding for medications and treatments to address a number of illnesses including HIV/AIDS and rare diseases. Brazil has also taken equitable action on an international scale by committing to collaborate with the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and establishing a health partnership with Cuba which is a LMIC.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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Canada has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 18 December 2023, Minister of Health Mark Holland announced the creation of the Canadian Drug Agency (CDA) which aims to address the safety and effectiveness of medications, improve the use of medications and increase the collection and access to drug and treatment data.⁷⁴⁴ The CDA will replace and expand upon the objectives of the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH). As such, the CDA will benefit from CAD34.2 million in annual funding which was previously provided to the CADTH alongside an additional CAD89.5 million over a five-year period.

On 19 December 2023, the Government of Canada announced CAD94 million to improve Prince Edward Island's healthcare system.⁷⁴⁵ Over the next three years, funding will be used to improve access to diagnostics, increase the number of healthcare professionals and build Patient Medical Homes and Mobile Mental Health Units. The Governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island will also coordinate with Indigenous communities "to support improved access to quality and culturally appropriate health care services."

On 21 December 2023, Minister Holland and Alberta's Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange announced CAD1.06 billion in federal funding over the next three years to improve healthcare in Alberta.⁷⁴⁶ In part, funding will be used to increase access to diagnostic services like MRIs and CT scans, develop new and improved treatment centres for mental health and substance use and increase access to quality assured and culturally appropriate care for Indigenous communities.

⁷⁴⁴ The Government of Canada announces the creation of the Canadian Drug Agency, Health Canada (Ottawa) 18 December 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/12/the-government-of-canada-announces-the-creation-of-the-canadian-drug-agency---helping-make-canadas-drug-system-more-sustainable-and-better-prepared.html>

⁷⁴⁵ Canada signs \$94 million bilateral agreement with Prince Edward Island to improve health care over three years, Health Canada (Cornwall) 19 December 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/12/canada-signs-94-million-bilateral-agreement-with-prince-edward-island-to-improve-health-care-over-three-years.html>

⁷⁴⁶ Canada signs more than \$1 billion bilateral agreement with Alberta to improve health care over three years, Health Canada (Calgary) 21 December 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/12/canada-signs-more-than-1-billion-bilateral-agreement-with-alberta-to-improve-health-care-over-three-years.html>

On 8 February 2024, the Government of Canada announced the services to be included in the Canadian Dental Care Plan launched last December.⁷⁴⁷ The new services will be run under SunLife, allowing for a reduction in the cost of dental care, both by insurance and out-of-pocket visits.

On 27 February 2024, Minister Holland committed to CAD12.6 million in funding to provide more care and services to those, mainly indigenous and LGBTQ2S+, who are suffering or at risk of HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBI) in British Columbia.⁷⁴⁸ The rates of STBBI have doubled since 2012 leading to the launch of the 2024-2030 STBBI action plan which sets to bring in CAD2.45 million to set up educational material and help our community-based organizations.⁷⁴⁹

On 28 February 2024, Minister Holland announced CAD20 million in funding over the next five years to address pediatric rare diseases.⁷⁵⁰ Funding will be provided to Dr. Thierry Lacaze-Masmonteil and the Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network to develop a clinical trial and treatment network to support children and adolescents living with rare diseases. In doing so, the government hopes to support the improved prevention, diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases affecting children and teens.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Holland announced Bill C-64 which acts as phase one of a universal pharmacare plan for Canada.⁷⁵¹ The bill focuses on the federal government's plan to coordinate with the provinces and territories to ensure universal coverage for contraceptives and diabetes medication thus improving access to affordable treatment.

On 12 March 2024, the Government of Canada approved an investment of CAD86 million to improve health care services in Yukon.⁷⁵² These service improvements include greater accessibility to walk-in clinics and other family health services, expansion of mental health and addiction services, expansion of rural community home care and increased healthcare staff.

On 18 March 2024, Minister Holland, Saskatchewan's Minister of Health Everett Hindley and Saskatchewan's Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Tim McLeod announced the signing of two bilateral agreements to invest CAD560 million to support

⁷⁴⁷ Government of Canada announces the services covered under the Canadian dental care plan, Health Canada (Ottawa) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-announces-the-services-covered-under-the-canadian-dental-care-plan.html>

⁷⁴⁸ Government of Canada supports community-based projects addressing HIV, Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections, Public Health Agency of Canada (Surrey) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-supports-community-based-projects-addressing-hiv-hepatitis-c-and-other-sexually-transmitted-and-blood-borne-infections0.html>

⁷⁴⁹ Government of Canada releases 2024-2030 Action Plan on Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024 <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-releases-2024-2030-action-plan-on-sexually-transmitted-and-blood-borne-infections.html>

⁷⁵⁰ Government of Canada invests \$20 million to improve health outcomes of children living with rare diseases, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-invests-20-million-to-improve-health-outcomes-of-children-living-with-rare-diseases.html>

⁷⁵¹ Government of Canada Introduces Legislation for First Phase of National Universal Pharmacare, Health Canada (Ottawa) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-introduces-legislation-for-first-phase-of-national-universal-pharmacar.html>

⁷⁵² Government of Canada signs agreements with Yukon delivering nearly 86 million to improve health care, Health Canada (Whitehorse) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/03/government-of-canada-signs-agreements-with-yukon-delivering-nearly-86-million-to-improve-health-care.html>

healthcare initiatives in Saskatchewan.⁷⁵³ The initiative aims to improve family healthcare services, deliver culturally sensitive trauma-informed care and support palliative care programs.

On 12 April 2024, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced CAD132.2 million in funding for Sudan, the Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia and South Sudan.⁷⁵⁴ Of this, CAD100.7 million will go towards humanitarian assistance including emergency health services, food and water and shelter. CAD31.5 million will go towards development assistance of which CAD10.5 million will fund the United Nations Population Fund's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services in Sudan project to "improve access to life-saving sexual and reproductive health interventions."

On 17 April 2024, the Government of Canada announced additional support to ensure all oral health providers can deliver care to patients under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP).⁷⁵⁵ CDCP allows all providers to directly bill Sun Life for services performed. This initiative aims to streamline services and procedures and improve the affordability and accessibility of dental care for CDCP clients.

On 29 April 2024, Member of Parliament for Ottawa South David McGuinty announced CAD1 million for Roger Neilson Children's Hospice.⁷⁵⁶ Funding will be used to increase access to locally available pediatric palliative care.

On 29 April 2024, Ottawa South MP McGuinty announced a CAD1 million investment towards improving pediatric palliative care programs.⁷⁵⁷ The funding aims to improve access and build the capacity of palliative care for children and their families.

On 6 May 2024, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay-Rainy River Marcus Powlowski announced a CAD2.38 million investment to support Lakehead University's project to improve palliative care treatment for vulnerable and underserved populations.⁷⁵⁸ The initiative aims to tailor healthcare resources and improve accessibility.

⁷⁵³ Government of Canada signs two bilateral agreements with Saskatchewan to support initiatives to improve health care, Health Canada (Regina) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/03/government-of-canada-signs-two-bilateral-agreements-with-saskatchewan-to-support-initiatives-to-improve-health-care.html>

⁷⁵⁴ Canada provides funding to Sudan and neighbouring countries to respond to humanitarian needs, Global Affairs Canada (Toronto) 12 April 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/04/canada-provides-funding-to-sudan-and-neighbouring-countries-to-respond-to-humanitarian-needs.html>

⁷⁵⁵ Supporting Oral Health Providers' Participation in the Canadian Dental Care Plan, Health Canada (Ottawa) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/04/supporting-oral-health-providers-participation-in-the-canadian-dental-care-plan.html>

⁷⁵⁶ Government of Canada Supports Roger Neilson Children's Hospice's Project: Enhancing Access to Pediatric Palliative Care, Health Canada (Ottawa) 29 April 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/04/government-of-canada-supports-roger-neilson-childrens-hospices-project-enhancing-access-to-pediatric-palliative-care.html>

⁷⁵⁷ Government of Canada Supports Roger Neilson Children's Hospice's Project: Enhancing Access to Pediatric Palliative Care, Health Canada (Ottawa) 29 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/04/government-of-canada-supports-roger-neilson-childrens-hospices-project-enhancing-access-to-pediatric-palliative-care.html>

⁷⁵⁸ Government of Canada Supports Lakehead University's project to assist underserved populations in receiving palliative care services, Health Canada (Thunder Bay) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-supports-lakehead-universitys-project-to-assist-underserved-populations-in-receiving-palliative-care-services.html>

On 16 May 2024, Minister Hussen announced CAD194.9 million in funding for Ethiopia and Tanzania.⁷⁵⁹ Of this, CAD65 million will go towards the UN Population Fund to support family planning services and address sexual and gender-based violence in Ethiopia and CAD15 million will go to UNICEF to enable access to sexual and reproductive health and rights in Tanzania.

On 23 May 2024, the Government of Canada signed a bilateral agreement to invest CAD627 million over a five-year period to help Albertans age with dignity and safety.⁷⁶⁰ The initiative aims to modernize medical equipment and tools, reduce backlogs and expand access to services in underserved and remote locations.

On 20 June 2024, Minister Hussen announced CAD85 million in funding for the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) which is a new initiative that will incentivize African manufacturers to increase the production of vaccines.⁷⁶¹ By 2030, AVMA hopes to support the production of 800 million vaccines. By supporting this initiative, Canada is addressing its commitment to supporting equitable vaccine access in LMICs.

On 23 July 2024, the governments of Canada and British Columbia agreed to invest CAD194 million over three years improve accessibility to new drugs for rare diseases as part of the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases.⁷⁶² This allocates additional funding program to help Canadians with early diagnosis and treatment for rare diseases.

On 11 September 2024, Minister Holland and European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides launched the EU-Canada Health Policy Dialogue under the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement.⁷⁶³ The Health Policy Dialogue will focus on collaboration to address antimicrobial resistance, address health security including pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, enhance prevention, diagnosis and treatment for cancer and support mental health services.

On 13 September 2024, Minister Hussen and Minister Holland announced that Canada will provide 200,000 doses of the Imvamune vaccine to address the mpox outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.⁷⁶⁴

On 7 October 2024, Health Canada announced CAD12.29 million in funding over five years and CAD220,000 ongoing to prevent and treat cancer in firefighters.⁷⁶⁵ This investment will support the

⁷⁵⁹ Minister Hussen announces \$194-million funding to support education, sexual and reproductive rights, climate action, and peace and security in Ethiopia and Tanzania, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 19 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/05/minister-hussen-announces-194-million-funding-to-support-education-sexual-and-reproductive-rights-climate-action-and-peace-and-security-in-ethiopia.html>

⁷⁶⁰ Canada signs \$627 million bilateral agreement with Alberta to help Albertans age with dignity, Health Canada (Edmonton) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/05/canada-signs-627-million-bilateral-agreement-with-alberta-to-help-albertans-age-with-dignity.html>

⁷⁶¹ Canada announces support for vaccine manufacturing in Africa, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 19 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/06/canada-announces-support-for-vaccine-manufacturing-in-africa.html>

⁷⁶² Drugs for Rare Diseases – British Columbia Agreement, Health Canada (Ottawa) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/07/backgrounder-drugs-for-rare-diseases--british-columbia-agreement.html>

⁷⁶³ EU and Canada launch Health Policy Dialogue to advance Health Priorities, Health Canada (Ottawa) 11 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/09/canada-and-eu-launch-health-policy-dialogue-to-advance-health-priorities.html>

⁷⁶⁴ Canada announces vaccines in support of the mpox outbreak in Africa, Health Canada (Ottawa) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/09/canada-announces-vaccines-in-support-of-the-mpox-outbreak-in-africa.html>

⁷⁶⁵ Health Canada invests \$12.29 million in prevention and treatment of cancer for firefighters, Health Canada (Ottawa) 7 October 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/10/health-canada-invests-1229-million-in-prevention-and-treatment-of-cancer-for-firefighters.html>

tracking of health outcomes for firefighters, research on cancers linked to firefighters and “the development of guidance for diagnostic testing.”

On 10 October 2024, the Government of Canada announced that the Pharmacare Act came into effect.⁷⁶⁶ This Act will provide universal access to contraception and diabetes medication to individuals in provinces and territories that reach agreements with the federal government in this regard.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. It has taken strong action to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable medical countermeasures nationally through bilateral agreements with provinces, the creation of the Canadian Drug Agency and funding for the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. Canada has also taken action to engage with LDCs through its funding for Sudan and its neighbouring countries and LMICs through funding for Ethiopia, Tanzania and the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China: 0

China has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 1 December 2023, the National Medical Products Administration announced a “national coordination network to combat thalassemia.”⁷⁶⁷ The network will involve 101 Chinese hospitals which will coordinate with relevant medical institutions to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research for thalassemia.

On 3 December 2023, health officials from China, Korea and Japan signed a memorandum of cooperation at the 16th Tripartite Health Ministers’ Meeting.⁷⁶⁸ The agreement prioritizes strategic cooperation for universal health coverage, emergency preparedness in response to infectious diseases and strengthening primary healthcare systems.

On 8 December 2023, Deputy Director of the National Health Commission’s International Cooperation Department He Zhaohua committed to continue sending medical aid abroad and strengthen collaboration efforts between domestic and foreign hospitals.⁷⁶⁹ This emphasizes China’s promotion of equitable access to health in its engagement abroad.

On 13 December 2023, the National Healthcare Security Administration announced the expansion of China’s medical insurance list to include 126 new medications including anti-cancer, antiviral and

⁷⁶⁶ Government of Canada Passes Legislation for a First Phase of National Universal Pharmacare, Health Canada (Ottawa) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/10/government-of-canada-passes-legislation-for-a-first-phase-of-national-universal-pharmacare.html>

⁷⁶⁷ China establishes national coordination network to combat thalassemia, National Medical Products Administration (Beijing) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2024.

⁷⁶⁸ China, ROK and Japan sign health memorandum, China Daily (Beijing) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202312/04/WS656d2cf6a31090682a5f13e5.html>

⁷⁶⁹ China to continue sending medical aid abroad, China Daily (Beijing) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202312/08/WS65730e38a31040ac301a6e84.html>

COVID-19 medicines, medication for diabetes, mental disorders, chronic illnesses and rare diseases.⁷⁷⁰ The addition of these medicines in the medical insurance list will help ensure access to affordable therapeutics with patients expected to save CNY40 billion over the next two years.

On 19 January 2024, the National Health Commission of China and the Health Commission of Anhui Province collaborated to donate medicines and medical equipment to Juba Teaching Hospital, the primary referral hospital in South Sudan.⁷⁷¹ This donation has significantly bolstered the hospital's capacity to deliver medical treatments and services to its extensive patient population.

On 21 February 2024, the National Health Commission and six other departments released a report stating they have further strengthened the accessibility of nationwide tertiary public hospitals.⁷⁷² The initiative aims to improve the capacity of these hospitals in handling various complex medical conditions.

On 2 March 2024, the National Healthcare Security Administration detailed a new campaign to increase newborns' health insurance coverage.⁷⁷³ The administration outlined the need to make insurance processes more efficient and accessible by mobilizing nursery and healthcare facilities to raise awareness about insurance policies. In addition, the administration called for the monitoring of insurance rates and further research on reasons for the lack of enrollment. Increasing coverage will help ensure more citizens have access to medical countermeasures.

On 21 March 2024, Vice-Minister of the National Health Commission Cao Xuetao held a meeting with the Regional Director for Western Pacific of the World Health Organization (WHO) Saia Ma'u Piukala.⁷⁷⁴ During the meeting, China reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing cooperation in various sectors including universal health coverage, disease prevention and management and global health broadly, in-line with the China-WHO Country Cooperation Strategy.

On 22 March 2024, an official from the National Health Commission Li Dachuan announced plans to establish two national and five regional children's medical centers.⁷⁷⁵ Additionally, China will support 67 clinical specialities related to pediatric health to improve access and quality of pediatric medical services.

On 25 March 2024, Minister Ma Xiaowei of the National Health Commission, participated in the seventh meeting of health ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).⁷⁷⁶ During the meeting, topics such as health emergencies, telemedicine, the prevention and control of infectious diseases and primary health care were discussed. The meeting concluded with the action plan on

⁷⁷⁰ 126 drugs added to national basic cover, China Daily (Beijing) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202312/15/WS657bb855a31040ac301a7f0a.html>

⁷⁷¹ China donates medicines, equipment to support health services in South Sudan, Xinhua (Juba) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://english.news.cn/africa/20240119/f782b2036186495f8d21122a332c916a/c.html>

⁷⁷² China continues to enhance public medical services, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-02/21/c_86293.htm

⁷⁷³ 医保办函〔2024〕14号, 国家医疗保障局 (Beijing) 2 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2024. https://www-nhsa-gov-cn.translate.goog/art/2024/3/2/art_104_12148.html?_x_tr_sl=zh-CN&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc&_x_tr_sch=http

⁷⁷⁴ NHC vice-minister meets with WHO regional director for western Pacific, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-03/25/c_86299.htm

⁷⁷⁵ 医保办函〔2024〕14号, National Medical Security Administration (Beijing) 2 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 March 2024. https://www-nhsa-gov-cn.translate.goog/art/2024/3/2/art_104_12148.html?_x_tr_sl=zh-CN&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc&_x_tr_sch=http

⁷⁷⁶ NHC minister attends 7th SCO Health Ministers Meeting via video link, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-03/25/c_86297.htm

Developing Cooperation in Healthcare between SCO Member States for 2025-2027 and the signing of a protocol, demonstrating China's commitment to health governance.

On 28 March 2024, Ambassador to the Maldives Wang Lixin and the Maldivian Minister of Health Abdulla Khaleel signed an agreement for China to provide laboratory equipment to Maldivian health centers.⁷⁷⁷ This will help the Maldives to strengthen its healthcare capacity.

On 5 April 2024, the Chinese government provided anti-malaria drugs to Uganda in accordance with the Medical and Health Program proposed by President Xi Jinping, demonstrating China's commitment to facilitating access to medical countermeasures to LDCs.⁷⁷⁸

On 9 April 2024, Vice-Minister Cao and President of the Mériex Foundation Alain Merieux discussed the enhancement of France-China health cooperation.⁷⁷⁹ The focus was primary on areas such as infection control, tuberculosis prevention and rational antibiotic use.

On 8 May 2024, the National Health Commission released guidelines to achieve a goal of 15 intensive care hospital beds per 100,000 people by 2025 aiming to strengthen critical care services.⁷⁸⁰ This measure aims to increase treatment capacities for public health emergencies.

On 29 May 2024, Vice-Minister Cao Xuetao engaged in discussions with senior officials from the World Health Organization during the 77th World Health Assembly.⁷⁸¹ The talks were centered on China's commitment to advancing collaboration related to disease prevention and control, maternal and child health and the training of healthcare personnel. Both sides agreed to increase cooperation through mutual exchanges and projects.

On 30 May 2024, the National Disease Control and Prevention Administration and nine other departments jointly revealed China's national disease control action plan for 2024-2025.⁷⁸² The initiative emphasized timely warning and emergency response systems, accessible treatment, reduction of medical costs and effective monitoring of infectious diseases.

On 1 June 2024, China's National Medical Products Administration announced that it had approved the market entry of 21 new medicines for children.⁷⁸³

On 7 June 2024, the General Office of the State Council released a document outlining a list of China's healthcare reform tasks for the year.⁷⁸⁴ The document includes addressing overpriced drugs and

⁷⁷⁷ China, Maldives sign exchange of notes on establishing lab equipment project for Maldivian health centers, China International Development Cooperation Agency (Beijing) 30 March 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. http://en.cidca.gov.cn/2024-03/30/c_977826.htm

⁷⁷⁸ Speech on the Handover Ceremony of the China-aided Anti-Malaria Medicine to Uganda, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Uganda (Kajjansi) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://ug.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/sgsw/202404/t20240410_11279442.htm

⁷⁷⁹ NHC vice-minister meets with Merieux Foundation president, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 12 April 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-04/12/c_86302.htm

⁷⁸⁰ China moves to improve critical care medical services, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 15 May 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-05/08/c_86307.htm

⁷⁸¹ NHC vice-minister meets with WHO senior officials, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 6 June 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-05/30/c_86314.htm

⁷⁸² China unveils national disease control action plan for 2024-25, China Daily (Beijing) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 6 June 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202405/30/WS66583701a31082fc043ca0cc.html>

⁷⁸³ China approves market entry of 21 medicines for children, China Daily (Beijing) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 6 June 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/01/WS665b2961a31082fc043ca66f.html>

⁷⁸⁴ China to further promote public hospital reform, development, China Daily (Beijing) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/07/WS6662674ba31082fc043cb60a.html>

medical services, re-evaluating drug approval mechanisms and improving health service capacity and health insurance.

On 14 June 2024, Deputy Director of the National Medical Products Administration Huang Guo announced that 20 new medicines and 21 new medical equipment received market approval in China, primarily addressing rare diseases.⁷⁸⁵ He also stated that China's drug approval standards are currently in accordance with the global standard, incentivizing foreign drugmakers to apply for market approval in China and facilitating further access to medical countermeasures.

On 19 June 2024, the National Health Commission reported that medical resources from urban centers to township-level healthcare institutions had been successfully allocated towards underserved areas.⁷⁸⁶ This initiative builds on the transfer of over 200,000 doctors to village clinics countrywide in 2023 to address disparities in medical services between urban and rural areas.

On 28 June 2024, Minister of the National Health Commission Lei Haichao met with the Peruvian Health Minister Cesar Vasquez to discuss bilateral health collaboration.⁷⁸⁷ China and Peru voiced that they were both committed to strengthening health cooperation through personnel training, technical exchanges and construction of medical facilities.

On 11 July 2024, Vice Minister Cao met with the Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization Jérôme Salomon to discuss bilateral health cooperation.⁷⁸⁸ Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to improving global health through ongoing collaboration and by leveraging their respective expertise and resources.

On 11 July 2024, Minister Lei spoke with the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme Winnie Byanyima on HIV/AIDS about the continuation of bilateral collaboration in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.⁷⁸⁹

On 11 July 2024, the Beijing Municipal Medical Insurance Bureau announced that individuals with medical insurance could now purchase over-the-counter drugs online thereby modernizing and optimizing access to medical countermeasures.⁷⁹⁰

On 22 July 2024, the National Disease Control and Prevention Administration, Ministry of Education, National Health Commission and General Administration of Sport of China jointly released extensive guidelines to address obesity in students, focusing on prevention, early intervention and disease early warning measures.⁷⁹¹ The guidelines also emphasized timely access to science-based intervention procedures such as to qualified school nutritionists and self-assessment forms.

⁷⁸⁵ China's quantity and quality of innovate drugs joins global lead, China Daily (Beijing) 14 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/14/WS666c0e93a31095c51c509026.html>

⁷⁸⁶ China channels more urban medical resources to lower-level healthcare units, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-06/19/c_86322.htm

⁷⁸⁷ NHC minister meets with Peruvian health minister, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-07/04/c_86327.htm

⁷⁸⁸ NHC vice-minister meets with WHO assistant director-general, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 13 July 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-07/13/c_86329.htm

⁷⁸⁹ NHC minister meets with UNAIDS executive director, National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 13 July 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2024-07/13/c_86328.htm

⁷⁹⁰ Beijing provides online drug purchasing service for insured individuals, China Daily (Beijing) 1 July 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202407/01/WS6682776da31095c51c50bbc0.html>

⁷⁹¹ China introduces guidelines to tackle student obesity, China Daily (Beijing) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202407/22/WS669e1514a31095c51c50f441.html>

On 29 July 2024, the National Health Commission released standardized procedures for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases such as avian influenza, measles and dengue fever.⁷⁹²

On 2 August 2024, the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine released an action plan detailing China's endeavour to establish 180 domestic and 30 international standards on traditional Chinese medicine by the end of 2026.⁷⁹³ This plan aims to expand standards on the prevention and treatment of illnesses and diseases using traditional Chinese medicine.

On 11 September 2024, the National Health Insurance Administration announced that fertility services will now be included under medical insurance coverage.⁷⁹⁴

On 12 September 2024, the National Health Commission announced that China will send 44 medical teams to provide services to primarily disadvantaged and ethnic minority populations, remote areas and areas with weak medical capacity in central and western China.⁷⁹⁵ Services will include diagnosis, treatment and health education, aiming to increase access to quality healthcare.

On 13 September 2024, the National Health Commission announced that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) will now be included in China's basic public health service program.⁷⁹⁶ This will enable free examinations and health management services for the 120 million individuals living with COPD in the country.

China has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. It has taken strong action to improve access to medical countermeasures domestically by increasing health insurance coverage, creating a network for thalassemia and promoting equitable access. However, China has not taken any strong action to facilitate access to medical countermeasures in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 16 January 2024, France and Qatar provided medical aid to Israel and Palestine.⁷⁹⁷ The aid consisted of medical supplies including medications purchased in France and transported to Egypt where the

⁷⁹² China standardizes diagnosis, treatment of measles, dengue fever, avian influenza, China Daily (Beijing) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202407/30/WS66a84b69a31095c51c510b4c.html>

⁷⁹³ Plan aims to establish medical standards, China Daily (Beijing) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202408/02/WS66ac2cf2a3104e74fddb815d.html>

⁷⁹⁴ Medical insurance to cover assisted fertility services, China Daily (Beijing) 11 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202409/11/WS66e0f270a3103711928a749d.html>

⁷⁹⁵ China to send 44 national medical teams to assist underdeveloped areas in 2024, China Daily (Beijing) 12 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202409/12/WS66e2a8efa3103711928a7ac7.html>

⁷⁹⁶ Chronic respiratory disease added to health services, China Daily (Beijing) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202409/13/WS66e413caa3103711928a7ed1.html>

⁷⁹⁷ Qatar, France broker deal to get aid, medication to civilians, hostages in Gaza, Reuters (Paris) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/qatar-france-broker-deal-get-aid-medication-civilians-hostages-gaza-2024-01-16>

International Committee of the Red Cross coordinated distribution to ensure people in the Gaza Strip received necessary support medical packages and other supplies.

On 26 January 2024, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity announced its global health strategy for 2023 to 2027.⁷⁹⁸ This strategy aims to promote equitable health systems, enhance public health preparedness and reinforce global health governance. The actions include establishing a World Health Organization Academy, engaging in international health negotiations, supporting multilateral health initiatives and launching the PREZODE initiative to combat pandemics and infectious diseases effectively.

On 21 February 2024, Minister of Labor, Health and Solidarity Catherine Vautrin, Minister Delegate for Industry and Energy Roland Lescure and Minister Delegate for Health and Comprehensive Prevention Frédéric Valletoux announced a new roadmap for 2024-2027 aimed at combating drug shortages.⁷⁹⁹ This includes mandatory unit dispensing, regulatory flexibility and efforts to keep certain drugs on the market. This initiative aims to develop industrial sovereignty and ensuring the availability of essential medications throughout France.

On 26 February 2024, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity announced that the French Ambassador in Egypt and the Associate Minister for International Affairs of the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population are coordinating humanitarian assistance for civilians in Gaza.⁸⁰⁰ As such, medical cargo worth EUR1 million, comprising of eight tons of medical equipment including medications, was delivered to Cairo on 25 February 2024. This initiative aims to bolster the Egyptian health system's capacity to treat injuries from Gaza.

On 28 February 2024, Minister Vautrin attended the first G7 health ministers' meeting chaired by Italy.⁸⁰¹ The session focused on advancing the International Agreement on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response, aiming for its adoption at the 77th World Health Assembly in May 2024.

On 1 March 2024, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity and the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty released a press statement announcing the 4th National Rare Disease Plan.⁸⁰² This plan introduces 132 new rare disease reference centers and reaffirms

⁷⁹⁸ Stratégie française en santé mondiale (2023-2027), Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/la-sante-mondiale/article/strategie-francaise-en-sante-mondiale-2023-2027>

⁷⁹⁹ Pénuries de médicaments : la ministre du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités, le ministre délégué chargé de l'Industrie et de l'Énergie et le ministre délégué chargé de la Santé et de la Prévention annoncent une nouvelle stratégie pour garantir la disponibilité des médicaments et assurer à plus long terme une souveraineté industrielle, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/penuries-de-medicaments-la-ministre-du-travail-de-la-sante-et-des-solidarites>

⁸⁰⁰ Égypte: poursuite de la coopération humanitaire en soutien à la population civile de Gaza, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 26 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/egypte-poursuite-de-la-cooperation-humanitaire-en-soutien-a-la-population>

⁸⁰¹ Mieux prévenir et répondre aux pandémies: communiqué conjoint des ministres de la santé du G7, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/cooperation-sante-mondiale/article/mieux-prevenir-et-repondre-aux-pandemies-communique-conjoint-des-ministres-de>

⁸⁰² Vers un 4ème Plan National Maladies Rares (PNMR4) Catherine Vautrin, Sylvie Retailleau, Roland Lescure et Frédéric Valletoux annoncent un soutien renforcé pour les personnes malades par un maillage territorial plus étroit avec la labellisation des nouveaux centres de référence maladies rares et le renforcement de la collecte des données de santé entre la France et l'Europe, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/vers-un-4eme-plan-national-maladies-rares-pnmr4-catherine-vautrin-sylvie>

France's commitment to health data exchange with European counterparts. The plan seeks to enhance support for individuals with rare diseases through improved diagnostics, access to therapies and a bolstered territorial network.

On 4 April 2024, President Emmanuel Macron visited Brazil where he signed a declaration of intent to enhance longstanding health cooperation.⁸⁰³ This agreement focuses on improving public health systems, advancing health technology and increasing cross-border health initiatives with French Guiana. Cooperation will also support increased vaccination production and access to medicines and health technologies.

On 21 March 2024, Director General of Health Grégory Emery gathered French and international experts at the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity to discuss measles diagnostics within the National Network for the Surveillance of Measles network.⁸⁰⁴ The meeting emphasized the importance of cooperative efforts and effective vaccination strategies to eradicate measles in France.

On 24 April 2024, Minister Lescure represented France in Brussels, advocating for the relocation of pharmaceutical production within Europe under the new European Alliance for Critical Medicines.⁸⁰⁵ This effort is part of France's strategy to prevent drug shortages and strengthen medical sovereignty by improving industry competitiveness and environmental standards.

On 24 April 2024, Minister Delegate Valletoux published a new decree to improve access to quality abortion care.⁸⁰⁶ The decree outlines regulations for healthcare provider training and recognizes the role of midwives.

On 22 April 2024, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity launched a ten-year supportive care strategy.⁸⁰⁷ This initiative allocates EUR1.1 billion to enhance palliative care, pain management and end-of-life support, creating a comprehensive French model of supportive care. The strategy includes promoting early and multidisciplinary care, supporting patients' physical, psychological and social needs and developing university training programs in palliative medicine.

On 23 April 2024, French pediatricians Christèle Gras Le Guen and Adrien Taquet presented the "Investing in Child Health: A National Emergency" report to Minister Valletoux.⁸⁰⁸ The report outlines

⁸⁰³ Relations France-Bésil en matière de santé: renforcer une coopération déjà ancienne et institutionnalisée, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 4 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/cooperation-bilaterale/article/relations-france-bresil-en-matiere-de-sante-renforcer-une-cooperation-deja>

⁸⁰⁴ Une journée du Centre national de référence (CNR) des virus de la rougeole, de la rubéole et des oreillons (ROR) placée sous le signe des échanges internationaux, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/une-journee-du-centre-national-de-referance-cnr-des-virus-de-la-rougeole-de-la>

⁸⁰⁵ Médicaments: la France appelle à une politique de relocalisation européenne, La Tribune (Paris) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/industrie/chimie-pharmacie/medicaments-la-france-appelle-a-une-politique-de-relocalisation-europeenne-996123.html>

⁸⁰⁶ Amélioration de l'accès à l'IVG : les conditions de réalisation des IVG instrumentales par les sages-femmes en établissements simplifiés, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/amelioration-de-l-acces-a-l-ivg-les-conditions-de-realisation-des-ivg>

⁸⁰⁷ Lancement de la stratégie décennale des soins d'accompagnement, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 22 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/lancement-de-la-strategie-decennale-des-soins-d-accompagnement>

⁸⁰⁸ Remise du rapport sur la santé de l'enfant, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/remise-du-rapport-sur-la-sante-de-l-enfant>

six key areas to improve child health, including ensuring seamless health pathways, enhancing care for vulnerable children, addressing mental health challenges, improving prevention, strengthening professional training and advancing research and innovative practices.

On 26 April 2024, Minister Valletoux reaffirmed France's commitment to combating meningitis, emphasizing its model of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation at an international conference on meningitis organized by the WHO at the Pasteur Institute.⁸⁰⁹ The conference aimed to accelerate global mobilization to meet the WHO's 2030 roadmap goals, focusing on expanding vaccination, developing new vaccines and improving national surveillance systems. France will be allocating EUR2 million of its WHO contribution towards the meningitis control program.

On 9 May 2024, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre sent two tonnes of medication to Lebanon to address urgent and general medical needs, particularly for children.⁸¹⁰ The French Embassy in Lebanon will distribute these medical kits to the volunteer organization, Chevaliers de l'Ordre de Malte and the Lebanese NGO, Amel. This aid reflects France's continuous support for Lebanon during its ongoing institutional, economic and security crises.

On 20 June 2024, France, the African Union and Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (Gavi) announced the Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation in Paris.⁸¹¹ This event aims to launch the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator and commence Gavi's replenishment campaign for 2026-2030, underscoring commitments to global health strategies and equitable vaccine access worldwide.

On 24 July 2024, the Ministry of Labor, Health and Solidarity attended the 25th International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Munich.⁸¹² The Delegation for European and International Affairs organized a round table on maintaining access to care during health emergencies. The session showcased French efforts and international cooperation, including programs in Ukraine to address HIV/AIDS amidst crises.

France has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. France has taken action to facilitate access to medical countermeasures through its National Rare Disease Plan and 2024-2027 roadmap to address drug shortages. It has also engaged with LMICs through the facilitation of medical countermeasures in Lebanon and Palestine. Furthermore, France has allocated funding for the WHO's meningitis control program which will support LMICs and LDCs where the disease poses a major health concern.

⁸⁰⁹ Conférence méningite: accélérer la mobilisation internationale, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024.

<https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/conference-meningite-accelerer-la-mobilisation-internationale>

⁸¹⁰ Lebanon – Medical aid sent for those being assisted by the voluntary organization Chevaliers de l'Ordre de Malte in Lebanon and the NGO Amel, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (Paris) 9 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/lebanon/news/article/lebanon-medical-aid-sent-for-those-being-assisted-by-the-voluntary-organization>

⁸¹¹ Global health – France will host the Global Forum for Vaccine Sovereignty and Innovation in Paris on June 20, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024, <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/priority-sectors/health/news/article/global-health-france-will-host-the-global-forum-for-vaccine-sovereignty-and>

⁸¹² 25ème conférence internationale sur le VIH/sida : « l'Équipe France » mobilisée pour mettre fin au sida d'ici 2030, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé et des Solidarités (Paris) 24 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/25eme-conference-internationale-sur-le-vih-sida-l-equipe-france-mobilisee-pour>

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alice Quan

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 13 December 2023, the federal cabinet approved Germany's national pharmaceutical strategy.⁸¹³ The strategy aims to increase digitalization and clinical trials, improve frameworks for research and development in the EU, support and increase research and development and provide incentives to the pharmaceutical sector to increase access to pharmaceuticals.

On 16 December 2023, Germany and the World Health Organization donated 20 ambulances to Ukraine.⁸¹⁴ These ambulances were equipped with devices that provide life-saving care to patients during transportation, which facilitates access to therapeutics and other medical countermeasures in Ukraine.

On 18 December 2023, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock spoke at the opening ceremony of a Rwandan mRNA vaccine plant focusing on German involvement to foster investments for the medical industry in the region.⁸¹⁵ Minister Baerbock cited Germany's commitment to an EU investment project worth EUR1.2 billion for the development of vaccine production in Rwanda, Senegal, Ghana, South Africa and Nigeria, of which Germany contributed half of the investment funds.

On 21 February 2024, Germany granted EUR2.5 million towards a project to improve healthcare in Libya in partnership with UNICEF and Libya's Ministry of Health.⁸¹⁶ The project aims to reach 175,000 people by training 260 staff for the Libyan health care system, stocking facilities and installing electronic vaccine tracking.

On 5 March 2024, Minister Baerbock stated that Germany would add an additional EUR20 million worth of aid for humanitarian assistance in Gaza.⁸¹⁷ This aid includes medicine, medical care and products such as dressings and syringes.

⁸¹³ Nationale Pharmastrategie beschlossen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Berlin) 13 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/nationale-pharmastrategie-beschlossen-pm-13-12-23.html>

⁸¹⁴ WHO, together with the Government of Germany, donates 20 ambulances to Ukraine to ensure emergency care provision during medical transportation amid the war, World Health Organization Europe (Copenhagen) 16 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.who.int/europe/news/item/16-12-2023-who-together-with-the-government-of-germany--donates-20-ambulances-to-ukraine-to-ensure-emergency-care-provision-during-medical-transportation-amid-the-war>

⁸¹⁵ Speech by Foreign Minister Baerbock at the opening ceremony of the mRNA vaccine plant in Rwanda, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2636368>

⁸¹⁶ UNICEF Libya and Germany cooperate with the Libyan Ministry of Health to advance Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition in Libya [EN/AR], Relief Web (Tripoli) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://reliefweb.int/report/libya/unicef-libya-and-germany-cooperate-libyan-ministry-health-advance-maternal-and-child-health-and-nutrition-libya-enar>

⁸¹⁷ Humanitarian disaster in Gaza – Germany has increased its humanitarian assistance, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/-/2627918>

On 30 March 2024, Minister Baerbock called on the government of Israel to allow for the passage of medical supplies to the people of Gaza, for equitable access to healthcare.⁸¹⁸

On 2 February 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that Germany has agreed to increase its cooperation with Ukraine for the healthcare sector through a joint declaration.⁸¹⁹ The declaration outlines a mutual understanding that both parties will exchange information and collaborate in various health fields, including preventative health and the modernization of healthcare infrastructure. This agreement facilitates the development of more effective medical countermeasures and the proliferation of more accessible therapeutics and diagnostics.

On 16 May 2024, Minister Baerbock reaffirmed the need for access to medicine regarding the situation in Rafah, Palestine.⁸²⁰

On 23 May 2024, Germany provided financial assistance to the WHO Country Office in Ukraine which collaborated with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to improve heating systems within healthcare facilities.⁸²¹ This assistance aims to increase the resilience and efficiency of these facilities by modernizing their infrastructure to withstand potential interruptions. This improvement will enable the safer and more effective provision of healthcare.

On 11 June 2024, Germany pledged EUR100 million for the Ukrainian health system at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin.⁸²² The financial support notably aims to enhance mental health and hospital support.

On 25 June 2024, Minister Baerbock stated that Germany would add an additional EUR20 million worth of humanitarian assistance in Gaza.⁸²³ This aid includes medicine, medical care and products such as dressings and syringes.

On 22 July 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz affirmed that Germany will continue to support the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in a speech at the 25th International AIDS Conference.⁸²⁴ Chancellor Scholz reiterated Germany's commitment to supporting UN-AIDS and the World Health Organization, calling for increased support for such organizations.

⁸¹⁸ Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in an interview with the Funke media group, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 30 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/interview-funke/2651028>

⁸¹⁹ Germany and Ukraine agree on closer cooperation in the field of health, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/news-preview-detail/germany-and-ukraine-agree-on-closer-cooperation-in-the-field-of-health-pm-02-02-2024.html>

⁸²⁰ Foreign Minister Baerbock on the situation in Rafah, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2657368>

⁸²¹ Preparing for winter well ahead of time: WHO supports Ukrainian hospitals with crucial modular heating units, World Health Organization Germany (Bonn) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

⁸²² New aid for the Ukrainian health system, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/news-preview-detail/neue-hilfen-fuer-das-ukrainische-gesundheitswesen.html>

⁸²³ Humanitarian disaster in Gaza – Germany is providing assistance, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 25 June 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/-/2627918>

⁸²⁴ Speech by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Member of the German Bundestag, at the opening of the 25th International AIDS Conference, Munich, 22 July 2024, The Federal Government (Berlin) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/speech-by-olaf-scholz-chancellor-of-the-federal-republic-of-germany-and-member-of-the-german-bundestag-at-the-opening-of-the-25th-international-aids-conference-munich-22-july-2024-2300544>

On 10 September 2024, Germany announced EUR50 million in humanitarian aid for Palestine.⁸²⁵ Aid will focus on medical assistance and food aid including through the deployment of medical emergency teams, mobile clinics and distribution of nutritional supplements.

On 27 September 2024, the Federal Council passed the Medical Research Act which aims to simplify clinical trials, provide radiation protection, optimize the approval of medications and services, enable good manufacturing practice for new therapies and treatments and establish research incentives.⁸²⁶ The Act aims to promote Germany for medical research and increase access to treatments for patients.

On 8 October 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that the final version of the hospital reform has been developed.⁸²⁷ The reform will focus on improving specialist care, establishing more treatment options for children and ensuring quality treatment at hospitals across the country.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. This commitment was achieved through investments in increasing the availability of medical countermeasures, as well as increasing equitable access to healthcare through the provision of humanitarian aid. Additionally, efforts from Germany demonstrate engagement with LMICS and LDCs such as Libya, Rwanda, Senegal and Ghana.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ethan Lui

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 22 December 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced an update on the launch of its digital health service program.⁸²⁸ The program has enabled accessible healthcare to reach remote parts of the country allowing patients to seek healthcare services and access their digital patient records online.

⁸²⁵ Humanitäre Katastrophe in Gaza – Deutschland hilft, Auswärtiges Amt (Berlin) 10 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/aussenpolitik/nahermittlererosten/-/2627842>

⁸²⁶ Medizinforschungsgesetz passiert Bundesrat, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Berlin) 27 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/medizinforschungsgesetz-brat-27-09-24.html>

⁸²⁷ Lauterbach: Durchbruch bei der Krankenhausreform, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Berlin) 8 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/lauterbach-durchbruch-bei-der-krankenhausreform-08-10-24.html>

⁸²⁸ India is Choosing Digital Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 22 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://abdm.gov.in:8081/uploads/Press_Information_Bureau_website_11_1e66eae20a.pdf

On 7 January 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare opened a new CDSCO Sub-Zonal Office and the Central Drug Testing Laboratory.⁸²⁹ These new facilities will monitor and ensure medicines meet the quality requirements and hold pharmaceutical companies accountable.

On 24 January 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated a new specialty block at the GSVM Medical College to improve the healthcare infrastructure in the city.⁸³⁰ In part, the new facility will house 270 new patient beds and 30 ICU beds along with eight operation theaters with modern technology.

On 9 February 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched new measures to tackle healthcare challenges in rural areas as part of the National Rural Health Mission.⁸³¹ These new measures provide an additional INR700 billion of funding for local government over five years to use to enhance health care services in every village and town. The healthcare system will expand by covering more services such as communicable diseases and continue to build on its digital health infrastructure.

On 21 February 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare hosted a workshop to bring accessible and affordable healthcare to the Northeastern States of India.⁸³² The current goal is to work on Essential Health Technology for essential medicine and to make health technologies more readily available, accessible and affordable.

On 29 February, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced the Cabinet approval of the new post of Director of the National Institute of One Health.⁸³³ This new position will be designated to organize efforts on disease control and pandemic preparedness. The director will manage the new National One Health Mission introduced for integrated disease control in India.

On 24 April, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced the meeting between Union Health Secretary of India and CEO of the pharmaceutical company Biltoven Biologicals to strengthen partnerships concerning vaccine production.⁸³⁴ The meeting covered the EU pandemic readiness partnership and continued efforts to produce more vaccines. This initiative supports India's Universal Immunization Programme and increased global vaccine supply.

On 28 May 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a bilateral meeting with the Parliament Under Secretary of State of the United Kingdom Markham.⁸³⁵ This meeting emphasized

⁸²⁹ Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates CDSCO Sub Zonal Office and Central Drug Testing Laboratory in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 7 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1994024>

⁸³⁰ Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates Super Specialty Block at GSVM Medical College in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1999176>

⁸³¹ Measures Taken to Address Healthcare Challenges in Rural Areas. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2004363>

⁸³² Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates "Regional Consultative Workshop on Research Priority for Providing Accessible and Affordable Healthcare for the Northeastern States of India", Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2007650>

⁸³³ Cabinet Approves Creation of Post of Director of National Institute of One Health, Nagpur at the Level of Scientist 'H' (pay level-15) to spearhead National One Health Mission for Integrated Disease Control and Pandemic Preparedness, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2010137>

⁸³⁴ Union Health Secretary visits pharmaceutical Biltoven Biologicals, Netherlands; has engaging meeting with CEO, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 24 April 2024 Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2018755>

⁸³⁵ Union Health Secretary holds bilateral meeting with Lord Markham, Parliament Under Secretary of State, United Kingdom on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly at Geneva, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=2022015>

the importance of increasing the mobility of health care in both countries, including ongoing efforts in India to fully establish digital healthcare. Furthermore, the Indian government proposed there be more bilateral cooperation between the two countries to help Indian pharmaceutical companies overcome regulatory challenges in the United Kingdom and the European Union.

On 29 May 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a bilateral meeting with the Global Fund which supports efforts to eliminate diseases in India.⁸³⁶ Both the Global Fund and the ministry reaffirmed their continued commitment to eliminating tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and malaria. By spreading awareness of these diseases and improving technologies for identification and treatment, the Indian government has confirmed in the meeting they will continue to improve these procedures.

On 2 June 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare participated in the 77th World Health Assembly, voting to adopt amendments to International Health Regulations.⁸³⁷ These changes aim to improve readiness in all member countries for future pandemic and public health emergencies. India played an important role in drafting these amendments, focusing on improving equity in future health emergency responses.

On 14 June 2024, the Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda chaired a meeting to outline health goals in the first 100 days of forming government.⁸³⁸ The minister emphasized the need to utilize technology for immunization and health emergency responses among a few other top health priorities.

On 26 July 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced financial assistance support to states to improve readiness for future pandemics and health emergencies.⁸³⁹ This initiative includes strengthening the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme to enhance the surveillance of diseases where grants will be given to enhance public health and laboratory research to prevent future health emergencies.

On 2 August 2024, the Government of India announced the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases.⁸⁴⁰ The initiative aims to screen, diagnose, prevent and manage diseases including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic kidney disease and COPD/Asthma among others.

On 23 September 2024, Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda announced the conclusion of the Health Ministry's Department of Health Research's 100 days program for healthcare innovation.⁸⁴¹ The 100 days program will be followed by the launch of a program to develop 12 indigenous medications for eight rare diseases and to decrease the cost of treatment for conditions like Muscular Dystrophy and

⁸³⁶ Union Health Secretary holds bilateral meeting with Global Fund on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly at Geneva, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseFramePage.aspx?PRID=2022140>

⁸³⁷ 77th World Health Assembly adopts amendments to International Health Regulations 2005 based on 300 proposals by member states, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 2 June 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseFramePage.aspx?PRID=2022510>

⁸³⁸ Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda chairs high level meeting on attaining targeted Health goals in the first 100 days of formation of new Government, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 14 June 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseFramePage.aspx?PRID=2025374>

⁸³⁹ Steps taken by the Government for preparedness against future pandemics, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2037633>

⁸⁴⁰ Status Of The Action Plan For Cancer Screening in Rural Areas, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://mohfw.gov.in/?q=/press-info/7477>

⁸⁴¹ Accelerating Health Innovation, Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda announces successful implementation of 100 Days Initiatives by the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2057779>

Gaucher's Disease. The government will also be launching the Centre for Evidence for Guidelines which aims to standardize medical practices across the country to improve the quality of care.

On 11 September 2024, the Union Cabinet approved health coverage for everyone over 70 years of age under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana program which provides up to INR500,000 in free health insurance per family.⁸⁴² This expansion will benefit approximately 45 million families and 60 million senior citizens.

India has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. India has taken strong action to facilitate access to affordable, quality-assured and effective healthcare in the country, with a specific focus on diseases. Moreover, it has contributed immensely in funding to create new facilities to improve the healthcare system. However, India has not engaged with LMICs, LDCs or SIDS in this regard.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

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Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 5 December 2023, the Ministry of Health launched the building of Indonesia's only plasma fractionation factory in partnership with other groups.⁸⁴³ The initiative will expand the availability of plasma products, such as Albumin and Immunoglobulin, to treat a variety of medical conditions in Indonesia.

On 6 December 2023, the Ministry of Health opened Farmaplus 2.0, a website designed for Indonesians to access information about medicines available in their communities.⁸⁴⁴ In addition, citizens can contact the facility offering the medicine, see prices and consult details relevant to the use of the medicine. The primary aim of this initiative is to enhance the accessibility of medicines for the population.

On 8 January 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi announced that Indonesia has acquired 516 million vaccines for COVID-19.⁸⁴⁵ This will improve national access to vaccines.

⁸⁴² Cabinet approves health coverage to all senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of income under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), Cabinet (New Delhi) 11 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2053881>

⁸⁴³ Menkes Resmikan Pembangunan Fasilitas Fraksionasi Plasma Pertama di Indonesia, Kemenkes Ditjen Farmalkes (South Jakarta) 22 December 2023. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/2023/12/menkes-resmikan-pembangunan-fasilitas-fraksionasi-plasma-pertama-di-indonesia/>

⁸⁴⁴ Semakin Transparan, Masyarakat Bisa Langsung Cek Stok dan Harga Obat Lewat Farmaplus 2.0, Kemenkes Ditjen Farmalkes (South Jakarta) 6 December 2023. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/2023/12/semakin-transparan-masyarakat-bisa-langsung-cek-stok-dan-harga-obat-lewat-farmaplus-2-0/>

⁸⁴⁵ Diplomasi Kesehatan Indonesia Berhasil Amankan Lebih Dari 500 juta Dosis Vaksin COVID-19, Kementerian Luar Negeri Republik Indonesia (Bandung) 8 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/id/read/5666/berita/diplomasi-kesehatan-indonesia-berhasil-amankan-lebih-dari-500-juta-dosis-vaksin-covid-19>

On 18 January 2024, Minister of Defense Prabowo Subianto sent the Indonesian Ship Hospital Dr. Radjiman-Wedyodiningrat 992 to deliver humanitarian assistance to Palestine.⁸⁴⁶ This included 460 boxes of medication.⁸⁴⁷

On 26 January 2024, the Ministry of Health initiated the Vaccine Collaborating Center focusing on training, partnerships, regulation and data.⁸⁴⁸ It aims to improve the national accessibility of vaccines, offer more advanced vaccines and be better equipped against a future pandemic.

On 31 January 2024, the Directorate General of Pharmacy and Medical Devices of the Ministry of Health Agusdini Banun Saptaningsih performed an educational visit to Sempu village.⁸⁴⁹ The Directorate General provided guidance on the safe and effective use of medical devices and other medical supplies. Moreover, blood glucose and blood pressure measurements were taken from 600 people to promote early diagnosis of diseases.

On 2 February 2024, Indonesia spearheaded the Global Alliance to fight tuberculosis at the United Nations with 22 countries joining the alliance as of 5 February.⁸⁵⁰ The Alliance aims to promote knowledge sharing, establish frameworks to address tuberculosis, accelerate the development of a vaccine for tuberculosis and develop consistent treatment options overall.

On 15 February 2024, the Directorate General Saptaningsih officiated a partnership with two companies, Kimia Farma and Rajawali Nusindo, regarding the pilot project for the health data platform Satu Sehat Logistik.⁸⁵¹ This partnership shows progress in improving the digitalization of drug stock management, which will include the Digital Inventory National.

On 26 February 2024, the Ministry of Health implemented the Strengthening Indonesia's Healthcare Referral Network, Strengthening of Primary Healthcare in Indonesia and the Indonesia – Public Laboratory System Strengthening Components projects.⁸⁵² They total to USD4 billion and aim to fill gaps in laboratory and medical equipment in laboratory and public health facilities across Indonesia.

⁸⁴⁶ Menhan Prabowo Lepas Keberangkatan Kapal RS TNI KRI dr Radjiman-992 Kirim Bantuan untuk Palestina, Kementerian Pertahanan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta Pusat) 18 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.kemhan.go.id/2024/01/18/menhan-prabowo-lepas-keberangkatan-kapal-rs-tni-kri-dr-radjiman-992-kirim-bantuan-untuk-palestina.html#>

⁸⁴⁷ Naval ship returns to Indonesia after unloading aid for Palestinians, Antara News (Central Jakarta) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/306234/naval-ship-returns-to-indonesia-after-unloading-aid-for-palestinians>

⁸⁴⁸ Kemenkes Luncurkan Inisiatif VOLARE, Percepat Pengembangan dan Penguasaan Teknologi Terbaru Vaksin, Kemenkes Ditjen Farmalkes (South Jakarta) 29 January 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/2024/01/kemenkes-luncurkan-inisiatif-volare-percepat-pengembangan-dan-penguasaan-teknologi-terbaru-vaksin/>

⁸⁴⁹ Ditjen Farmalkes, Lakukan KIE Pengawasan Produk Alat Kesehatan dan PKRT pada Masyarakat Desa Sempu, Kemenkes Ditjen Farmalkes (South Jakarta) 31 January 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/2024/01/ditjen-farmalkes-lakukan-kie-pengawasan-produk-alat-kesehatan-dan-pkrt-pada-masyarakat-desa-semput/>

⁸⁵⁰ Indonesia Pimpin Pembentukan Aliansi Global di PBB untuk Lawan Tuberkulosis, Kementerian Luar Negeri Republik Indonesia (New York) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/id/read/5733/berita/indonesia-pimpin-pembentukan-alianansi-global-di-pbb-untuk-lawan-tuberkulosis>

⁸⁵¹ Ditjen Farmalkes Wujudkan Transformasi Teknologi Kesehatan Melalui Pengembangan Sistem Digital Inventory National (DIN), Kemenkes Ditjen Farmalkes (South Jakarta) 15 February 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/2024/02/ditjen-farmalkes-wujudkan-transformasi-teknologi-kesehatan-melalui-pengembangan-sistem-digital-inventory-national-din/>

⁸⁵² 4th Vendor Conference – Indonesia Health Systems Strengthening Project, the Ministry of Health (Jakarta) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.kemkes.go.id/eng/4th-vendor-conference-indonesia-health-systems-strengthening-project>

On 7 March 2024, Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi and Minister of Finance Mulyani Indrawati sent 10 million doses of the polio vaccine to Afghanistan, with the support of UNICEF.⁸⁵³ This donation would enable 3.3 million children below three to be vaccinated against polio.

On 26 March 2024, the Ministry of Health released an updated Technical Guidelines for Drug Needs Planning which the WHO helped to create.⁸⁵⁴ By bolstering drug supply planning and addressing previous shortcomings, these guidelines will enable better accessibility to medical countermeasures.⁸⁵⁵

On 3 April 2024, Indonesia sent humanitarian assistance amounting to IDR30 billion to the State of Palestine and Sudan, including medical supplies.⁸⁵⁶

On 3 May 2024, Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin announced the Indonesian government replaced imported AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines with domestically produced ones.⁸⁵⁷ The initiative aims to distribute vaccines with less side effects and protect Indonesians from infection while travelling.

On 6 June 2024, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Fiji Dupito Simamora delivered FJD428 000 worth of medical equipment to Fiji.⁸⁵⁸ This donation will help Fiji properly equip its health centres in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 30 July 2024, Minister Sadikin announced the passing of Government Regulation (PP) Number 28 of 2024 to improve public health initiatives, medical equipment and facilities and pharmaceuticals.⁸⁵⁹ Among the new changes include improving the supply of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, improving stem cell therapy and surgical procedures.

On 2 August 2024, Minister Sadikin committed to distributing portable X-ray machines to facilitate screening and diagnosis of tuberculosis in areas with a high prevalence.⁸⁶⁰

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Indonesia has taken strong action to facilitate access to safe and free vaccines

⁸⁵³ Indonesia Sends 10 Million Polio Vaccine Doses to Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Central Jakarta) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5799/berita/indonesia-sends-10-million-polio-vaccine-doses-to-afghanistan>

⁸⁵⁴ Technical Guidelines for Drugs Needs Planning, Ministry of Health Directorate General of Pharmaceuticals (South Jakarta) 26 March 2024. Access date: 27 April 2024. <https://farmalkes.kemkes.go.id/en/unduh/petunjuk-teknis-perencanaan-kebutuhan-obat/>

⁸⁵⁵ WHO supports Ministry of Health to launch new technical guidelines on medicine procurement planning, World Health Organization (Jakarta) 22 April 2024. Access date: 27 April 2024.

<https://www.who.int/indonesia/news/detail/22-04-2024-who-supports-ministry-of-health-to-launch-new-technical-guidelines-on-medicine-procurement-planning>

⁸⁵⁶ Pengiriman Bantuan Kemanusiaan dari Indonesia: Dukungan untuk Palestina dan Sudan, Kementerian Luar Negeri Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 3 April 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 27 April 2024.

<https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/id/read/5849/berita/pengiriman-bantuan-kemanusiaan-dari-indonesia-dukungan-untuk-palestina-dan-sudan>

⁸⁵⁷ Indonesia replaces imported COVID vaccines with safer domestic ones, ANTARA (Central Jakarta) 3 May 2024.

Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/312534/indonesia-replaces-imported-covid-vaccines-with-safer-domestic-ones>

⁸⁵⁸ 50 Tahun Persahabatan: Indonesia dan Fiji Perkuat Kerjasama Kesehatan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Suva) 11 June 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/portal/id/read/5973/berita/50-tahun-persahabatan-indonesia-dan-fiji-perkuat-kerjasama-kesehatan>

⁸⁵⁹ Indonesia strives for greater, inclusive national health architecture, ANTARA (Central Jakarta) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/320491/indonesia-strives-for-greater-inclusive-national-health-architecture>

⁸⁶⁰ Areas with high TB cases to get portable X-rays: Sadikin, ANTARA (Central Jakarta) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/321015/areas-with-high-tb-cases-to-get-portable-x-rays-sadikin>

in Afghanistan which is a LDC and medications in Palestine which is a LMIC. It has also taken international action to form an alliance to address tuberculosis. Domestically, Indonesia has acquired access to vaccines and invested in improving medical equipment.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 5 December 2023, Minister of Health Orazio Schillaci and Councillor for Welfare of the Lombardy Region Guido Bertolaso signed a Memorandum of Understanding for healthcare cooperation.⁸⁶¹ In part, cooperation will address the access and effectiveness of healthcare and implement modernized biomedical technologies that enable improved diagnosis and treatment. The Government of Italy will contribute EUR376,867,616.74 to this initiative.

On 29 December 2023, Minister Schillaci addressed the approved 2024 budget law which includes provisions on healthcare.⁸⁶² Over the next three years, Italy will provide EUR11.2 billion to support healthcare personnel, provide territorial assistance and funding for Alzheimer's and Dementia, develop "Next-Generation Sequencing Tests" for rare diseases and support migrant populations. Italy will also now allow pharmacies affiliated with the National Health Service, but not located in hospitals, to dispense medications in order to increase access to locally available medicines.

On 29 January 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni pledged EUR 5.5 billion for the Mattei Plan, the Italian agenda for development in the African continent through non-predatory practices.⁸⁶³ One of the projects announced under the plan was the improvement of accessible and quality-assured healthcare in the Ivory Coast, including training and exchange programs for healthcare workers, telemedicine and investment in medical education.⁸⁶⁴

On 5 February 2024, the Ministry of Health hosted the "Technical working table in the sector of drug supply in Italy."⁸⁶⁵ During the meeting, the permanent working group announced that an additional 38,000 packages had been secured of Creon 10,000 IU which is a medication that treats pancreatic enzyme deficiency. This aims to increase access to the medication for those in need.

⁸⁶¹ Assistenza ospedaliera, Ministero e Regione Lombardia firmano Protocollo d'Intesa, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 5 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=6002

⁸⁶² Bilancio 2024, Schillaci: "Importante impegno per la salute, più risorse per valorizzare operatori sanitari e migliorare i servizi," Ministero della Salute (Rome) 29 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=6005

⁸⁶³ What we know about the Italian development plan for Africa, Reuters (Rome) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/what-we-know-about-italian-development-plan-africa-2024-01-29/>

⁸⁶⁴ Vertice Italia-Africa, l'introduzione del Presidente Meloni nella conferenza stampa finale, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Rome) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-italia-africa-lintroduzione-del-presidente-meloni-nella-conferenza-stampa-finale>

⁸⁶⁵ Riunito il Tavolo sull'approvvigionamento farmaci: annunciato lo sblocco di un lotto Creon, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=6014

On 16 February 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that citizens will be able to apply for benefits to cover the costs of psychotherapy sessions from 18 March to 31 May.⁸⁶⁶ This initiative is designed to help lower-income Italian citizens access mental health services at an affordable cost.

On 28 February 2024, Minister Schillaci along with other G7 Health Ministers discussed preventative strategies and health emergency responses.⁸⁶⁷ Health Ministers also discussed ways to leverage technological innovations to prevent chronic and non-communicable diseases. The goal of the meeting was to strengthen collaboration and reduce the risk of public health crises in the future.

On 22 March 2024, the National Health Service (NHS) approved criteria to ensure high quality and safety in therapeutic communities for individuals with pathological addictions at its State-Regions Conference.⁸⁶⁸ These criteria aim to standardize practices across regions and enhance recovery and societal integration through the use of therapeutic communities which are funded by the NHS.

On 25 March 2024, Minister Schillaci met with a delegation from Montenegro to discuss enhancing healthcare collaboration between the two countries.⁸⁶⁹ Italy pledged to support Montenegro by developing digital services in healthcare and improving the organ transplantation program as well as other medical institutions.

On 5 April 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the list of 334 biomedical research projects that would receive funding from the National Recovery and Resistance Plan.⁸⁷⁰ This funding consists of over EUR312 million and will go towards research on rare diseases, rare tumors and chronic non-communicable diseases with a high social impact.

On 14 April 2024, the Ministry of Health launched a joint initiative with the National Transplant Centre to spread awareness about the organ and tissue donation process.⁸⁷¹ This initiative will provide verified and accurate information on the subject to citizens, to help them make informed choices when offered the option of consenting to organ and tissue donation during the renewal process of identification documents. The initiative hopes to increase the amount of organ and tissue donations in the country.

On 17 April 2024, G7 foreign ministers met in Italy and commenced the publication of a communiqué that summarized the priorities for Italy's G7 presidency.⁸⁷² In the communiqué, G7 ministers expressed

⁸⁶⁶ "Bonus psicologo 2023": dal 18 marzo online la piattaforma INPS per richiedere la nuova misura di sostegno, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 16 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministro&id=6483

⁸⁶⁷ G7, Schillaci apre la prima riunione dei Ministri della Salute: "Condivise priorità e piano di lavoro", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministro&id=6495

⁸⁶⁸ Dipendenze patologiche, Intesa Stato-Regioni su criteri di sicurezza e qualità delle comunità terapeutiche, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 22 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=6024

⁸⁶⁹ Incontro bilaterale tra il Ministro Schillaci e il Vice Primo Ministro del Montenegro Pavićević, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=6026

⁸⁷⁰ PNRR, approvate le graduatorie per il finanziamento di 334 progetti di ricerca biomedica per oltre 312 milioni di euro, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 5 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministro&id=6536

⁸⁷¹ Giornata nazionale per la donazione, il Ministro Schillaci: "La donazione è una scelta di vita", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministro&id=6544

⁸⁷² Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

their support for improving Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response and global health through providing sustainable financing to less developed countries.

On 18 April 2024, the State-Regions Conference approved a pharmacovigilance program proposed by the Ministry of Health.⁸⁷³ The program will allocate EUR58.5 million in Pharmacovigilance Funds to improve public knowledge about medicines throughout the country. This will facilitate citizens' access to effective and appropriate medical countermeasures.

On 4 June 2024, the Council of Ministers approved a legislative decree aimed at eliminating waiting lists for services provided by the NHS.⁸⁷⁴ This law will establish a system to ensure that citizens receive services within appropriate waiting periods and will remove the spending limit on hiring NHS personnel.

On 14 June 2024, the Ministry of Health collaborated with the National Blood Center and major blood donation organizations to launch the second annual "Donate life, donate blood" campaign.⁸⁷⁵ This initiative aims to promote blood donation, particularly among young people. The goal is to ensure plasma transfusions and therapies remain accessible to patients throughout Italy.

On 20 June 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani announced the provision of USD150 million to support vaccine production and access in Africa.⁸⁷⁶ The funding will be provided to the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator which aims to facilitate enhanced vaccine production on the continent.

On 24 July 2024, the Government of Italy passed into law the decree aimed at eliminating waiting lists for health services.⁸⁷⁷ Minister Schillaci announced that citizens' access to medical care will be facilitated by the implementation of a new monitoring system, the abolishment of the spending limit on hiring NHS personnel and incentives for healthcare workers tax relief. The government will also provide southern regions with medical technology and staff training to improve healthcare access.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Italy has addressed access to effective medications, diagnostics and other treatments nationally through the healthcare cooperation agreement with Lombardy and funding via the 2024 budget law. Italy has committed to facilitate the equitable access of medical countermeasures in Ivory Coast, which is a LMIC, has pledged support for Montenegro which is a LDC and has announced funding for the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator which will support LMICs and LDCs.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

⁸⁷³ Italy: The Agreement for the implementation of an active pharmacovigilance program has been approved, Global Compliance News (Chicago) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. https://www.globalcompliancenes.com/2024/05/20/https-insightplus-bakermckenzie-com-bm-healthcare-life-sciences-italy-the-agreement-for-the-implementation-of-an-active-pharmacovigilance-program-has-been-approved_05082024/

⁸⁷⁴ Liste di attesa, la conferenza stampa del Ministro Schillaci, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 4 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6577

⁸⁷⁵ Al via l'edizione 2024 della campagna Dona vita, dona sangue, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 11 June 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 June 2024.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6581

⁸⁷⁶ Tajani a Forum mondiale vaccini, da Italia 150 milioni per Africa, ANSA (Rome) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/mondo/africa/2024/06/20/tajani-a-forum-mondiale-vaccinida-italia-150-milioni-per-africa_c30212ce-7042-4c9b-995a-bedd22b2c934.html

⁸⁷⁷ Il decreto sulle liste di attesa è Legge. Schillaci: "Diamo risposte concrete ai cittadini," Ministero della Salute (Rome) 24 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 August 2024.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6622

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 15 December 2023, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Deputy Resident Representative in Ghana Sukhrob Khoshmukhamedov made a statement emphasizing Japan's crucial role in expanding "access to new health technologies" in Ghana.⁸⁷⁸ This was after the visit of Japanese Ambassador Takeshi Akahori to a mobile laboratory at the Kotoka International Airport, one of several healthcare initiatives implemented with Japan's support and funding in Ghana. Japan's partnership with the UNDP has helped to promote pandemic preparedness and affordable access to medical services in the region.

On 20 December 2023, the Central Social Insurance Medical Council finalized the outlines to reforms of the national drug pricing system. It was announced that the reforms will take effect in 2024, with the goal of incentivizing "the early introduction of new drugs to Japan" and making drug prices more affordable.⁸⁷⁹

On 6 January 2024, the Government of Japan approved the provision of USD10 million to support infectious disease response and preparedness in Ukraine and neighbouring states, including Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Moldova.⁸⁸⁰ The funds were issued to provide essential medical resources including medical devices and medication to displaced people in these countries, with distribution managed by the World Health Organization (WHO). This promoted healthcare access for vulnerable displaced people in the region.

On 17 January 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed an agreement with the WHO to provide JPY1 billion to strengthen infectious disease preparedness and response in Afghanistan.⁸⁸¹ The funds were issued to provide essential medical resources including diagnostic equipment, medical instruments and medicines to Afghan hospitals along with technical support.

On 20 February 2024, JICA signed agreements to provide JPY232 billion in official development assistance (ODA) loans to India.⁸⁸² Of these loans, JPY10 billion was allocated for the establishment of a new Medical College Hospital in northeast India. This helped promote affordable and quality healthcare access in the region.

⁸⁷⁸ Leveraging the Japan-UNDP partnership to achieve universal health coverage, United Nations Development Programme (Accra) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.undp.org/ghana/news/leveraging-japan-undp-partnership-achieve-universal-health-coverage>

⁸⁷⁹ Joint Statement on FY2024 NHI Drug Pricing System Reform Framework and FY2024 Cost-Effectiveness Analysis System Reform Framework, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (Tokyo) 20 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://www.phrma-jp.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/20231220_joint_statement_e.pdf

⁸⁸⁰ ASEF's support for displaced people from Ukraine through WHO (Phase 2) Assistance for COVID-19 response, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 6 January 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000435.html

⁸⁸¹ Signing of Grant Agreement for Afghanistan: Contributing to the strengthening of the infectious-disease response capacity of referral hospitals, in cooperation with the WHO, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240116_31.html

⁸⁸² Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India: Contributing to the deepening of bilateral relations and mutual development between Japan and India by supporting India's achievement of the SDGs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html

On 27 February 2024, the Government of Japan approved the provision of an Emergency Grant Aid totalling USD32 million for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This included USD10 million allocated to the WHO to improve the healthcare situation in Gaza.⁸⁸³ This humanitarian effort demonstrates Japan's commitment to facilitating healthcare access in vulnerable regions.

On 6 March 2024, the Government of Japan signed an agreement with the United Nations Population Fund to provide JPY1.108 billion to Timor-Leste.⁸⁸⁴ This grant will be used to improve the environment for maternal childbirth and perinatal care in Timor-Leste, with a focus on supporting emergency obstetric and newborn care in the country.

On 8 March 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced USD37 million in humanitarian assistance for those in Myanmar and Thailand who are affected by the coup in Myanmar.⁸⁸⁵ In part, funding will support medical services, medicine distribution, food and water sanitation infrastructure.

On 11 March 2024, the Government of Japan signed an agreement with the WHO to provide USD8 million for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.⁸⁸⁶ This grant will be used to support Gazans receiving medical care in Egypt by providing hospital equipment and training medical staff.

On 14 March 2024, JICA signed an ODA loan agreement with the Government of Cambodia for JPY21 million to develop regional hospitals.⁸⁸⁷ The project aims to improve access to medical care, upgrade medical facilities and equipment and improve the health and well-being of residents in rural provinces.

On 2 April 2024, the Government of Japan reinstated its funding of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, providing USD35 million for the humanitarian crisis in Palestine.⁸⁸⁸ Funding will be used to send supplies for women and infants in Gaza as well as to provide medical services for Palestinians in the West Bank, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

On 16 April 2024, the Government of Japan approved the provision of JPY758 million to Bhutan for the construction of the Royal Center for Infectious Diseases.⁸⁸⁹ The project aims to improve Bhutan's preparations and resistance to infectious diseases.

⁸⁸³ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00174.html

⁸⁸⁴ Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aid to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste "the Project for the Improvement of the Facilities for the Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care at the Community Health Centers", Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00191.html

⁸⁸⁵ Additional humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar affected by the coup d'état, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000494.html

⁸⁸⁶ WHO and Japan sign US\$ 8 million agreement to support patients from Gaza Strip in Egypt, World Health Organization (Cairo) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.emro.who.int/media/news/who-and-japan-sign-us-8-million-agreement-to-support-patients-from-gaza-strip-in-egypt.html>

⁸⁸⁷ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Cambodia: Contributing to improved access to advanced medical care for rural residents through the development of regional hospitals, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024.

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240314_10.html

⁸⁸⁸ Disbursement to UNRWA from the FY2023 Supplementary Budget, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00283.html

⁸⁸⁹ Signing and exchange of letters regarding grant aid to the Kingdom of Bhutan "Royal Center for Infectious Diseases Construction Project" (additional donation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/pressit_000001_00613.html

On 19 April 2024, Finance Minister Shun'ichi Suzuki announced that Japan will establish a training centre aimed at improving affordable healthcare in developing countries.⁸⁹⁰ The training centre will utilise Japan's experience and expertise to improve healthcare infrastructure in participating countries.

On 29 April 2024, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare relaxed the approval of requirements for the new drugs that target rare diseases.⁸⁹¹ Starting in May 2024, this initiative aims to expedite and increase the introduction of new beneficial drugs, especially those already approved internationally. The goal is to improve access to effective and quality-assured drugs within Japan.

On 7 May 2024, JICA signed an agreement to grant Kenya with JPY3.1 billion to enhance the research capacity of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) in Nairobi.⁸⁹² The project targets enhancements in KEMRI's infectious disease research and early-response capabilities by providing facilities and equipment to bolster health crisis responsiveness in Kenya and across East Africa.

On 14 May 2024, the Government of Japan signed an agreement with the United Nations Children's Fund to grant Afghanistan JPY1.1 billion in aid.⁸⁹³ The funding aims to enhance infectious disease prevention for children in Afghanistan by facilitating the procurement and distribution of vaccines.

On 29 May 2024, JICA signed an agreement to allocate JPY1.8 billion to improve the medical equipment at the National Cancer Hospital in Hanoi, Vietnam.⁸⁹⁴ The funding aims to strengthen systems for cancer diagnosis and prevention in Vietnam.

On 25 June 2024, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare announced plans to establish a task force that is dedicated to expanding the country's healthcare and nursing sectors.⁸⁹⁵ The task force will examine ways to improve the training of foreign healthcare workers and respond to overseas demand for Japanese health services. This initiative aims to improve access to medical care and training within Japan.

On 3 July 2024, the Government of Japan signed an agreement with Uzbekistan to provide JPY1 billion in medical aid.⁸⁹⁶ The funding will be used to supply four medical containers, carrying equipment such as CT scan and X-ray machines to rural areas of Uzbekistan.

On 9 July 2024, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida instructed ministers of his Cabinet to draft plans for constructing and utilising government-owned hospital ships.⁸⁹⁷ The initiative will be operational by

⁸⁹⁰ 武見大臣会見概要, 厚生労働省 (Tokyo) 19 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 April 2024. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/kaiken/daijin/0000194708_00689.html

⁸⁹¹ Japanese Government to Lower Hurdles for New Drug Applications; Aims to Improve Japan's 'Drug Loss' Problem, The Japan News (Tokyo) 29 April 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp/society/general-news/20240429-183065/>

⁸⁹² Signing of Grant Agreement with Kenya: Contributing to global health by positioning Kenya as a regional hub, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240426_21.html

⁸⁹³ アフガニスタンに対する無償資金協力「小児感染症予防計画（UNICEF連携）」に関する書簡の交換, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press7_000262.html

⁸⁹⁴ Signing of Grant Agreement with Viet Nam: Contributing to the strengthening of core functions at the country's largest cancer hospital through improving medical equipment, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240523_11.html

⁸⁹⁵ Japan to set up task force to further develop healthcare, nursing industries, NHK (Tokyo) 25 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20240625_09/

⁸⁹⁶ ウズベキスタン共和国に対する医療コンテナ4台の供与（無償資金協力「経済社会開発計画」）に関する書簡の署名・交換, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), 3 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 August 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/pressit_000001_00844.html

⁸⁹⁷ Kishida aims for hospital ship operations from fiscal year 2025, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/07/09/japan/science-health/kishida-hospital-ship-plan/>

2025. This project aims to use ships as medical headquarters during natural disasters or epidemics and will facilitate access to healthcare services in times of large-scale disaster.

On 19 July 2024, the Government of Japan signed an agreement to provide JPY3.724 billion to Senegal for the enhancement of medical facilities at the Thiès Regional Hospital.⁸⁹⁸ This project aims to improve Senegal's diagnosis and treatment systems for non-communicable diseases which are a leading cause of death in the country.

On 24 September 2024, JICA signed a loan agreement with Morocco to contribute towards Universal Health Coverage in Morocco.⁸⁹⁹ JICA will provide JPY27.76 million to Morocco at a 1.5 per cent interest rate to be repaid within 30 years. This will enable the expansion of maternal and child health services and a health insurance system in the country.

On 24 September 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Honduras Eduardo Enrique Reina García and Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Mariano Grossi signed a letter of intent for cooperation in radiotherapy.⁹⁰⁰ This trilateral agreement will support Honduras in expanding radiotherapy including through the installation of radiotherapy equipment and staff training.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Japan has done so by facilitating access to affordable and quality-assured medications, vaccines, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures in LMICs and LDCs including Palestine, Bhutan and Cambodia.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lillian Toe

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 3 December 2023, Vice-Minister of Health and Welfare Park Minsoo signed a Memorandum of Consideration to respond to the public health crisis alongside Japan and China.⁹⁰¹ This will strengthen cooperation regarding national and Asia-Pacific region healthcare particularly for public health crises like pandemics and other infectious diseases.

⁸⁹⁸ セネガル共和国に対する無償資金協力4件に関する書簡の交換, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo), 22 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 August 2024.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/pressit_000001_00911.html

⁸⁹⁹ モロッコ向け円借款貸付契約の調印：財政支援によりモロッコのユニバーサル・ヘルス・カバレッジ達成に貢, 独立行政法人 国際協力機構 (Tokyo) 24 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/information/press/2024/20240924_41.html

⁹⁰⁰ Signing of a Letter of Intent on Cooperation in Medicine (Radiotherapy) with the Republic of Honduras and the International Atomic Energy Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 25 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00604.html

⁹⁰¹ Korea, Japan and China Pledge to Cooperate Closely on Healthcare, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 3 December 2023. Access Date: 31 March 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1479249&tag=&nPage=1

On 18 December 2023, South Korea Bioscience began distribution of Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine, targeting the XBB.1.5 variant.⁹⁰² This will provide the Korean population with more choices for vaccinations against COVID-19.

On 21 December 2023, the National Assembly confirmed KRW122,377 billion for the Ministry of Health and Welfare's 2024 budget.⁹⁰³ The funding will be used to increase hospital bed availability for emergency patients, incorporate technology and state-of-the art medical equipment, establish a blood services centre and modernize medical facilities to strengthen existing infrastructure.

On 30 January 2024, Minister of Health and Welfare Cho Kyoo Hong attended the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Health Ministerial Meeting to discuss implementing policies for more resilient health systems.⁹⁰⁴ The ministers discussed actions to take in the event of future shocks to the healthcare system, improving digital health services and healthcare personnel and ways to bridge gaps in medical personnel and equipment shortages in different regions.

On 2 February 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced a healthcare policy reform package to strengthen essential healthcare programs and build the resilience of local communities.⁹⁰⁵ The initiative aims to increase healthcare professionals by improving training and licensing, strengthen community healthcare networks by supporting local innovation and fostering public-private partnerships, implement safety nets to prevent medical malpractice and improve compensation and coverage for compensation services.

On 4 February 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced the Second Comprehensive National Health Insurance Plan which outlines changes to ensure that individuals have access to healthcare services and medications in accordance with the financial limitations of Korea.⁹⁰⁶ In part, the plan includes provisions to increase the affordability of healthcare for vulnerable groups by alleviating financial constraints, especially for life-threatening illnesses like cancer.

On 14 March 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare hosted the Medical Korea 2024 conference.⁹⁰⁷ Global healthcare experts discussed issues plaguing the healthcare industry and ways forward by building intergovernmental networks. A series of seminars introduced healthcare projects promoting medical training in the Middle East and strategies for expanding Korean healthcare projects overseas.

On 26 March 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the delegations from Turkmenistan, Paraguay and Mongolia agreed to expand cooperation in the healthcare sector during a bilateral

⁹⁰² Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine to help provide wider array of choices, The Korea Times (Seoul) 25 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2023/12/113_365687.html

⁹⁰³ KRW 122,377.9 Billion Confirmed for MOHW's 2024 Budget, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 4 January 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1479649&tag=&nPage=2

⁹⁰⁴ OECD Health Ministers Put Their Heads Together for More Resilient Healthcare Systems, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1480090&tag=&nPage=2

⁹⁰⁵ A Policy Package to Bring Essential Healthcare Back from the Brink of Collapse, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1480151&tag=&nPage=2

⁹⁰⁶ Innovating NHI to ensure access to essential healthcare and consolidate our support for reform, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong) 28 February 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1480475&tag=&nPage=2

⁹⁰⁷ Medical Korea 2024, Digital Healthcare Technologies for a New Horizon beyond Barriers, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1480652&tag=&nPage=2

meeting.⁹⁰⁸ The parties agreed to cooperate in the areas of infectious disease prevention, the medical device industry and universal healthcare coverage.

On 9 June 2024, the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of Seoul signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nigerian National Agency for Food and Drug Administration Control.⁹⁰⁹ This increases cooperation surrounding medical products and pharmaceuticals including vaccines, medical devices and in vitro diagnostics while reducing drug abuse and related issues in Nigeria.

On 19 June 2024, the Ministry of Science and ICT finalized and launched the “XaaS Frontier Project”.⁹¹⁰ This project refers to digital services provided, including technologies and processes to contribute to growth and expansion in robotics and medicine, climate and the environment, society and governance, transportation and logistics, facility and safety and customer services. In the medical sectors, this will create a service robot operational model ultimately easing the burden on the Korean medical system.

On 22 July 2024, the Korean Science Ministry announced four joint science research projects in partnership with top globally recognized research institutions.⁹¹¹ These projects focus on rare isotopes, hydrogen technologies, driving technologies and vaccine and treatment developments. The initiatives aim to advance the development and access to top therapeutics for Koreans while strengthening international partnerships.

On 13 September 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced that 14 regional emergency medical centers will focus on treating critically ill patients.⁹¹² This aims to increase Korea’s capacity to treat critically ill patients and reduce the burden on other emergency medical centers.

On 26 September 2024, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced that the 19th Health Insurance Policy Deliberation Committee has decided to increase support for continuous blood glucose monitoring for pregnant diabetic patients and to reduce costs for infertility treatment.⁹¹³

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Korea has engaged in international agreements, provided access to Covid-19 vaccines nationally and planned to increase the affordability of treatments for life-threatening illnesses. However, while Korea has increased cooperation with Nigeria which is an LMIC, it has not facilitated access to medical countermeasures for LDCs or SIDS.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

⁹⁰⁸ The ROK to Expand Healthcare Cooperation with Turkmenistan, Paraguay, and Mongolia, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Sejong) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1480790&tag=&nPage=2

⁹⁰⁹ NAFDAC signs MoU with South Korean to boost pharmaceutical products, Guardian Nigeria (Lagos) 9 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://guardian.ng/nafdac-signs-mou-with-south-korea-to-boost-pharmaceutical-products/>

⁹¹⁰ New project to digitalize all sectors via software development, Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism (Seoul) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Sci-Tech/view?articleId=253618>

⁹¹¹ Science ministry picks 4 joint projects with global research institutes for gov’t support, The Korea Times (Seoul) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/07/113_379529.html

⁹¹² 거점 지역응급의료센터 14개소 지정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483119&tag=&nPage=6

⁹¹³ 건강한 임신, 출산 위해 건강보험 지원 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 26 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483215&tag=&nPage=3

Analyst: Emily Shin

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 12 January 2024, the Ministry of Health reinforced dengue control measures in over 300,000 homes in Acapulco, Guerrero, spatial misting covering 9,500 hectares.⁹¹⁴ The initiative aims to strengthen existing larval control mechanisms, detect the dengue virus in adult mosquitos and bolster the risk communication intervention to ensure people receive medical attention early on.

On 27 January 2024, the Ministry of Health received 2.8 million Abdala vaccines against COVID-19 from the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba to reinforce its National Winter Vaccination Campaign 2023-2024.⁹¹⁵ The initiative aims to facilitate access to safe and effective vaccines for populations at greater risk of contracting COVID-19.

On 9 February 2024, the National Center for the Prevention and Control of HIV and AIDS through the IMSS-Wellbeing and the Health Fund for Wellbeing committed to distributing free antiretroviral treatment for HIV nationwide by 2024.⁹¹⁶ The initiative aims to reduce the risk of exposure to and prevent the infection of HIV.

On 15 February 2024, the Ministry of Health published a guideline which standardizes the assessment and issuance of the Electronic Disability Certificate for persons with disabilities.⁹¹⁷ The procedure, which is voluntary and free, incorporates a biopsychosocial model to determine the level of disability and facilitate the creation of health policies, resource allocation and national disability statistics.

On 22 February 2024, specialists from the National Hepatitis C Elimination Program in Mexico met to discuss actions to control and eliminate Hepatitis C.⁹¹⁸ Representatives reviewed current programs and initiatives for screening and treatment, highlighted existing gaps in the national approach and additional steps required to sustain efforts.

⁹¹⁴ Secretaría de Salud refuerza medidas de control del dengue en Acapulco, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 12 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/015-secretaria-de-salud-refuerza-medidas-de-control-del-dengue-en-acapulco?idiom=es>

⁹¹⁵ Llega a México primer embarque del año con 2.8 millones de vacunas Abdala contra COVID-19, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 27 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/031-llega-a-mexico-primer-embarque-del-ano-con-2-8-millones-de-vacunas-abdala-contra-covid-19?idiom=es>

⁹¹⁶ Censida e instituciones de salud garantizan tratamiento gratuito para VIH a nivel nacional, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/048-censida-e-instituciones-de-salud-garantizan-tratamiento-gratuito-para-vih-a-nivel-nacional?idiom=es>

⁹¹⁷ Secretaría de Salud da a conocer NOM-039-SSA-2023, en materia de certificación de la discapacidad, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 15 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/articulos/secretaria-de-salud-da-a-conocer-nom-039-ssa-2023-en-materia-de-certificacion-de-la-discapacidad?idiom=es>

⁹¹⁸ Tratamiento gratuito y grupos de atención prioritaria, acciones centrales contra hepatitis C, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 22 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/070-tratamiento-gratuito-y-grupos-de-atencion-prioritaria-acciones-centrales-contra-hepatitis-c?idiom=es>

On 28 February 2024, the Administration of Public Charity Assets under the Ministry of Health delivered over 4,300 pieces of equipment to the states of Nayarit, Jalisco and Campeche.⁹¹⁹ The initiative delivered medical equipment to conduct mammography studies, ambulances and cochlear sound impact processors to facilitate day-to-day operations at the hospitals and support vulnerable populations.

On 28 February 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that the “Luis Guillermo Ibarra Ibarra” National Rehabilitation Institute is expanding ophthalmological care in Mexico.⁹²⁰ In particular, cataract services and ophthalmological consultations will now be available to individuals over 60 and vulnerable individuals who may otherwise be unable to access these services due to geographical or socioeconomic barriers. Thus, this initiative increases access to affordable, quality-assured and effective ophthalmological services.

On 11 March 2024, authorities from the Ministry of Health of Mexico City, the National Institute of Cancerology and the National Autonomous University of Mexico participated in the 6th Meeting for Comprehensive Health to promote collective action for the prevention of diseases and the promotion of health.⁹²¹

On 18 March 2024, the Ministry of Health donated 3,600 square centimeters of human skin to burn victims in the Dominican Republic.⁹²² The initiative involved coordinated action between the Tissue Bank of the State of Mexico, the embassy and Ministry of Health of the Dominican Republic.

On 25 March 2024, Mexico has joined the International Medical Device Regulators Forum as an affiliate member.⁹²³ This membership aims to align Mexico’s medical device regulations with global standards, facilitating smoother international trade and enhancing regulatory practices.

On 31 March 2024, the Ministry of Health began a vaccination campaign for children and adolescents to combat measles, polio and rubella.⁹²⁴ The campaign begins on April 1 and ends on May 31, with an estimated nine million vaccines being administered. It aims to reduce vaccine-preventable diseases and another outbreak of measles, polio and rubella.

⁹¹⁹ Personas en condiciones de vulnerabilidad reciben apoyos funcionales de la Beneficencia Pública, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/078-personas-en-condiciones-de-vulnerabilidad-reciben-apoyos-funcionales-de-la-beneficencia-publica?idiom=es>

⁹²⁰ 082. Instituto Nacional de Rehabilitación amplía áreas de atención oftalmológica, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/082-instituto-nacional-de-rehabilitacion-amplia-areas-de-atencion-oftalmologica?idiom=es>

⁹²¹ Instituciones de salud y UNAM fomentan acciones colectivas de prevención y promoción de la salud, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 11 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/104-instituciones-de-salud-y-unam-fomentan-acciones-colectivas-de-prevencion-y-promocion-de-la-salud?idiom=es>

⁹²² 116. México dona piel humana a República Dominicana, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/116-mexico-dona-piel-humana-a-republica-dominicana?idiom=es>

⁹²³ Mexico joins the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Acapulco) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-joins-the-international-medical-device-regulators-forum-imdrf?idiom=enn>

⁹²⁴ Secretaría de Salud inicia campaña de recuperación de cobertura de vacunación con énfasis en poliomieltis, sarampión y rubéola, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 31 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/132-secretaria-de-salud-inicia-campana-de-recuperacion-de-cobertura-de-vacunacion-con-efasis-en-poliomieltis-sarampion-y-rubeola?idiom=es>

On 9 April 2024, health authorities from the Ministry of Health explained how Clínica es Nuestra is to be implemented across IMSS-Bienestar first-level care centers.⁹²⁵ The program will be implemented in 10,668 locations in 23 states. The initiative aims to improve access to medication and medical equipment across the IMSS-Bienestar health centers.

On 9 April 2024, the Ministry of Health issued an epidemiological notice for all three levels of medical units to respond to detected cases of measles.⁹²⁶ The notice aims to prevent an outbreak by strengthening monitoring and prevention strategies.

On 24 April 2024, Mexico's Ministry of Health urged parents and guardians nationwide to vaccinate their children during the 2024 Vaccination Coverage Recovery Campaign ending on May 31.⁹²⁷ The campaign aims to achieve 90 per cent vaccination coverage through administering doses for polio, measles, mumps and rubella and emphasizes catching up on any missed vaccines in the 32 federal entities.

On 30 May 2024, Mexico reaffirmed its commitment to controlling infectious diseases at the 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁹²⁸ The delegation advocated for stricter regulations on the digital marketing of breast milk substitutes to support breastfeeding rates and endorsed the WHO's Global Action Plan for Infection Prevention and Control. Mexico also emphasized the importance of integrated approaches to chronic diseases and called for global strategies to eradicate tuberculosis, focusing on research and access to diagnostics for children and adolescents.

On 5 June 2024, Mexico's Ministry of Health extended its vaccination coverage recovery campaign for children and adolescents until 30 June 2024, with the goal of achieving 90 per cent annual vaccination coverage against diseases like measles and polio.⁹²⁹ This initiative includes health unit services, home visits and traveling modules to ensure widespread access to vaccines. After 30 June, the permanent immunization program will continue across all first-level medical units countrywide.

On 11 June 2024, the Ministry of Health implemented new radiotherapy equipment at the National Institute of Cancerology (INCan).⁹³⁰ This equipment aims to treat up to 1,800 patients per month reducing waiting times for treatment to no more than four weeks.

⁹²⁵ La Clínica es Nuestra brinda servicios de detección y prevención en el primer nivel de atención, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/141-la-clinica-es-nuestra-brinda-servicios-de-deteccion-y-prevencion-en-el-primer-nivel-de-atencion?idiom=es>

⁹²⁶ Emite Secretaría de Salud nuevo aviso epidemiológico por sarampión, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/142-emite-secretaria-de-salud-nuevo-aviso-epidemiologico-por-sarampion?idiom=es>

⁹²⁷ Sector Salud hace un llamado a madres, padres y personas cuidadoras a llevar a infantes a vacunar, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/articulos/sector-salud-hace-un-llamado-a-madres-padres-y-personas-cuidadoras-a-llevar-a-infantes-a-vacunar-362850?idiom=es>

⁹²⁸ México reitera compromiso con el control de enfermedades infecciosas en la 77 Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 30 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/208-mexico-reitera-compromiso-con-el-control-de-enfermedades-infecciosas-en-la-77-asamblea-mundial-de-la-salud?idiom=es>

⁹²⁹ Secretaría de Salud amplía al 30 de junio campaña de recuperación de coberturas de vacunación en población infantil y adolescente, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/216-secretaria-de-salud-amplia-al-30-de-junio-campana-de-recuperacion-de-coberturas-de-vacunacion-en-poblacion-infantil-y-adolescente?idiom=es>

⁹³⁰ INCan cuenta con nuevo equipo de radioterapia para atender mil 800 pacientes mensuales, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/225-incan-cuenta-con-nuevo-equipo-de-radioterapia-para-atender-mil-800-pacientes-mensuales?idiom=es>

On 12 June 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the signing of a collaborative agreement between INCan, IMSS and IMSS-Bienestar.⁹³¹ They committed to joint research, training and cancer case registration to enhance cancer care and prevention efforts nationwide. This initiative aims to improve epidemiological surveillance and treatment outcomes for cancer patients across Mexico.

On 17 June 2024, the Ministry of Health delivered ambulances and medical supplies in Chiapas through the Public Charity Asset Administration.⁹³² They provided 48 ground ambulances and various medical supplies including hearing aids, walkers and wheelchairs with an investment of MXN102 million. This initiative aims to benefit health centers and hospitals in 32 municipalities enhancing medical services for the most vulnerable populations.

On 19 June 2024, the National Rehabilitation Institute of Mexico and the District Institute of Science, Biotechnology and Innovation in Health of Colombia signed an agreement to collaborate on tissue and cell donation and transplantation.⁹³³ They will develop clinical research activities, train healthcare personnel and enhance scientific knowledge in these fields. This partnership aims to improve treatment options and increase the availability and quality of tissues and organs for free transplants.

On 20 June 2024, the Ministry of Health announced a training program for nursing professionals in the comprehensive control of diabetes mellitus.⁹³⁴ The course aims to enhance the skills of nurses in health promotion, prevention, early diagnosis, treatment adherence and palliative care for diabetes patients.

On 26 June 2024, the National Commission on Mental Health and Addictions presented a new fieldwork guide on addressing substance use and abuse among sexually diverse individuals.⁹³⁵ The initiative aims to inform and guide individuals working with vulnerable populations, promoting dignified medical treatment for all.

On 4 July 2024, the National Institute of Pediatrics launched new positron emission tomography and computed axial tomography equipment.⁹³⁶ The equipment, donated by the Gonzalo Río Arronte IAP Foundation, enhances diagnostic precision and reduces radiation exposure. This technology will

⁹³¹ INCan, IMSS e IMSS-Bienestar celebran convenio para atención oportuna y Registro Nacional de Cáncer, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 12 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/228-incan-imss-e-imss-bienestar-celebran-convenio-para-atencion-oportuna-y-registro-nacional-de-cancer?idiom=es>

⁹³² A través de Beneficencia Pública, Secretaría de Salud entrega ambulancias e insumos médicos en Chiapas, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 17 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/238-a-traves-de-beneficencia-publica-secretaria-de-salud-entrega-ambulancias-e-insumos-medicos-en-chiapas?idiom=es>

⁹³³ INR de México e IDCbis de Colombia inician colaboración en donación, trasplante y banco de tejidos y células, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/242-inr-de-mexico-e-idcbis-de-colombia-inician-colaboracion-en-donacion-trasplante-y-banco-de-tejidos-y-celulas>

⁹³⁴ Secretaría de Salud capacita a profesionales de enfermería en control integral de diabetes mellitus, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translation. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/243-secretaria-de-salud-capacita-a-profesionales-de-enfermeria-en-control-integral-de-diabetes-mellitus>

⁹³⁵ Nueva guía para trabajo en campo sobre abordaje de consumo de sustancias en personas de la diversidad sexual, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/248-nueva-guia-para-trabajo-en-campo-sobre-abordaje-de-consumo-de-sustancias-en-personas-de-la-diversidad-sexual?idiom=es>

⁹³⁶ Instituto Nacional de Pediatría pone en marcha equipo de vanguardia para diagnóstico y tratamiento de diversas enfermedades, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 4 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/262-instituto-nacional-de-pediatria-pone-en-marcha-equipo-de-vanguardia-para-diagnostico-y-tratamiento-de-diversas-enfermedades?idiom=es>

facilitate up to 1,700 studies annually, improving the speed and safety of diagnoses for various conditions.

On 5 July 2024, the Public Welfare Asset Administration (APBP) delivered 25 ambulances and 1,132 aids to Baja California Sur.⁹³⁷ The ambulances, including 16 basic and nine advanced units, along with hearing aids and mobility equipment, represent an investment of over MXN51 million. This support aims to enhance emergency care and improve the quality of life for 697 beneficiaries.

On 8 July 2024, APBP delivered 22 ambulances to the Hidalgo government.⁹³⁸ The fleet includes 19 for basic emergencies and three for intensive care, with one designated for mental health and addiction cases. They have also provided hearing aids and mobility devices worth MXN3.4 million to over 1,500 individuals.

On 16 July 2024, APBP delivered 1,552 functional aids to over 1,000 people with disabilities in Puebla.⁹³⁹ This includes glasses, wheelchairs, bathroom chairs and mobility aids, with a total investment of MXN4.5 million.

On 17 July 2024, APBP delivered 31 ambulances and 1,163 functional supports to Quintana Roo. The ambulances, valued at over MXN76 million, enhance the Medical Emergency Regulatory Center for better emergency response.⁹⁴⁰ The functional supports, including hearing aids and wheelchairs, will benefit 753 people with disabilities.

On 25 July 2024, the National Commission for Mental Health and Addictions inaugurated Mexico's Early Warning System for monitoring new psychoactive substances.⁹⁴¹ This system enables rapid identification of threats such as fentanyl and enhances public health response.

On 31 July 2024, the Ministry of Health assured the supply of the hexavalent vaccine which protects against diseases including polio, in response to the risk of reintroduction from other countries.⁹⁴² The ongoing campaign targets achieving 90 per cent annual vaccination coverage to prevent the resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

⁹³⁷ En BCS, Beneficencia Pública entrega 25 ambulancias, apoyos auditivos y de movilidad, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/264-en-bcs-beneficencia-publica-entrega-25-ambulancias-apoyos-auditivos-y-de-movilidad?idiom=es>

⁹³⁸ Beneficencia Pública federal entrega 22 ambulancias al gobierno de Hidalgo por 43.2 mdp Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 8 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/268-beneficencia-publica-federal-entrega-22-ambulancias-al-gobierno-de-hidalgo-por-43-2-mdp?idiom=es>

⁹³⁹ En Puebla, más de mil personas con discapacidad reciben apoyos gratuitos de Beneficencia Pública federal Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 16 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/275-en-puebla-mas-de-mil-personas-con-discapacidad-reciben-apoyos-gratuitos-de-beneficencia-publica-federal?idiom=es>

⁹⁴⁰ En Quintana Roo, Beneficencia Pública federal entrega 31 ambulancias y mil 163 apoyos funcionales, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 17 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/278-en-quintana-roo-beneficencia-publica-federal-entrega-31-ambulancias-y-mil-163-apoyos-funcionales?idiom=es>

⁹⁴¹ México cuenta con Sistema de Alerta Temprana para la vigilancia de nuevas drogas, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 25 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/285-mexico-cuenta-con-sistema-de-alerta-temprana-para-la-vigilancia-de-nuevas-drogas?idiom=es>

⁹⁴² Garantizado, suministro de vacuna hexavalente que protege contra enfermedades como poliomielitis: Secretaría de Salud, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 31 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/292-garantizado-suministro-de-vacuna-hexavalente-que-protege-contra-enfermedades-como-poliomielitis-secretaria-de-salud?idiom=es>

On 1 August 2024, APBP delivered 35 ambulances to the government of Veracruz, including units for transfer, basic emergencies and intensive care.⁹⁴³ The initiative, involving an investment MXN70.4 million, aims to strengthen pre-hospital medical care across the state. Additionally, the delivery of CT and MRI equipment to regional hospitals is underway, further enhancing medical infrastructure.

On 3 August 2024, INCan launched the Robotic Surgery Program to enhance precision and reduce recovery times, offering free surgeries to patients without social security coverage.⁹⁴⁴ The initiative seeks to advance cancer treatment and surgical training, set to perform 150 surgeries by end of the year using this cutting-edge technology.

On 16 September 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that the National HPV Vaccination Program aims to distribute 1,132,634 doses between September 2 and December 18.⁹⁴⁵ This initiative aims to protect the population against cervical cancer.

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. This is demonstrated through domestic measures to enhance access to safe, effective, quality-assured COVID-19 vaccines, free antiretroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS and delivery of medical equipment used for diagnostics. While Mexico has agreed to cooperate with Colombia, which is an LMIC, on tissue and cell donation and transplantation, it has not engaged with LDCs and SIDS to facilitate access to medical countermeasures.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alice Quan

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 13 December 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Tatyana Golikova reaffirmed shared goals on healthcare, disease prevention and the development of medical technology at a meeting of the Russian-Chinese Commission on Humanitarian Cooperation.⁹⁴⁶ Topics that were highlighted included cooperation in the prevention of illness, the exchange of knowledge in medical treatments, the training of medical staff and initiatives on the usage of nuclear treatments for cancer.

⁹⁴³ Beneficencia Pública entrega 35 ambulancias al gobierno de Veracruz, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 1 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/294-beneficencia-publica-entrega-35-ambulancias-al-gobierno-de-veracruz>

⁹⁴⁴ INCan inicia Programa de Cirugía Robótica que mejora la precisión y la recuperación de pacientes, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 3 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/297-incan-inicia-programa-de-cirugia-robotica-que-mejora-la-precision-y-la-recuperacion-de-pacientes>

⁹⁴⁵ 381. Vacunación contra VPH previene cáncer cervicouterino: Secretaría de Salud, Secretaría de Salud (Acapulco) 16 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/381-vacunacion-contr-vph-previene-cancer-cervicouterino-secretaria-de-salud?idiom=es>

⁹⁴⁶ Tatyana Golikova chairs 24th meeting of the Russian-Chinese Commission on Humanitarian Cooperation, The Russian Government (Moscow) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50402/>

On 13 December 2024, Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov and the Nicaraguan special Presidential Representative Laureno Facundo Ortega Murillo discussed the prospects of trade and industrial cooperation with emphasis on joint initiatives in medical technology and pharmaceuticals.⁹⁴⁷

On 15 December 2024, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin affirmed interest in the modernization of and accessibility of healthcare and the prevention of vaccine shortages.⁹⁴⁸

On 22 December 2023, Minister of Health Mikhail Murashko marked health restoration and rehabilitation as an area of cooperation between Russia and Armenia at the eighth Russian-Armenian forum on Healthcare.⁹⁴⁹

On 25 January 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin discussed the additional grant of RUB2 billion for the construction of a hospital in Kamchatka.⁹⁵⁰ Mishustin discussed that the additional allocation of funds would be spent on diagnostic and treatment infrastructure within the hospital and hoped for the project to offer all essential services for patients.

On 31 January 2024, Minister Murashko signed a Memorandum of Cooperation which proposed increased collaboration between the Russian and Serbian ministries of health within issues of healthcare organization, infectious diseases and specialized healthcare.⁹⁵¹

On 3 February 2024, President Vladimir Putin and Health Minister Mikhail Murashko inaugurated new oncology centres in Tomsk, Ufa and Yakutsk.⁹⁵² These centres contain advanced medical equipment to support access to diagnostics and treatment for oncological diseases.

On 20 February 2024, at a media conference with Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yvan Gil, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov stated that talks between Russia and Venezuela included movements for the advancement of cooperation in medicine and pharmaceutical development.⁹⁵³

On 6 March 2024, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov stated that talks with Nigerian Foreign Minister Yusuf Tuggar highlighted an integration of Intergovernmental Commission for Trade, Economic,

⁹⁴⁷ Russia and Nicaragua to develop trade ties and industrial cooperation, The Russian Government (Moscow) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50405/>

⁹⁴⁸ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50415/>

⁹⁴⁹ Гуманитарное сотрудничество между Россией и Арменией продолжает развиваться, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 22 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2023/12/22/20662-gumanitarnoe-sotrudnichestvo-mezhdu-rossiey-i-armeniy-prodolzhaet-razvivatsya>

⁹⁵⁰ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50700/>

⁹⁵¹ Глава Минздрава РФ Михаил Мурашко завершил рабочую поездку в Сербию, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 31 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/01/31/20811-glava-minzdrava-rf-mihail-murashko-zavershil-rabochuyu-poezdku-v-serbiyu>

⁹⁵² Владимир Путин и Михаил Мурашко открыли новые онкологические центры в регионах России, Министерства здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 3 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/02/03/20839-vladimir-putin-i-mihail-murashko-otkryli-novye-onkologicheskie-tsentry-v-regionah-rossii>

⁹⁵³ Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's remarks and answers to media questions at a joint news conference following talks with Foreign Minister of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Yvan Gil, Caracas, February 20, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1933495/

Scientific and Technological Cooperation with a shared focus on the strengthening of healthcare development.⁹⁵⁴

On 18 March 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin stated that the Russian government will provide RUB4.5 billion to obtain medications and continuing research for hepatitis C.⁹⁵⁵ In addition, the government allocated RUB400 million to expand bone marrow transplantation for blood cancers.

On 26 March 2024, Minister Lavrov stated that talks with Namibian Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Peya Mushelenga noted the potential of the public health sector for cooperation.⁹⁵⁶

On 26 March 2024, Minister Murashko met with Zimbabwe's Minister of Health and Child Protection Douglas Mombeshora to discuss cooperation on the topics of medical education, medical products and emergency medical care which would allow for the increased access to healthcare.⁹⁵⁷

On 28 March 2024, Minister Murashko participated in the 10th meeting of the Intergovernmental Russian-Namibian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation where discussions were held concerning the potential for international cooperation in healthcare for medicines and medical devices.⁹⁵⁸

On 5 April 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin announced the allocation of RUB1.5 billion for the procurement of medical equipment for patient rehabilitation.⁹⁵⁹ This includes increasing the efficiency of drug accessibility for patients, improving primary healthcare systems and renovating medical institutions such as hospital and clinics.

On 10 April 2024, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Evgeny Zagaynov and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia Heng Sarith co-chaired the 22nd Meeting of the ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee discussing further collaborative efforts in combating infectious diseases.⁹⁶⁰

On 11 April 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin announced that the government of Russia has adopted a plan to execute the Pharmaceutical Industry Strategy which aims to increase the production of

⁹⁵⁴ Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's remarks and answers to media questions at a joint press conference following talks with Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Yusuf Tuggar, Moscow, March 6, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024.

https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1937162/

⁹⁵⁵ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51125/>

⁹⁵⁶ Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's statement and answers to media questions at a joint news conference following talks with the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia Peya Mushelenga, Moscow, March 26, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1941041/

⁹⁵⁷ Михаил Мурашко встретился с Министром здравоохранения и защиты детей Республики Зимбабве Дугласом Момбешорой, медобразования и науки, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 26 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/03/26/21067-mihail-murashko-vstretilsya-s-ministrom-zdravoohraneniya-i-zaschity-detey-respubliki-zimbabve-duglasom-mombeshoroy>

⁹⁵⁸ Михаил Мурашко принял участие в 10-м заседании Межправительственной Российско-Намибийской комиссии по торгово-экономическому сотрудничеству, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 28 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/03/28/21088-mihail-murashko-prinyal-uchastie-v-10-m-zasedanii-mezhpravitelstvennoy-rossiysko-namibiyskoy-komissii-po-torgovo-ekonomicheskomu-sotrudnichestvu>

⁹⁵⁹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51260/>

⁹⁶⁰ On the 22nd ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/rso/1943501/

medicine through government incentives and the development of an environment suitable for exports.⁹⁶¹

On 24 May 2024, Deputy Minister of Health Oleg Salagai met with Ambassador of Chad Mahamoud Adam Bechir where both parties confirmed a desire to further strengthen healthcare cooperation to train medical personnel and draft a list of necessary medical products.⁹⁶²

On 4 June 2024, Minister Lavrov announced that healthcare cooperation between Russia and the Republic of the Congo was progressing positively.⁹⁶³ He highlighted that a joint Russian-Congolese laboratory for the detection and prevention of infectious diseases would be established in Congo.

On 10 June 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin announced an allocation of RUB2 billion to increase domestic access to medical therapeutics through the provision of free medicines, products and nutrition to select groups.⁹⁶⁴

On 21 June 2024, Minister Murashko met with Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Mohammad Ahmad al-Jaber to discuss cooperation on the prevention and treatment of cancer and a potential capacity to treat foreign patients.⁹⁶⁵ This discussion marks an effort to increase access to effective diagnostics and therapeutics.

On 21 June 2024, Minister Murashko and North Korean Minister of Health Chung Moo Rim signed an agreement to cooperate in various fields including healthcare and medical education.⁹⁶⁶ The agreement describes the intent to perform joint research, participate in medical congresses, implement measures for sanitation and disease prevention, train physicians and regulate medicine and medical devices. This agreement demonstrates a move towards the facilitation of more effective medical countermeasures.

On 10 July 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk highlighted the significant level of healthcare cooperation between Russia and Kyrgyzstan and expressed interest in further enhancing their partnership through future agreements.⁹⁶⁷

⁹⁶¹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024.

<http://government.ru/en/news/51314/>

⁹⁶² Минздраве России состоялась встреча с чрезвычайным и Полномочным Послом Республики Чад, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 30 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/05/24/21448-v-minzdrave-rossii-sostoyalas-vstrecha-s-chrezvychaynym-i-polnomochnym-poslom-respubliki-chad>

⁹⁶³ Foreign Minister Lavrov's statement and answers to media questions at a joint news conference with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francophonie and Congolese Abroad of the Republic of the Congo Jean-Claude Gakosso following talks, Oyo, Republic of the Congo, June 4, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1954483/

⁹⁶⁴ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 10 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51833/>

⁹⁶⁵ Россия и ОАЭ планируют развивать сотрудничество в борьбе с онкозаболеваниями, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 21 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/06/18/21511-rossiya-i-oae-planiruyut-razvivat-sotrudnichestvo-v-borbe-s-onkozabolevaniyami>

⁹⁶⁶ Россия и Северная Корея будут развивать сотрудничество в сфере здравоохранения, медобразования и науки, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/06/19/21512-rossiya-i-severnaya-koreya-budut-razvivat-sotrudnichestvo-v-sfere-zdravoohraneniya-medobrazovaniya-i-nauki>

⁹⁶⁷ Alexei Overchuk: Russia is oriented toward raising interregional cooperation with Kyrgyz Republic, The Russian Government (Moscow) 10 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52084/>

On 18 July 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin affirmed the priority to increase the availability of quality medical care, including increasing of funding towards medical professionals and the implementation of programs for rural healthcare.⁹⁶⁸

On 23 July 2024, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Aleksandr Pankin stated that Russia should boost healthcare funding for the Global South and East, emphasizing the need to address inequalities in the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting.⁹⁶⁹

On 29 July 2024, Deputy Head of the Department for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia Mikhail Kondratenkov stated that a priority for the Russian government is research into the peaceful use of nuclear energy in medicine, underscoring a commitment to advancing quality medical countermeasures.⁹⁷⁰

On 29 July 2024, Russian Deputy Minister of Health Evgeny Kamkin noted the need to enhance healthcare cooperation between Russia and Iraq during a meeting with Iraqi officials.⁹⁷¹

On 13 September 2024, Minister Murashko and Vietnamese Health Minister Dao Hong Lan met to discuss healthcare cooperation.⁹⁷² The Ministers discussed the possibilities for establishing a tissue bank in Vietnam to treat corneal diseases and for medical education and training.

On 1 October 2024, Minister Murashko announced that the opening of 20 new children's hospitals and buildings and the construction of another nine.⁹⁷³ Additionally, "120 perinatal centers have been modernized" to improve the quality of care.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Domestically, Russia has taken action to facilitate access to quality-assured and effective diagnostics and treatments as well as allocated funds for medications, therapeutics and

⁹⁶⁸ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 18 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/52148/>

⁹⁶⁹ Statement by Aleksandr Pankin, deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, at the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting on "Fighting Inequalities", Rio de Janeiro, July 23, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1963326/

⁹⁷⁰ Statement by the Deputy Head of the Delegation of the Russian Federation at the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 11th Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Deputy Director of the Department for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr. Mikhail Kondratenkov (Cluster III: Peaceful uses of nuclear energy), Geneva, 29 July, 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1964213/

⁹⁷¹ Россия и Ирак укрепляют сотрудничество в сфере здравоохранения, медобразования и науки, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 29 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/07/29/21623-rossiya-i-irak-ukreplyayut-sotrudnichestvo-v-sfere-zdravoohraneniya>

⁹⁷² Россия продолжает развивать сотрудничество с Вьетнамом в сфере здравоохранения, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/09/13/21746-rossiya-prodolzhaet-razvivat-sotrudnichestvo-s-vietnamom-v-sfere-zdravoohraneniya>

⁹⁷³ Михаил Мурашко: Открыто 20 новых детских больниц и корпусов, завершается строительство ещё 9, а модернизация более 120 перинатальных центров и «якорных» акушерских стационаров позволит улучшить качество оказания медицинской помощи, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 1 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/10/01/21792-mihail-murashko-otkryto-20-novyh-detskih-bolnits-i-korpusov-zavershaetsya-stroitelstvo-eschyo-9-a-modernizatsiya-bolee-120-perinatalnyh-tsentrov-i-yakornyh-akusherskih-statsionarov-pozvolit-uluchshit-kachestvo-okazaniya-meditsinskoy-pomoschi>

other medical countermeasures. Internationally, while Russia has reaffirmed its commitment and discussed prospects for collaboration with LMICs, it has not taken any strong actions to facilitate equitable access to medical countermeasures.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ethan Lui

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 20 January 2024, Emir of the Eastern Province Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz and introduced health and development projects in Al-Ahsa Governorate.⁹⁷⁴ Initiatives include “central laboratories and clinics [and] specialized healthcare and oncology centres” to improve access to quality and effective healthcare. This agreement comes as part of the Saudi vision for 2030.

On 20 January 2024, Governor of the Asir Region Turki bin Talal and Minister of Health Fahd bin Abdul Rahman Jalajel witnessed the signing ceremony of the health support agreements funded by Al-Shakreen Endowments.⁹⁷⁵ Projects include specialized centres for oncology and dialysis and a prosthetics-specializing rehabilitation centre aimed at improving the quality of health services to patients in the Asir region and neighboring villages. This agreement is following Saudi Vision 2030 and contributes to the Health Sector Transformation Program goals.

On 15 February 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the launch of a “remote network of EEG services” at Seha Virtual Hospital.⁹⁷⁶ The network will enable individuals with neurological conditions across the Kingdom to access modernized technology for diagnosis and treatment.

On 19 February 2024, the Ministry of Health organized the “Annual Forum of Infection Prevention and Control.”⁹⁷⁷ The forum focused on strengthening Saudi Arabia’s international contribution to protective measures, infection control and healthcare preparedness.

On 27 February 2024, the second two-day Diabetic Foot Conference took place in Riyadh involving 45 panelists to provide insights on the most recent developments in the diagnosis and treatment of diabetic foot. With approximately 1,800 registrations from diverse disciplines of specializations, the conference encourages diabetes research and offers a platform for professionals to exchange ideas.⁹⁷⁸

⁹⁷⁴ Eastern Province Emir Launches Health Projects to Achieve Comprehensive Healthcare, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 20 January 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-01-20-001.aspx>

⁹⁷⁵ Asir Governor and Minister of Health Witness the Signing of Agreements to Support the Health Sector by Al-Shakreen Endowment, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 20 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-01-20-002.aspx>

⁹⁷⁶ MOH Launches Remote EEG Network at Seha Virtual Hospital, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-02-15-001.aspx>

⁹⁷⁷ MOH Organizes the Annual Forum of Infection Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-02-19-001.aspx>

⁹⁷⁸ MOH Discusses Recent Advances in Diabetic Foot with the Participation of Experts and Specialists, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 2 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-02-28-002.aspx>

On 1 March 2024, Minister of Health accompanied by the Tunisian Minister of Health visited the National Center for the Promotion of Organ Transplantation in the Republic of Tunisia.⁹⁷⁹ The purpose of the visit focused on discussing cooperation aspects and gaining primary knowledge of the technologies being utilized to enhance the healthcare sectors in both countries.

On 13 March 2024, Makkah Health Cluster, as a partner of the Saudi Ministry of Health Transformation Strategy, announced its completion of operational plans for all hospitals and affiliated healthcare centers under its jurisdiction for the Ramadan season.⁹⁸⁰ In total, eight hospitals and 43 healthcare centers are sufficiently prepared for the implementation of the plans.

On 20 March 2024, member of the Presidential Leadership Council and governor of Marib Sultan bin Ali Al-Arada launched the Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen.⁹⁸¹ The initiative aims to strengthen Yemen's healthcare system by upgrading diagnostic technology and bolstering critical and emergency care services.

On 4 April 2024, the Saudi Cabinet introduced a series of amendments to Resolution 156, the Healthy Marriages Program” for cases of medical incompatibility when genetic diseases are involved.⁹⁸² The amendments aim to serve in the best interest of the public by preventing the rise of genetic diseases and improving treatment for affected populations.

On 29 April 2024, Minister of Health Fahad Al-Jalajel discussed the need for coordinated and proactive measures to address future public health emergencies at the World Economic Forum Special Meeting.⁹⁸³ Minister Al-Jalajel announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to improve collaboration in disease monitoring diagnostic equipment and enhancing vaccine production to support LMICs.

On 20 May 2024, Vice Minister of Health for Planning and Development Abdulaziz Al-Rumaih presided over the inauguration of the Medical Referral Center.⁹⁸⁴ The national platform is designed to centrally manage medical referrals, treatment requests and patient transfers within and outside of Saudi Arabia. This initiative, aligned with the Ministry of Health's efforts under the Kingdom's Vision 2030, aims to streamline access to healthcare services and improve quality, reducing patient wait-time and enhancing operational transparency.

On 28 May 2024, Minister Al-Jalajel highlighted the urgency of pandemic preparation and international collaboration to address public health challenges at the 77th World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization.⁹⁸⁵

⁹⁷⁹ Minister of Health Visits Tunisia National Center for Promotion of Organ Transplantation, Ministry of Health (Saudi Arabia) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-03-01-001.aspx>

⁹⁸⁰ 8 hospitals and 43 Healthcare Centers in Makkah Gear Up for Ramadan, Ministry of Health (Makkah) 13 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 March 2024

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-03-13-001.aspx>

⁹⁸¹ Saudi program boosts healthcare, education in Yemen, Arab News (Riyadh) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2479811/saudi-arabia>

⁹⁸² MOH: To ensure the Well-being of Future Generations, the Saudi Cabinet Introduces Amendments to the “Healthy Marriage Program, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 4 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-04-04-001.aspx>

⁹⁸³ Health Minister Participates in Panel Discussion on Future of Global Health, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 29 April 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-04-29-001.aspx>

⁹⁸⁴ Vice Minister Witnesses Launch of Medical Referral Center Unified Platform (Riyadh) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 14 June 2024. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-05-21-001.aspx>

⁹⁸⁵ Saudi Minister of Health: The Kingdom Stresses Need to Achieve Global Health and Wellbeing, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024.

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-05-28-001.aspx>

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. Saudi Arabia has taken domestic action towards the commitment through health and development projects in the Asir region and in the Eastern Province alongside a remote EEG network. Internationally, Saudi Arabia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to cooperate on diagnostic equipment and vaccines in LMICs and has launched an initiative to strengthen Yemen's healthcare system.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

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South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 11 December 2023, South Africa hosted the three-day BRICS TB Research Network Innovation Summit, where health scientists from BRICS countries discussed scientific research on tuberculosis (TB) vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, drugs and health systems that strengthen the delivery of the aforementioned medical countermeasures.⁹⁸⁶ Experts committed to strengthening collaborative efforts towards eliminating TB by sharing knowledge and experience and transferring technology among member states to address gaps in TB vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.⁹⁸⁷

On 5 February 2024, the Gauteng Department of Health began its HPV vaccination campaign in all special and primary schools in the region.⁹⁸⁸ The initiative is a continuation of the previous vaccination campaign in fall of 2023 which aims to ensure girls are protected against cervical cancer.

On 12 December 2023, Minister of Health Mj Phaahla reaffirmed South Africa's commitment to the adoption of the National Health Insurance by during his speech at the Policy Dialogue on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in South Africa.⁹⁸⁹ The essence of UHC is universal access to a strong and resilient people-centered health system with primary care as its foundation. This initiative aims to address inequitable access to medical services by establishing affordable or free care.

On 22 February 2024, Minister Phaahla along with South Africa's delegation met with the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to discuss the country's response to the HIV/AIDS

⁹⁸⁶ South Africa to host BRICS TB research Network Innovation Summit, Department of Health (Cape Town) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/South-Africa-to-host-BRICS-TB-Research-Network-Innovative-Summit-09-December-2023.pdf>

⁹⁸⁷ BRICS Health Experts commit to collaborate to end TB, Department of Health (Cape Town) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/BRICS-Health-Experts-commit-to-collaborate-to-end-TB-14-December-2023.pdf>

⁹⁸⁸ Gauteng Health runs HPV vaccination first round campaign in all public primary and special schools, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 18 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/gauteng-health-runs-hpv-vaccination-first-round-campaign-all-public-primary>

⁹⁸⁹ Minister Joe Phaahla: Policy Dialogue On Universal Health Coverage in South Africa, Republic of South Africa (Cape Town) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/minister-joe-phaahla-policy-dialogue-universal-health-coverage-south-africa-12-dec>

epidemic.⁹⁹⁰ Parties committed to identify new initiatives that contribute towards HIV prevention and treatment challenges and resolve barriers impacting the achievement of “95-95-95” targets.

On February 15, 2024, President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa committed to signing the Health Insurance Bill into law.⁹⁹¹ The bill aims to provide nationwide universal health coverage, especially for historically marginalized groups as a part of South Africa’s former two-tier system.

On 23 March 2024, the Ministry of Health held a TB Symposium to discuss the trajectory of technological advancements for the treatment and management of tuberculosis.⁹⁹² The meeting brought together health professionals, pharmaceutical representatives and the government.

On 9 April 2024, Deputy Minister of Health Sibongiseni Dhlomo and Eastern Cape Member of Executive Council for Health Nomakhosazana Meth announced the launch of contraceptive vending machines in South Africa.⁹⁹³ The vending machines will carry oral contraceptives and HIV prevention tools including self-testing kits to increase accessibility to sexual reproductive health and HIV prevention tools.

On 22 May 2024, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Blade Nzimande launched the Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure to develop cutting-edge diagnostics and treatments for cancer, tuberculosis and other major diseases as well as conduct clinical research.⁹⁹⁴

On 19 June 2024, the Department of Health announces plans to consider adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI) for accelerating the diagnosis of tuberculosis and silicosis.⁹⁹⁵ This initiative, following WHO recommendations will be discussed at a conference from 20-22 June 2024. The focus of the conference is on how AI can help address current diagnostic backlogs and improve disease differentiation.

On 20 June 2024, the Department of Health received a batch of Tecovirimat to help treat individuals with Mpox health complications.⁹⁹⁶

⁹⁹⁰ Governments meets PEPFAR, Stakeholders over SA’s HIV response, Department of Health (Cape Town) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Government-meets-PEPFAR-Stakeholder-over-SAs-HIV-response-21-February-2024.pdf>

⁹⁹¹ South Africa’s Ramaphosa will sign health insurance bill into law, Reuters (Cape Town) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/south-africas-ramaphosa-says-he-will-sign-national-health-insurance-bill-2024-02-15>

⁹⁹² Department holds TB Symposium on new technological developments in the management and treatment of TB patients in SA, Department of Health (Cape Town) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Media-Advisory-Department-holds-TB-Symposium-on-new-technological-developments-in-the-management-and-treatment-of-TB-patients-in-SA.docx>

⁹⁹³ Health Department Hands Over Contraceptives Vending Machine, Department of Health (Cape Town) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Health-Department-to-launch-Contraceptives-Vending-Machine-09-April-2024.pdf>

⁹⁹⁴ Minister Blade Nzimande Launches Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 22 May 2024. Date Access: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-blade-nzimande-launches-nuclear-medicine-research-infrastructure>

⁹⁹⁵ Health Department to consider AI to accelerate TB & Silicosis diagnosis in SA, Department of Health (Pretoria) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Media-Advisory-Health-Department-to-consider-AI-to-accelerate-TB-Silicosis-diagnosis-in-SA.pdf>

⁹⁹⁶ Health welcomes the first batch of Mpox treatment as cases increase, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/health-welcomes-first-batch-mpox-treatment-cases-increase-20-jun-2024>

On 20 June 2024, the Director-General of Health Sandile Buthelezi addressed the conference on “Dust and Infection Free Lungs: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for TB and Silicosis.”⁹⁹⁷ He highlighted the role of Computer Aided Detection in revolutionizing tuberculosis and silicosis diagnostics and discussed the potential of portable X-ray units and Computer Aided Detection solutions for enhancing outreach and early detection. The conference aims to address implementation challenges and develop strategies for effective Computer Aided Detection use in diverse medical settings.

On 17 July 2024, Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi presented the 2024-2025 National Health Budget to the National Council of Provinces.⁹⁹⁸ He outlined a budget of ZAR62.2 billion, a 3.5 per cent increase, emphasizing the commitment to advancing National Health Insurance (NHI) and addressing health system inequalities. This initiative aims to implement NHI in phases to ensure equitable access to healthcare.

On 20 July 2024, Deputy Minister Phaahla led the South African delegation to the 25th International AIDS Conference in Munich, Germany.⁹⁹⁹ Organized under the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), the delegation includes health scientists, HIV activists, policymakers, and representatives from civil society organizations. The group discussed HIV vaccine trials and survey results, with contributions from SANAC members and civil society representatives.

South Africa has partially complied its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. South Africa’s commitment to National Health Insurance as part of UHC demonstrates its efforts to facilitate access to the HPV vaccination for girls nationally. Internationally, South Africa has committed to cooperation with BRICS countries, many of whom are LMICs, to ensure improved vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics for TB. However, South Africa has not taken strong action to engage with LMICS, LDCs and SIDS.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

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Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 11 January 2024, the Minister of Health Fahrettin Koca reaffirmed his commitment to continuing to support the collapsed health system in Gaza.¹⁰⁰⁰ He also confirmed that 85 patients had been brought from Gaza to Türkiye as part of the seventh evacuation, to receive medical treatment.

⁹⁹⁷ DUST AND INFECTION FREE LUNGS: HARNESSING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR TB AND SILICOSIS, Department of Health (Pretoria) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/DGs-Speaking-Notes-for-TB-in-the-Mines-Conference-20-22.pdf>

⁹⁹⁸ POLICY DEBATE ON BUDGET VOTE - 18 DR AARON MOTSOALEDI, MINISTER OF HEALTH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (NCOP) 17 JULY 2024, 16H00, Department of Health (Pretoria) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NCOP-Health-Budget-Speech-17-July-2024.pdf>

⁹⁹⁹ Deputy Minister Phaahla leads SA delegation to AIDS Conference in Germany, Department of Health (Pretoria) 20 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Deputy-Minister-Phaahla-leads-SA-delegation-to-AIDS-Conference-in-Germany-.pdf>

¹⁰⁰⁰ Sağlık Sistemi Çöken Gazze İçin Gayretimiz Devam Edecek, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-101721/saglik-sistemi-coken-gazze-icin-gayretimiz-devam-edecek.html>

On 18 January 2024, Minister of Health and Egypt's Minister of Health Khaled Abdel Ghaffar held a meeting to discuss facilitating the shipment of medication and medical devices, orthotics and prosthesis for people in Gaza.¹⁰⁰¹

On 19 January 2024, representatives of the Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency and International Health Services Inc. held a meeting with representatives from the Health Ministry of Kuwait and Investment Fund of Kuwait to discuss international initiatives facilitating medical devices and supplies and medication.¹⁰⁰²

On 5 February 2024, the Ministry of Health led the mobilization of healthcare workers and resources across Türkiye to support the provinces affected by earthquakes.¹⁰⁰³ As a part of the initiative, warehouses in the region were established to supply medical supplies, devices and medications. The Ministry of Health also began an emergency vaccination campaign, providing tetanus, mumps, measles, rubella, rabies, Hepatitis-B and infant/child vaccines.

On 9 February 2024 Minister of Health shared the newly drafted article on improvements in the healthcare field.¹⁰⁰⁴ The article contains regulations on drug and medical device research and developments to licensing and facilitation of drugs.

On 14 March 2024, President Erdoğan pledged to continue developing the infrastructure and public in local government focusing on increasing the number of hospitals and health facilities to bring a hospital to every major city.¹⁰⁰⁵ President Erdoğan also highlighted that healthcare workers are the future of the country with implementing more benefits for medical students to encourage accessible and quality care within the next four years.

On 27 March 2024, the Turkish Embassy in partnership with the Turkish aid agency donated medical and laboratory equipment to South Sudanese medical students.¹⁰⁰⁶ The donation aims to strengthen the medical and education sector, thus enabling students to carry out practical work in the field.

On 18 April 2024, the Minister of Health and the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides participated in the EU-Türkiye High Level Dialogue on Health in Ankara.¹⁰⁰⁷ The meeting discussed common interests and priorities in interregional threats to health, mental health challenges, and cancer prevention and medical treatment.

¹⁰⁰¹ Health Journal of Foreign Affairs and EU, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://disab.saglik.gov.tr/Eklenti/47495/0/129--disabgm-bulten-subat-2024-enpdf.pdf>

¹⁰⁰² Health Journal of Foreign Affairs and EU, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://disab.saglik.gov.tr/Eklenti/47495/0/129--disabgm-bulten-subat-2024-enpdf.pdf>

¹⁰⁰³ Türkiye'nin Sağlık Ordusu Deprem Bölgesi İçin Seferber Oldu, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-102173/turkiyenin-saglik-ordusu-deprem-bolgesi-icin-seferber-oldu.html>

¹⁰⁰⁴ Sağlıkta Yeni Düzenlemeler İçeren Teklif Komisyondan Geçti, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-102277/saglikta-yeni-duzenlemeler-iceren-teklif-komisyondan-gecti.html>

¹⁰⁰⁵ Cumhurbaşkanı Erdoğan, 14 Mart Tıp Bayramı kapsamında Sağlık çalışanlarıyla iftar programında bir araya geldi, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 14 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-102982/cumhurbaskani-erdogan-14-mart-tip-bayrami-kapsaminda-saglik-calisanlariyla-iftar-programinda-bir-araya-geldi.html>

¹⁰⁰⁶ Türkiye donates medical equipment to South Sudanese students, Anadolu Ajansı (Ankara) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/turkiye-donates-medical-equipment-to-south-sudanese-students/3176863>

¹⁰⁰⁷ Commissioner Kyriakides in Türkiye to participate in the EU-Türkiye High Level Dialogue on Health, Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye (Ankara) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/t%C3%BCrkiye/commissioner-kyriakides-t%C3%BCrkiye-participate-eu-t%C3%BCrkiye-high-level-dialogue-health_en?s=230

On 17 May 2024, Minister Koca met with the Nigerian Minister of Health Tunji Alausa to reiterate Türkiye's commitment to collaborate on medical practices and treatments against cancer.¹⁰⁰⁸

On 25 May 2024, Minister Koca announced the publication of a Presidential Decree to build the capacity to produce medicine and medical technologies as a part of Türkiye's integrated health system approach.¹⁰⁰⁹

On 17 July 2024, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) announced that it had supplied medical equipment to the Deynile Hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia.¹⁰¹⁰ The equipment provided includes patient monitors, ventilators, defibrillators and other medical equipment. This initiative aims to improve access to emergency health services in the country.

On 18 July 2024, TİKA announced that it had provided surgical and emergency response equipment, as well as medical drugs to the Mokowe Hospital in Kenya.¹⁰¹¹ This support aims to enhance the hospital's orthopedic care and improve medical services for Kenyan patients.

On 23 July 2024, TİKA announced that it had arranged the dispatch of a volunteer medical team to Burundi as part of an oral and dental health initiative launched in cooperation with the Association of the Friends of Africa.¹⁰¹² The initiative provided 900 free dental treatments in Gitega and Bujumbura.

On 30 July 2024, TİKA announced that it had supported the dispatch of a 41-member medical team from Türkiye to Niger.¹⁰¹³ The initiative provided a total of 2,941 outpatient services in various medical areas such as internal medicine, gynecology and dentistry. This project helped facilitate Nigerians' access to quality health services.

On 30 July 2024, TİKA announced that it had renovated and reopened facilities at the Wassila Bourguiba Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital in Tunisia.¹⁰¹⁴ The project aims to upgrade the hospital's medical equipment and patient care capacity. As the hospital is Tunisia's first and largest maternity hospital, this initiative will facilitate Tunisian women and children's access to healthcare services.

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. It has taken steps to facilitate medical supplies and products domestically and in Gaza, began a vaccination campaign amid natural disasters and improved upon existing

¹⁰⁰⁸ Afrika Ülkeleri Kanserle Mücadele Farkındalığının Artırılması ve Destek Programı, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 17 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024.

¹⁰⁰⁹ Bakan Koca Duyurdu: Sağlık Vadisi Kararı Resmî Gazete'de, T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 25 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-104026/bakan-koca-duyurdu-saglik-vadisi-karari-resmi-gazetede.html>

¹⁰¹⁰ Medical Equipment Support from TİKA to a Hospital in Somalia, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://tika.gov.tr/en/medical-equipment-support-from-tika-to-a-hospital-in-somalia/>

¹⁰¹¹ Surgical Equipment Support from TİKA to a Hospital in Kenya, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 18 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://tika.gov.tr/en/surgical-equipment-support-from-tika-to-a-hospital-in-kenya/>

¹⁰¹² Turkish Doctors Continue to Heal in Africa, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://tika.gov.tr/en/turkish-doctors-continue-to-heal-in-africa/>

¹⁰¹³ Turkish Doctors Provide Medical Aid in Niger, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://tika.gov.tr/en/turkish-doctors-provide-medical-aid-in-niger/>

¹⁰¹⁴ TİKA Renovated the Patient Care Ward of the Gynecology and Obstetrics Hospital in Tunisia, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://tika.gov.tr/en/tika-renovated-the-patient-care-ward-of-the-gynecology-and-obstetrics-hospital-in-tunisia/>

regulations to ensure equitable and safe access to medical countermeasures. Türkiye has also engaged with LDCs through its aid for South Sudan.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lillian Toe

United Kingdom: +1

United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 5 February 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced GBP100 million in funding to support medical care for 3 million vulnerable individuals in Ethiopia.¹⁰¹⁵ Funding will enable access to “family planning support, medicines, and childhood vaccinations.”

On 7 February 2024, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation issued a statement for the spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination programme.¹⁰¹⁶ The initiative targets at-risk populations, outlines vaccine products available based on age-group and includes future considerations for vaccination programmes.

On 14 February 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care announced GBP10 million for eight technological companies to develop and increase access to medical devices for cancer, Alzheimer’s and stroke.¹⁰¹⁷ This includes a device by HistoSonics which aims to destroy liver cancer tumours with ultrasonic waves instead of the traditional, albeit-less safe, radiotherapy.

On 4 March 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced GBP1.5 million in funding for the International Planned Parenthood Federation.¹⁰¹⁸ Funding will enable vulnerable girls and women in Ukraine to access “vital sexual and reproductive healthcare, including mobile clinics and access to safe abortion care.”

On 13 March 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office announced that 150 tonnes of aid from the UK will enter Gaza.¹⁰¹⁹ In addition, a full field hospital was expected to arrive in Gaza

¹⁰¹⁵ UK announces £100 million of new aid for over 3 million vulnerable people in Ethiopia as humanitarian crisis deepens, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 February 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-100-million-of-new-aid-for-over-three-million-vulnerable-people-in-ethiopia-as-humanitarian-crisis-deepens>

¹⁰¹⁶ JCVI statement on COVID-19 vaccination in spring 2024 and considerations on future COVID-19 vaccination, 4 December 2023, Department of Health & Social Care (London) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-spring-2024-and-future-vaccination-programmes-jcvi-advice-4-december-2023/jcvi-statement-on-covid-19-vaccination-in-spring-2024-and-considerations-on-future-covid-19-vaccination-4-december-2023>

¹⁰¹⁷ Funding for game-changing tech which could destroy cancers and predict disease, Department of Health and Social Care and Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-for-game-changing-tech-which-could-destroy-cancers-and-predict-disease>

¹⁰¹⁸ UK supports most vulnerable women and girls in Ukraine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative, and Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon (London) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-supports-most-vulnerable-women-and-girls-in-ukraine>

¹⁰¹⁹ Major humanitarian push as 150 tonnes of UK aid enter Gaza, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-humanitarian-push-as-150-tonnes-of-uk-aid-enters-gaza>

within the week to provide medical care including pharmaceuticals and maternity care to upwards of 100 patients daily.

On 13 March 2024, the UK Health Security Agency announced a collaboration with The Pirbright Institute involving new research to develop vaccines against henipaviruses.¹⁰²⁰ The initiative aims to protect populations from the global health threat and accelerate the development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics to strengthen future epidemic preparedness.

On 18 March 2024, Minister for Development Andrew Mitchell announced at the UK-Africa Health Summit 2024 that the government will increase global health research funding, which informs the facilitation of malaria vaccines to 20 African countries.¹⁰²¹ The initiative aims to immunize over 6 million children in Africa by 2025. This emphasises the United Kingdom's promotion of equitable access to health in its engagement abroad, showcasing its commitment to international cooperation on the subject.

On 21 March 2024, the National Institute for Health and Care Research invested GBP17.9 million to support the Advanced Therapy Treatment Centre.¹⁰²² The investment reaffirms the UK's role as world leader in clinical research and advanced therapies.

On 25 March 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care launched plans to expand water fluoridation scheme to reach 1.6 million more residents in the northeast of England to tackle tooth decay.¹⁰²³ The initiative aims to reduce tooth decay and improve overall dental health and equity.

On 28 March 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care announced plans to improve patient experience by streamlining processes within dental and pharmacy environments.¹⁰²⁴ Under the new plan, dental therapists and hygienists and pharmacy technicians will be given greater power to administer and supply certain medications. The initiative aims to provide more accessible primary care services.

On 4 April 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved combined antibiotic cefepime/enmetazobactam (Exblifep 2 g/0.5 g powder for concentrate for solution for infusion) to treat adults with urinary tract infections and pneumonia.¹⁰²⁵

¹⁰²⁰ New research to develop vaccines against deadly henipaviruses, UK Health Security Agency (London) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-research-to-develop-vaccines-against-deadly-henipaviruses>.

¹⁰²¹ UK-Africa Health Summit 2024: Minister Andrew Mitchell's speech, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-africa-health-summit-2024-minister-andrew-mitchells-speech>

¹⁰²² UK advanced therapies to get £17.9 million boost, European Pharmaceutical Review (Kent) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.europeanpharmaceuticalreview.com/news/221329/uk-advanced-therapies-to-get-17-9-million-boost/>

¹⁰²³ Plans to expand water fluoridation in north east, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-to-expand-water-fluoridation-in-north-east>

¹⁰²⁴ New powers for dental and pharmacy staff to free up appointments, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 28 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-powers-for-dental-and-pharmacy-staff-to-free-up-appointments>

¹⁰²⁵ Combined antibiotic approved to treat adult patients with severe infections of the urinary tract and hospital-acquired pneumonia, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 4 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/combined-antibiotic-approved-to-treat-adult-patients-with-severe-infections-of-the-urinary-tract-and-hospital-acquired-pneumonia>

On 5 April 2024, the government donated GBP2 million worth of medical equipment including oxygen concentrators, suction and volumetric pumps, patient monitors, heated humidifiers and ventilators to Ukraine.¹⁰²⁶

On 9 April 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care approved Fosdenopterin (Nulibry) to treat the genetic disease Molybdenum Cofactor Deficiency Type A in adult patients.¹⁰²⁷

On 11 April 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care announced the opening of 160 more Community diagnostic centre sites across England for patients to receive checks, tests and scans.¹⁰²⁸ The government rollout aims to reduce diagnostic testing backlogs in hospitals, alleviate the burden on the healthcare system and ensure patients receive timely care.

On 3 May 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved new formulations of the pre-exposure prophylaxis medication cabotegravir to prevent HIV-1 infection in adolescents and adults.¹⁰²⁹

On 8 May 2024, the government announced a new five-year countrywide action plan to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR).¹⁰³⁰ The plan includes reducing the need for antimicrobials, optimizing antimicrobial use, investing in research to develop vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics and supporting LMICs to respond to AMR.

On 16 May 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency announced the establishment of a team with GBP1.8 million in funding to support international efforts at tackling AMR.¹⁰³¹ The team aims to facilitate the research and advancement of medical products and diagnostics and develop an AMR community among LMICs.

On 16 May 2024, the government announced GBP85 million in funding to address AMR.¹⁰³² Of this, GBP50 million is allocated towards supporting African countries access antimicrobial drugs and GBP25 million towards identifying and bolstering surveillance of disease outbreaks in the Caribbean.

¹⁰²⁶ UK donates £2 million lifesaving healthcare package to Ukraine, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-donates-2-million-lifesaving-healthcare-package-to-ukraine>

¹⁰²⁷ Fosdenopterin approved to treat adult patients with molybdenum cofactor deficiency (MoCD) Type A, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fosdenopterin-approved-to-treat-adult-patients-with-molybdenum-cofactor-deficiency-mocd-type-a>

¹⁰²⁸ Diagnostic checks rolled out to 160 sites under CDC programme, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/diagnostic-checks-rolled-out-to-160-sites-under-cdc-programme>

¹⁰²⁹ New cabotegravir formulations approved to help prevent HIV-1 infection in adults and adolescents, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 3 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-cabotegravir-formulations-approved-to-help-prevent-hiv-1-infection-in-adults-and-adolescents>

¹⁰³⁰ New 5-year plan to combat antimicrobial resistance, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-five-year-plan-to-combat-antimicrobial-resistance>

¹⁰³¹ MHRA announces dedicated new team to support the international community in tackling antimicrobial resistance, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-announces-dedicated-new-team-to-support-the-international-community-in-tackling-antimicrobial-resistance>

¹⁰³² £85 million pledged to tackle antibiotic emergency, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/85-million-pledged-to-tackle-antibiotic-emergency>

On 20 May 2024, the Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre developed a tool to screen against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.¹⁰³³ The tool aims to reduce antimicrobial resistance and improve tuberculosis treatment for patients.

On 21 May 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency announced a four-week consultation to improve the safety and efficacy of in-vitro diagnostic devices.¹⁰³⁴

On 21 May 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency announced a regulatory framework to recognize medical devices in Great Britain from Australia, Canada, the European Union and the United States.¹⁰³⁵ The framework aims to promote safe and equitable access to quality medical devices.

On 23 May 2024, the Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre announced the development of an immunoassay for Mpox.¹⁰³⁶ The initiative aims to better understand Mpox transmission, infection and individual immune responses.

On 23 May 2024, the Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre announced their support for the development of a maternal vaccine for Group B *Streptococcus*.¹⁰³⁷ The vaccine aims to prevent infant mortality, reduce antibiotic use in childbirth and protect infants from disease onset.

On 28 May 2024, the National Health Agency announced a change in the prenatal pertussis vaccine to ADACEL® (Tdap).¹⁰³⁸ The initiative aims to ensure pregnant women are adequately protected from infection.

On 12 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved a new Ocrelizumab injection to be used in the treatment of multiple sclerosis in adults.¹⁰³⁹

On 17 July 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care alongside the Minister of Prevention and Health Andrew Gwynne announced that a national respiratory syncytial virus vaccination program would be launched in September.¹⁰⁴⁰ This initiative aims to protect both infants and the elderly and reduce the burden on the National Health Service.

¹⁰³³ VDEC develops a tool to reduce antimicrobial resistance to tuberculosis, UK Health Security Agency (London) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/vdec-develops-a-tool-to-reduce-antimicrobial-resistance-to-tuberculosis>

¹⁰³⁴ MHRA announces consultation on improved safety for high risk in vitro diagnostic devices, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-announces-consultation-on-improved-safety-for-high-risk-in-vitro-diagnostic-devices>

¹⁰³⁵ MHRA announces a proposed framework for international recognition of medical devices, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-announces-a-proposed-framework-for-international-recognition-of-medical-devices>

¹⁰³⁶ VDEC rapidly develops an immunoassay for Mpox during the 2022 global outbreak, UK Health Security Agency (London) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/vdec-rapidly-develops-an-immunoassay-for-mpox-during-the-2022-global-outbreak>

¹⁰³⁷ VDEC is supporting a GBS vaccine to prevent newborn deaths, UK Health Security Agency (London) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/vdec-is-supporting-a-gbs-vaccine-to-prevent-newborn-deaths>

¹⁰³⁸ Prenatal pertussis vaccine change from July 2024 letter, UK Health Security Agency (London) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 8 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prenatal-pertussis-vaccine-change-from-july-2024-letter>

¹⁰³⁹ Ocrelizumab approved as an injection to treat multiple sclerosis in adults, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ocrelizumab-approved-as-an-injection-to-treat-multiple-sclerosis-in-adults>

¹⁰⁴⁰ National RSV vaccination programme announced, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-rsv-vaccination-programme-announced>

On 17 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved Capivasertib for the treatment of patients with advanced breast cancer who have not responded to other anti-hormonal therapies.¹⁰⁴¹

On 17 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved Vibegron to be used in the treatment of patients with Overactive Bladder Syndrome.¹⁰⁴²

On 19 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved the first generic raltegravir medicines for treating both adult and paediatric HIV patients.¹⁰⁴³ This approval aims to expand access to effective medical countermeasures for HIV.

On 23 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved a weight-loss drug, Semaglutide, to serve as a preventative medicine and help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in overweight adults.¹⁰⁴⁴

On 24 July 2024, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved a new COVID-19 vaccine, Comirnaty, targeting the JN.1 COVID-19 subvariant.¹⁰⁴⁵

On 1 August 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the United Kingdom Wes Streeting jointly announced that the government would hire over 1000 general practitioners.¹⁰⁴⁶ This initiative aims to deliver more appointments, reduce wait times and increase overall access to medical services.

On 1 August 2024, the National Health Service announced that Zanubrutinib, a new medicine, would be made available as an additional treatment option for patients with blood cancer.¹⁰⁴⁷

On 20 September 2024, MHRA approved fruquintinib to treat metastatic colorectal cancer in adults.¹⁰⁴⁸

¹⁰⁴¹ Capivasertib approved to treat patients with advanced breast cancer, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/capivasertib-approved-to-treat-patients-with-advanced-breast-cancer>

¹⁰⁴² MHRA approves vibegron to treat adult patients with Overactive Bladder Syndrome (OAB), Department of Health and Social Care (London) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-vibegron-to-treat-adult-patients-with-overactive-bladder-syndrome-oab>

¹⁰⁴³ MHRA approves the first generic raltegravir medicines to treat adult and paediatric patients infected by HIV, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-the-first-generic-raltegravir-medicines-to-treat-adult-and-paediatric-patients-infected-by-hiv>

¹⁰⁴⁴ MHRA approves GLP –1 receptor agonist semaglutide to reduce risk of serious heart problems in obese or overweight adults, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-glp-1-receptor-agonist-semaglutide-to-reduce-risk-of-serious-heart-problems-in-obese-or-overweight-adults>

¹⁰⁴⁵ MHRA approves Comirnaty JN.1 COVID-19 vaccine for adults and children from infancy, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-comirnaty-jn1-covid-19-vaccine-for-adults-and-children-from-infancy>

¹⁰⁴⁶ Over 1,000 more GPs to be recruited this year, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-1000-more-gps-to-be-recruited-this-year>

¹⁰⁴⁷ First targeted treatment made available for hundreds of blood cancer patients on the NHS, National Health Service (London) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2024/08/first-targeted-treatment-made-available-for-hundreds-of-blood-cancer-patients-on-the-nhs/>

¹⁰⁴⁸ Fruquintinib approved to treat adult patients with metastatic colorectal cancer, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 20 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fruquintinib-approved-to-treat-adult-patients-with-metastatic-colorectal-cancer>

On 27 September 2024, MHRA approved leniolisib phosphate to treat phosphoinositide 3-kinase delta syndrome which is a rare inherited disorder that prevents the body from fighting infections.¹⁰⁴⁹ The medication will be available to individuals over 12 years of age who weigh 45 kilograms or more.

On 16 September 2024, the UK Health Security Agency announced the purchase of over 150,000 doses of mpox vaccine to vaccinate high-risk individuals including gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men, some healthcare workers and those in close contact with individuals who have mpox.¹⁰⁵⁰

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Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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On 11 December 2023, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population launched a Global Health Security Program.¹⁰⁵¹ The program will enhance the Government of Nepal's ability to prevent and detect infectious diseases. As one of 50 planned programs around the world, this initiative will help detect infectious diseases early and support the response to them before becoming a widespread pandemic.

On 5 February 2024, the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) opened the CDC East Asia and Pacific regional office in Tokyo, Japan.¹⁰⁵² This new regional office is tasked to prevent, detect and respond to diseases in the East Asia and Pacific region. The office aims to increase collaboration in the region to detect and respond to health threats quickly, especially in countries with lower health capabilities.

¹⁰⁴⁹ MHRA approves first medicine for rare immune disease APDS, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 27 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-first-medicine-for-rare-immune-disease-apds>

¹⁰⁵⁰ UK secures more vaccines to help boost resilience against mpox, UK Health Security Agency (London) 16 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-secures-more-vaccines-to-help-boost-resilience-against-mpox>

¹⁰⁵¹ USAID and the Government of Nepal Launches Global Health Security Program, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-11-2023-usaid-and-government-nepal-launches-global-health-security-program>

¹⁰⁵² CDC Opens New East Asia and Pacific Regional Office in Japan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Tokyo) 5 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0202-cdc-japan-office.html>

On 23 February 2024, the Department of State announced a USD20 million youth initiative under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program.¹⁰⁵³ This new initiative is aimed at spreading awareness of HIV/AIDS amongst youth and promoting the innovation of prevention and treatments for this health threat. The PEPFAR program is a global effort funded by the US in PEPFAR supported countries including LMICs.

On 26 February 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced USD36.9 million of funding for programs supporting behavioral health services.¹⁰⁵⁴ This funding will address the overdose and mental health crises by providing more funding for resources for first responders and community outreach programs. The initiative will help promote mental health and support better coverage of critical health services, particularly for rural areas.

On 29 February 2024, USAID alongside the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development committed to improve global health security.¹⁰⁵⁵ Their initiative includes more funding and research to combat neglected tropical diseases, the Pandemic Fund and increased manufacturing of medical countermeasures. This aims to support developing countries with underfunded health sectors and increasing access for people to vaccines and treatments.

On 4 March 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services received counteroffers from drug companies during negotiations to lower prescription drug costs for Americans.¹⁰⁵⁶ This initiative is part of the Inflation Reduction Act that is lowering health care costs already for low or modest income people. The policy aims to support people in rural areas too, allowing people to save on medication such as insulin, vaccines and other prescription drugs.

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¹⁰⁵³ New PEPFAR Youth Initiative: \$20 Million to Address HIV/AIDS Among Youth, U.S Department of State (Washington) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024 <https://www.state.gov/new-pepfar-youth-initiative-20-million-to-address-hiv-aids-among-youth/>

¹⁰⁵⁴ Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Funding to Increase Capacity for Behavioral Health Services, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/02/26/biden-harris-administration-announces-new-funding-to-increase-capacity-for-behavioral-health-services.html>

¹⁰⁵⁵ USAID and Germany's Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Convene Strategic Development Dialogue, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-29-2024-usaid-and-germanys-ministry-economic-cooperation-and-development-convene-strategic-development-dialogue>

¹⁰⁵⁶ Biden-Harris Administration Receives Counteroffers from Drug Companies as Part of Ongoing Negotiations to Lower Drug Prices, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/04/biden-harris-administration-receives-counteroffers-from-drug-companies.html>

¹⁰⁵⁷ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Launch of Nearly \$50 Million Initiative to Support Opioid Treatment and Recovery Services in Rural Communities, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/06/biden-harris-administration-announces-launch-nearly-50-million-initiative-support-opioid-treatment-recovery-services-rural-communities.html>

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On 22 March 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced a grant of USD39.4 million to support mental health and substance abuse services across the country.¹⁰⁶⁰ Of the grant funding, USD6 million will be used to connect community-based resources to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders, USD6 million to integrating primary healthcare providers with behavioural health professionals, USD15.2 million towards outpatient treatment programs, USD5.2 million towards accessing mental health treatment through primary care avenues, USD4.6 million to preventing underage drinking through capacity-building and USD2.4 million towards enhancing mental health services and suicide prevention programs for at-risk college students.

On 26 March 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced 41 prescription medications under Medicare Part B will be lowered due to inflation rebates from the lower cost prescription drug law under the Biden-Harris Administration.¹⁰⁶¹ Based on individual insurance coverage, savings are between USD1 and USD3,575 per dose. The initiative aims to improve accessibility to prescription drugs and ensure the Medicare program's long-term sustainability.

On 28 March 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced additional actions to extend temporary coverage to people during Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance renewals.¹⁰⁶² This step ensures people are adequately covered to receive medication, treatment and other medical countermeasures.

On 2 April 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services released a white paper highlighting steps the government has taken to address drug shortages.¹⁰⁶³ The Department also presented a series of solutions to enhance supply chain resiliency and quality control strategies, while partnering with other government agencies to prevent shortages.

¹⁰⁵⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Launch of Nearly \$50 Million Initiative to Support Opioid Treatment and Recovery Services in Rural Communities, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/06/biden-harris-administration-announces-launch-nearly-50-million-initiative-support-opioid-treatment-recovery-services-rural-communities.html>

¹⁰⁶⁰ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$39.4 Million in Funding Opportunities for Grants to Help Advance the President's Unity Agenda, Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/22/biden-harris-administration-announces-39-4-million-funding-opportunities-grants-help-advance-presidents-unity-agenda.html>

¹⁰⁶¹ HHS Announces Savings for 41 Prescription Drugs Thanks to Inflation Rebates from the Biden-Harris Administration's Lower Cost Prescription Drug Law, Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/26/hhs-announces-savings-41-prescription-drugs-thanks-inflation-rebates-from-biden-harris-administrations-lower-cost-prescription-drug-law.html>

¹⁰⁶² HHS Takes Additional Actions to Help People Stay Covered During Medicaid and CHIP Renewals, Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 28 March 2024. Access date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/28/hhs-takes-additional-actions-to-help-people-stay-covered-during-medicaid-and-chip-renewals.html>

¹⁰⁶³ HHS Releases White Paper Focused on Preventing Drug Shortages, Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/04/02/hhs-releases-white-paper-focused-preventing-drug-shortages.html>

On 4 April 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services finalized policies to increase access to care and protect enrollees with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D.¹⁰⁶⁴ The rules aim to ensure people with Medicare receive essential treatment in a timely manner and have access to more affordable and equally effective drug options.

On 11 April 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced a data modernization initiative.¹⁰⁶⁵ This new initiative will simplify the data sharing process between US organizations and departments to quickly identify threats to both US and global health which allow for faster responses. These new improvements will allow authorities to see problematic trends such as new illnesses or diseases and quickly make decisions to resolve the issue.

On 16 April 2024, the White House released details of the new Global Health Security Strategy outlining health as a top priority for the US and committing to strengthen health partnerships with foreign countries.¹⁰⁶⁶ Some initiatives include improving pandemic readiness to generally pushing for more development or innovation to improve health. By highlighting the importance of health, it can create new medical countermeasures to address pressing illnesses and diseases.

On 24 April 2024, USAID announced its CATALYST study will expand to include HIV prevention options dedicated to African countries.¹⁰⁶⁷ With funding from other programs such as PEPFAR, this aid provides HIV prevention methods and technologies to women and girls in Africa who are disproportionately affected by this virus.

On 25 April 2024, USAID announced new partnerships between the US and Angola to prevent and treat malaria.¹⁰⁶⁸ The President's Malaria Initiative will be expanded to cover Angola providing financial and technical assistance to combat this health threat.

On 10 May 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced new actions and initiatives to prevent and reduce the impact of the H5N1 bird flu upon its detection in dairy cattle.¹⁰⁶⁹ The department has provided financial support to producers supplying personal protective equipment to help prevent the spread of H5N1 between humans and animals. Other government agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control have pledged additional USD101 million dedicated to testing, preventing and finding treatments for the H5N1 virus.

¹⁰⁶⁴ Biden-Harris Administration Finalizes Rule Expanding Access to Care and Increasing Protections for People with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D, Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 4 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/04/04/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-rule-expanding-access-care-increasing-protections-people-medicare-advantage-medicare-part-d.html>

¹⁰⁶⁵ CDC Data Modernization Efforts Accelerate Nation's Ability to Detect and Rapidly Respond to Health Threats, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta) 11 April 2024 Access Date: 28 April 2024 <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p0411-CDC-data-modernization.html>

¹⁰⁶⁶ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Releases Strategy to Strengthen Global Health Security, The White House (Washington) 16 April 2024 Access Date: 28 April 2024 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/16/fact-sheet-biden-%E2%81%A0harris-administration-releases-strategy-to-strengthen-global-health-security/>

¹⁰⁶⁷ USAID's CATALYST Study Expands HIV Prevention Options for Women and Girls in Africa, U.S Agency for International Development (Washington) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-24-2024-usaids-catalyst-study-expands-hiv-prevention-options-women-and-girls-africa>

¹⁰⁶⁸ USAID Launches New Partnerships to Support Malaria Prevention, Strengthen Infrastructure, and Bolster Food Security in Angola, U.S Agency for International Development (Washington) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-25-2024-usaid-launches-new-partnerships-support-malaria-prevention-strengthen-infrastructure-and-bolster-food-security-angola>

¹⁰⁶⁹ Fact Sheet: USDA, HHS Announce New Actions to Reduce Impact and Spread of H5N1, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 10 May 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/05/10/fact-sheet-usda-hhs-announce-new-actions-reduce-impact-spread-h5n1.html>

On 3 June 2024, the Department of State announced the successful adoption of amendments to the International Health Regulations by the World Health Assembly.¹⁰⁷⁰ These changes will improve transparency on health concerns, increase access to urgent health products and improve prevention procedures of outbreaks worldwide. Along with a recent pledge by the government of USD700 million to a new Pandemic Fund, these commitments will better prepare the U.S and the world for the next health emergency.

On 13 June 2024, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority within the Department of Health and Human Services announced new funding of up to USD500 million in Project NextGen.¹⁰⁷¹ Project NextGen is dedicated to developing new methods to administer vaccines that will make it more accessible to everyone. Moreover, this funding incentivizes innovation on the next generation of vaccines to prevent future pathogens and health threats.

On 20 June 2024, Administrator of USAID Samantha Power released a statement detailing a pledge of at least USD1.58 billion to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization over five years.¹⁰⁷² This commitment will help to increase accessibility of vaccines which protect against malaria, cervical cancer and other diseases. Furthermore, funding will allow for countries worldwide to better prepare for future health emergencies and incentivize innovation.

On 2 July 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded USD176 million to Moderna for the development of an mRNA-based influenza vaccine.¹⁰⁷³ This investment aims to boost pandemic readiness and support general research and development of medical countermeasures.

On 11 July 2024, Secretary of Health Xavier Becerra met with the health ministers of Canada and Japan to discuss the global health partnership between the three countries.¹⁰⁷⁴ They discussed ongoing health initiatives, efforts to protect citizens from pandemics and other health matters.

On 31 July 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced over USD68 million in funding to improve essential HIV medical care and services for low-income women, infants, children and youth living with HIV.¹⁰⁷⁵

¹⁰⁷⁰ Amendments to International Health Regulations Strengthen Global Pandemic Preparedness, U.S Department of State (Washington) 3 June 2024. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.state.gov/amendments-to-international-health-regulations-strengthen-global-pandemic-preparedness/>

¹⁰⁷¹ BARDA awards up to \$500 million in Project NextGen funding for vaccine clinical trials, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/06/13/barda-awards-500-million-project-nextgen-funding-vaccine-clinical-trials.html>

¹⁰⁷² A Global Pledge to Immunize Half a Billion Children and Strengthen Our Global Health Security, U.S Agency for International Development (Washington) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-20-2024-global-pledge-immunize-half-billion-children-and-strengthen-our-global-health-security>

¹⁰⁷³ HHS provides \$176 million to develop pandemic influenza mRNA-based vaccine, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/07/02/hhs-provides-176-million-develop-pandemic-influenza-mrna-based-vaccine.html>

¹⁰⁷⁴ Readout of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra's Meeting with Minister Keizo Takemi, Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare of Japan and Minister Mark Holland, Canada Minister of Health, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 31 July 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/07/15/readout-hhs-secretary-xavier-becerras-meeting-minister-keizo-takemi-ministry-health-labour-welfare-japan-minister-mark-holland-canada-minister-health.html>

¹⁰⁷⁵ Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$68 Million to Improve Access to HIV Care for Women, Infants, Children and Youth, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/07/31/biden-harris-administration-announces-more-68-million-improve-access-hiv-care-women-infants-children-youth.html>

On 1 August 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced new policies to mitigate drug shortages and increase access to medical treatments for underserved communities.¹⁰⁷⁶

On 19 September 2024, the Indian Health Service announced USD1.19 million in funding for dementia care and services.¹⁰⁷⁷ Of this, USD200,000 will go to the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis Inc. to increase access to early diagnosis of dementia, USD199,383 will go to Nez Perce Tribe to strengthen culturally sensitive dementia care and USD200,000 will go to Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation to increase their capacity to provide dementia care.

On 26 September 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced up to USD27 million in funding for the Transforming Antibiotic R and D with Generative AI to stop Emerging Threats project which aims to use AI to develop new antibiotics.¹⁰⁷⁸

On 30 September 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it has awarded USD68.5 million in grants through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support programs to address mental health and substance use.¹⁰⁷⁹ This includes USD9 million for the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers Cooperative Agreement for behavioural and primary healthcare, USD2.6 million for HIV treatment and prevention services as well as behavioural healthcare and USD2.4 million to enhance mental health services in colleges and universities.

On 30 September 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that the cost for 54 drugs to treat conditions including cancer, osteoporosis and pneumonia through Medicare Part B has been lowered.¹⁰⁸⁰ This will support affordable healthcare for seniors and those with disabilities.

On 8 October 2024, USAID announced that it has provided USD1.35 million in response to Rwanda's Marburg Outbreak since 27 September 2024.¹⁰⁸¹ Funding has been used to contact trace, prevent and control infection, provide diagnostics and support other needs.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in LMICs, LDCs and SIDS. This compliance was achieved as the country is pursuing

¹⁰⁷⁶ HHS Finalizes New Policies to Support Underserved Communities, Mitigate Drug Shortages, and Promote Patient Safety in Hospitals, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/08/01/hhs-finalizes-new-policies-support-underserved-communities-mitigate-drug-shortages-promote-patient-safety-hospitals.html>

¹⁰⁷⁷ IHS Awards Nearly \$1.2 Million Addressing Alzheimer's Disease during World Alzheimer's Month, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 19 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/09/19/ihs-awards-nearly-1-2-million-addressing-alzheimers-disease-during-world-alzheimers-month.html>

¹⁰⁷⁸ HHS Invests in Project to Accelerate the Discovery and Development of New Antibiotics Using Generative AI, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 26 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/09/26/development-new-antibiotics-using-generative-ai.html>

¹⁰⁷⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$68.5 Million Awarded for Behavioral Health Education, Training and Community Programs, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/09/30/biden-harris-administration-announces-68-5-million-awarded-behavioral-health-education-training-community-programs.html>

¹⁰⁸⁰ HHS Announces Cost Savings for 54 Prescription Drugs Thanks to the Medicare Inflation Rebate Program Established by the Biden-Harris Administration's Lower Cost Prescription Drug Law, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/09/30/hhs-announces-cost-savings-for-prescription-drugs-thanks-to-medicare-inflation-rebate-program.html>

¹⁰⁸¹ USAID Mobilizes Response to Marburg Outbreak in Rwanda, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 8 October 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-08-2024-usaid-mobilizes-response-marburg-outbreak-rwanda>

initiatives to bring more affordable healthcare treatments for its own citizens. Furthermore, the US is funding global initiatives by providing vaccines and supporting health systems, specifically with the detection and response to disease outbreaks.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

On 14 December 2023, the Council of the EU and the European Parliament agreed on the regulation of substances of human origin used in healthcare and to include human breast milk and intestinal microbiota in such categorization.¹⁰⁸² This will consolidate the existing legal regulations, improve the safety of human-derived products and promote better protection of donors and recipients.

On 23 January 2024, the Council of the EU agreed to the practice of a new regulation to reform the healthcare fee system, promote sustainability of the European regulatory network for a durable financial base and simplify the current legislation.¹⁰⁸³ This will establish secure funding for the European Medicines Agency to support operations.

On 14 February 2024, the Council of the EU amended the medical device legislation to lengthen the transition period of in-vitro diagnostic medical devices, commence the roll-out of a new electronic database called EUDAMED and obligated manufacturers to notify the public of potential shortages of certain medical devices.¹⁰⁸⁴ This will promote transparency in healthcare information and work to eliminate medical device shortages.

On 26 February 2024, the Council of the EU adopted new rules to limit workplace exposure to lead, its inorganic compounds and diisocyanates.¹⁰⁸⁵ This will reduce the effects of the toxic substances on sexual function and fertility, damage to the nervous system, asthma and dermal diseases.¹⁰⁸⁶

On 29 February 2024, the European Commission endorsed Croatia's preliminary assessment of a payment request of EUR162.5 million that covers the delivery of investments in healthcare.¹⁰⁸⁷

¹⁰⁸² Blood, tissues and cells: Council and Parliament strike deal, Council of the EU (Brussels) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/12/14/blood-tissues-and-cells-council-and-parliament-strike-deal/>

¹⁰⁸³ European Medicines Agency: Council gives final green light to the overhaul of its fee system, Council of the EU (Brussels) 23 January 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/01/23/european-medicines-agency-council-gives-final-green-light-to-the-overhaul-of-its-fee-system/>

¹⁰⁸⁴ Medical devices: Council endorses new measures to help prevent shortages (Brussels) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/21/medical-devices-council-endorses-new-measures-to-help-prevent-shortages/>

¹⁰⁸⁵ Protecting workers against lead and diisocyanates: Council signs off on new limit values, Council of the EU (Brussels) 26 February 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/26/protecting-workers-against-lead-and-diisocyanates-council-signs-off-on-new-limit-values/>

¹⁰⁸⁶ Protecting workers against lead and diisocyanates: Council signs off on new limit values, Council of the EU (Brussels) 26 February 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/26/protecting-workers-against-lead-and-diisocyanates-council-signs-off-on-new-limit-values/>

¹⁰⁸⁷ Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Croatia's fourth payment request for €162.5 million under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1226

Measures for the payment request include the purchase of diagnostic medical equipment to improve the accessibility, quality and safety of healthcare.

On 1 March 2024, the European Commission organized a series of Humanitarian Air Bridge flights to deliver aid amid Yemen's public health emergency.¹⁰⁸⁸ The flights carried vaccines, therapeutics and medical equipment to provide immediate assistance and prevent infectious disease outbreaks in the future.

On 17 March 2024, the European Commission released a press statement outlining a new cooperation agreement between the EU and Egypt.¹⁰⁸⁹ In it, Egyptian President El-Sisi noted the EU and Egypt's joint commitment to humanitarian assistance including medical equipment in Gaza. The EU will provide EUR275 million to support this initiative in 2024.

On 24 April 2024, the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority launched the Critical Medicines Alliance to prevent medicine shortages.¹⁰⁹⁰ As a part of this initiative, the Alliance will aim to secure the supply and availability of medicines, contributing to a more resilient pharmaceutical industry.

On 24 April 2024, the European Parliament adopted the European Health Data Space and new rules on substances of human origin (SoHo).¹⁰⁹¹ The new regulations aim to provide safe and quality SoHo therapies and protective measures for patients and donors.

On 25 April 2024, the European Parliament adopted a series of measures proposed by the European Commission to increase access to in vitro diagnostics (IVDs).¹⁰⁹² The measures include providing manufacturers more time to transition to new safety requirements on IVDs, informing national authorities of supply disruptions and improving transparency on medical equipment.

On 26 April 2024, the European Union allocated EUR68 million in humanitarian aid to scale up health interventions for Palestinians inside Gaza.¹⁰⁹³

On 27 May 2024, the European Council approved new rules to improve the safety and efficacy of substances of human origin, including blood, tissues, cells, breast milk and intestinal microbiota.¹⁰⁹⁴ These rules are designed to improve the cross-border use of these substances in the European Union.

¹⁰⁸⁸ In February, the EU has organised 13 Humanitarian Air Bridges to Yemen to fight health emergency, European Commission (Brussels) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1246

¹⁰⁸⁹ Press statement by President von der Leyen with Austrian Chancellor Nehammer, Belgian Prime Minister De Croo, Cypriot President Christodoulides, Greek Prime Minister Mitsotakis, Italian Prime Minister Meloni and Egyptian President El-Sisi, European Commission (Cairo) 17 March 2024.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_24_1521

¹⁰⁹⁰ Commission launches the Critical Medicines Alliance to help prevent and address shortages of critical medicines, European Commission (Brussels) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2229

¹⁰⁹¹ New EU rules on substances of human origin, European Commission (Brussels) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. https://health.ec.europa.eu/blood-tissues-cells-and-organs/overview/new-eu-rules-substances-human-origin_en

¹⁰⁹² Commission welcomes adoption by European Parliament of measures to improve the availability of in vitro diagnostics, European Commission (Brussels) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2291

¹⁰⁹³ EU steps up humanitarian assistance for Palestinians, European Commission (Brussels) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2288

¹⁰⁹⁴ EU health policy, European Council (Brussels) 27 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-health-policy/>

On 30 May 2024, the European Council adopted updated rules on medical device laws including in-vitro diagnostic medical devices.¹⁰⁹⁵ These updates aim to mitigate shortages and enhance transparency by ensuring comprehensive and accessible information related to medical devices.

On 11 June 2024, the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority signed a contract securing up to 665,000 pre-pandemic vaccine doses of the Zoonotic Influenza Vaccine Seqirus.¹⁰⁹⁶ This will provide participating Member States with preventative measures against the Avian Flu.

On 17 June 2024, the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks updated the public on their guidelines on the benefit-risk assessment of phthalates in certain medical devices.¹⁰⁹⁷ This provides up-to-date guidelines on carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic to reproduction and endocrine-disrupting phthalates addressing the safety of medical devices.

On 17 June 2024, the European Council approved the establishment of a reliable source of materials for medical radioisotope production.¹⁰⁹⁸ These will be used for cancer diagnoses and treatments, cardiac conditions and other diseases. This ultimately supports the medical industry and relevant stakeholders in the member states.

On 20 June 2024, the European Union and its Member States announced over EUR750 million in funding for the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator which aims to enhance the development and production of vaccines in Africa.¹⁰⁹⁹ Of this, approximately EUR220 million will be allocated from the EU budget.

On 21 June 2024, the European Commission approved a new set of recommendations regarding vaccine-preventable cancers.¹¹⁰⁰ These recommendations aim to increase vaccination against human papillomaviruses and Hepatitis B. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce the occurrence of these cancers and thereby alleviate pressure on the healthcare system within the European Union.

On 28 June 2024, the European Commission approved the first-ever vaccine to protect against the Chikungunya virus.¹¹⁰¹ Additionally, the Commission initiated the implementation of a EUR500,000 EU4Health programme aimed at combating the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which transmits the Chikungunya disease. This program is designed to enhance vector control and reduce the transmission of vector-borne diseases within the EU.

¹⁰⁹⁵ Medical devices: Council adopts new measures to help prevent shortages, Council of the EU (Brussels) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/05/30/medical-devices-council-adopts-new-measures-to-help-prevent-shortages/>

¹⁰⁹⁶ Commission secures access for Member States to 665,000 doses of zoonotic influenza vaccines to prevent avian flu, European Commission (Brussels) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_3168

¹⁰⁹⁷ Phthalates in certain medical devices: updated SCHEER guidelines published, European Commission (Brussels) 17 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-archives/53997>

¹⁰⁹⁸ Radioisotopes for medical use: Council approves conclusions, Council of the EU (Brussels) 17 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/17/radioisotopes-for-medical-use-council-approves-conclusions/>

¹⁰⁹⁹ Team Europe announces over €750 million to the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator, European Commission (Brussels) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_3262

¹¹⁰⁰ EU steps up the fight against vaccine-preventable cancers under Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 21 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_3404

¹¹⁰¹ Commission authorises Chikungunya vaccine and funds new mosquito eradication programme, European Commission (Brussels) 28 June 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_3502

On 26 July 2024, the European Commission approved a EUR2 billion measure to support the PALLAS project which involves constructing a reactor and nuclear health center in the Netherlands.¹¹⁰²

On 16 September 2024, the European Investment Bank provided over 1.4 million doses of HPV vaccines to Angola.¹¹⁰³ The Bank also stated that it will send another batch of vaccines for a total of 2.2 million.

On 7 October 2024, the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) announced that it will provide EUR20 million as part of HERA's first Invest agreement.¹¹⁰⁴ Funding will support Fabentech to develop and deploy "broad-spectrum therapeutics aimed at combating biological threats to public health."

The EU has fully complied with their commitment to facilitating safe, effective, quality-assured and affordable vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other medical countermeasures. It has implemented new rules to promote the safety of workers from toxic substances, contemporized regulations surrounding biomaterials, reformed healthcare fee systems and modernized legislations surrounding electronic medical devices. The EU has also partnered with other countries including Cambodia to bolster their health programs and supply humanitarian aid to alleviate the burden on the health systems in Gaza.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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¹¹⁰² Commission approves €2 billion Dutch measure to support production of medical radioisotopes for cancer diagnosis and treatment, European Commission (Brussels) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. https://euratom-supply.ec.europa.eu/activities/supply-medical-radioisotopes_en

¹¹⁰³ Angola receives vaccines to fight cervical cancer, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 16 September 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/news/angola-receives-vaccines-to-fight-cervical-cancer>

¹¹⁰⁴ First HERA Invest agreement signed to support research and development in cross-border health threats, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (Brussels) 7 October 2024. Access Date: 16 October 2024. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/first-hera-invest-agreement-signed-support-research-and-development-cross-border-health-threats-2024-10-07_en

4. Gender: Closing the Pay Gap

“Take steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina	-1		
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France		0	
Germany	-1		
India		0	
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia	-1		
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.40 (70%)	

Background

Addressing gender equality in labour markets is an issue of importance, and one related to a just transition and right decent work, on the G20’s agenda. Despite the growing representation of women in the workforce, the existence of the gender pay gap remains a significant concern. On a global scale, women only earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men.¹¹⁰⁵ From inadequate parental leave to rigid work schedules, labour policies pose challenges in balancing work and family duties, leading women to pursue part-time employment and creating further inequalities. Therefore, it is imperative that women receive fair compensation for their work equivalent to that of their male counterparts. Closing the gender pay gap serves not only as a matter of economic fairness but also a key step towards fostering gender equality and diversity in the workplace. It is estimated that by 2025, up to USD28 trillion could be allocated to the global annual Gross Domestic Product if women were to participate in labour markets to the same extent as men.¹¹⁰⁶ Thus, by ensuring equal access to employment opportunities and fair compensation, societies can harness the full potential of their workforce, contributing to its growth and prosperity, while promoting inclusive and equitable work environments. The pursuit of

¹¹⁰⁵ Wage Gap, UN Women (New York), 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2024.

<https://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/infographic/changingworldofwork/en/index.html>

¹¹⁰⁶ Labour Force, UN Women (New York), 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2024.

<https://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/infographic/changingworldofwork/en/index.html>

gender equality amongst G20 members regarding women's status in the workforce traces its origins back to the 2009 London Summit.

At the 2009 London Summit, G20 members committed to fostering fair and family-friendly labour markets for both men and women.¹¹⁰⁷ They also expressed their commitment to promoting employment through the implementation of education and training.

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 members committed to an action plan regarding the growth of jobs through strengthening foundations which involved the integration of labour market policies to foster the participation of women.¹¹⁰⁸

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 members affirmed their commitment to enact measures to overcome obstacles impeding women's economic and social engagement, striving to broaden opportunities for women across G20 economies.¹¹⁰⁹ Furthermore, they confirmed their dedication to promoting gender equality in various domains of compensation, workplace treatment and caregiving responsibilities.

At the 2013 St Petersburg Summit, G20 members attributed a particular focus directed towards groups encountering significant obstacles in securing or sustaining employment, which included women.¹¹¹⁰ Additionally, G20 members devised an action plan that involved improving childcare support to increase female labour participation.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 members affirmed their objective of narrowing the labour participation rate disparity between men and women in countries by 25 percent before 2025, to incorporate over 100 million women into the workforce.¹¹¹¹

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 members reaffirmed their goals of minimizing the gender participation gap and nurturing safer and healthier workplaces by continuously monitoring their Employment Plans.¹¹¹²

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 members pledged to actively pursue strategies and policies that promote innovation, endorse investments in science, technology and innovation (STI) and facilitate skills training to encourage the involvement of more women in these fields.¹¹¹³

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 members underscored the significance of removing obstacles to women's participation, such as workplace discrimination and violence and emphasized policies geared towards wage policies, addressing occupational segregation and advancing women's careers.¹¹¹⁴

¹¹⁰⁷ G20 London Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-09-london.html>

¹¹⁰⁸ G20 Leaders' Conclusions on Gender, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/conclusions/gender-l.pdf>

¹¹⁰⁹ G20 Los Cabos Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2012. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-12-loscabos.html>

¹¹¹⁰ G20 Leaders' Conclusions on Gender, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/conclusions/gender-l.pdf>

¹¹¹¹ G20 Leaders' Conclusions on Gender, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/conclusions/gender-l.pdf>

¹¹¹² G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>

¹¹¹³ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>

¹¹¹⁴ The 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-17-hamburg.html>

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 members committed to advancing initiatives directed at eliminating all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls while enhancing women's economic empowerment through collaboration with the private sector to improve labour conditions. This included access to quality and affordable care infrastructure, supporting parental leave and working towards reducing the gender pay gap. They also promoted women's leadership, development of digital skills and participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and high-tech sectors.¹¹¹⁵

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 members acknowledged that the gender disparity in unpaid care work continues to pose a significant barrier to women's involvement in the labour market and advocated taking further steps to limit gender pay gaps and discrimination while continuing to provide education and training.¹¹¹⁶

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 members recognized the disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and reaffirmed the goals of promoting gender equality, countering stereotypes, narrowing pay gaps and acknowledging the burden of unpaid work and caregiving responsibilities on women. The Private Sector Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation (EMPOWER) for women's advancement in leadership positions was initiated.¹¹¹⁷

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 members committed to enhancing social services, improving healthcare and education services, as well as ensuring equal access to opportunities in entrepreneurship and STEM sectors while overcoming gender stereotypes and combatting gender-based violence.¹¹¹⁸

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 members reaffirmed their commitment to strive for an inclusive workplace environment, while continuing to support women and girls' social and healthcare services, educational programs and encourage female leadership positions.¹¹¹⁹

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “take steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.”¹¹²⁰

Definitions and Concepts

This commitment can be understood to have four main pillars to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in the context of a transitioning world of work: 1) “enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities,” 2) “with a focus on closing the gender pay gap” and 3) “ensuring women's access to decent work” and 4) “quality jobs.”

¹¹¹⁵ The 2019 G20 Buenos Aires Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 14 December 2018. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-18-buenosaires.html>

¹¹¹⁶ The 2019 G20 Osaka Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 July 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-19-osaka.html>

¹¹¹⁷ Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

¹¹¹⁸ The 2021 G20 Rome Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-21-rome.html>

¹¹¹⁹ The 2022 G20 Bali Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-22-bali.html>

¹¹²⁰ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

“To take steps [to achieve something]” is understood to mean to “undertake measures” and “do something with a view to the attainment of some end.”¹¹²¹ In the context of this commitment, the attainment of an end refers to achieving the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work.

“To promote” is understood to mean “support or renew old efforts or create new efforts in the area” and “to contribute to growth or prosperity of, to help bring into being.” It should not have to be have to be a brand new initiative.¹¹²²

“Full” is understood to mean “being at the highest or greatest degree.”¹¹²³

“Meaningful” is understood to “mean in an important or significant way.”¹¹²⁴

“Participation” is understood to mean “to take part” and “to have a part or share in something.”¹¹²⁵ According to the International Labour Organization, Labour force participation “is a measure of a country’s working age population that engages actively in the labor market.”¹¹²⁶

Therefore, “Full and meaningful participation [in the labour market]” is understood to mean that the significant portion of a country’s population engages actively in the labour market. In the context of this commitment, it refers to the active engagement and participation of women in the labor market.

“To enable” is understood to mean “to provide with the means or opportunity” and “to give legal power, capacity, or sanction to.”¹¹²⁷

“To ensure” is understood to mean “to make something certain to happen.”¹¹²⁸

“Transitioning world of work” is understood to mean “the divisive changes affecting the jobs available in the labour market and the skills needed to preform them. These changes are caused by digitalisation, globalisation, demographic changes and the transition to a low carbon economy.”¹¹²⁹ The rapid developments in AI are also likely to affect jobs.¹¹³⁰

“Inclusive” is understood to mean “all parties are included in the discussion and decision making process taking into account relative capabilities.” “Access” refers to “the right to obtain or make use of the entity in reference.”¹¹³¹ “Inclusive access” therefore, is understood to mean all parties are

¹¹²¹ Take Steps, Collins Dictionary (Glasgow) n.d. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/take-steps#>

¹¹²² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

¹¹²³ Full, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/full>

¹¹²⁴ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

¹¹²⁵ Participation, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/participation>

¹¹²⁶ Labour Force Statistics (LFS, STFLS, RUBAN databases), International Labour Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://ilostat.ilo.org/resources/concepts-and-definitions/description-labour-force-statistics>

¹¹²⁷ Enable, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

¹¹²⁸ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

¹¹²⁹ Skills and Work, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/employment/skills-and-work/>

¹¹³⁰ Future of Work, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/future-of-work/>

¹¹³¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

included in the discussion and decision making process regarding the right to obtain or make use of the labour market and employment opportunities.

“Gender pay gap” refers to “the difference in earnings of men and women – what women on average, take out of employment in monetary terms relative to men.”¹¹³² According to the United Nations, the gender pay gap stands at 20 per cent, which means that women workers earn 80 per cent of what men do.¹¹³³

“Decent work” is understood to mean “opportunities for everyone to get work that is productive and delivers a fair income, security in the workplace and social protection for families, better prospects for personal development and social integration, freedom for people to express their concerns, organize and participate in the decisions that affect their lives and equality of opportunity and treatment for all women and men.”¹¹³⁴

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, “quality jobs” is understood to mean “jobs that provide: 1) earnings quality, which refers to the extent to which earnings contribute to workers’ well-being and distribution in the labour force, 2) labour market security, which includes aspects of economic security related to job loss risks and its economic cost for workers and, 3) quality of the working environment, which captures non-economic aspects of jobs including the nature and content of the work performed, working time arrangements and workplace relationships.”¹¹³⁵

General Interpretive Guidelines

The welfare target of this commitment is “The full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work,” through the specified instruments of 1) “enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities,” 2) with a focus on closing the gender pay gap,” 3) ensuring women’s access go decent work” and 4) “quality jobs.”

The “transitioning world of work” means driven by disruptive changes, such as evolving gender norms, globalisation, demographic changes, digital disruption including artificial intelligence and even climate change. In the context of this commitment, the G20 has identified two specific instruments to achieve this: 1) taking steps to close the gender pay gap and 2) taking steps to ensure decent work and quality jobs are accessible to women.

Hence, including the overarching welfare target along with the two key specific instruments to achieve it, there are three main pillars, the G20 member must take steps towards to be compliant with this commitment. Further, this report applies a depth analysis, whereby the strength of the members’ action affects their score.

Full compliance, or a score of +1 will be given to the G20 member that demonstrates strong actions to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in the labour market, in the context of a transitioning world, by 1) enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities generally; 2) taking steps to close the gender pay gap; and 3) taking steps to ensure access to employment opportunities meets “decent work” and “quality jobs” concepts or standards. For a score of +1 these actions must be strong:

¹¹³² Gender Pay Gap, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Geneva) 2015. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://unece.org/statistics/video/gender-pay-gap>

¹¹³³ International Equal Pay Day, United Nations (New York City) 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/equal-pay-day>

¹¹³⁴ Decent Work, International Labour Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/decent-work/lang--en/index.htm>

¹¹³⁵ Job Quality, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/statistics/job-quality.htm>

Examples of actions that count as enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities include but are not limited to allocation of budgetary resources and/or implementing development strategies, programs and policies to increase the creation of jobs for women, provide skills training, promote women’s entrepreneurship and leadership initiatives and increase gender specific measures for education and training.

Examples that these opportunities are “decent work” and “quality jobs” are adequate earnings and productive work, decent working time, safe work environment, social security, stability and security in work and equal opportunity and treatment in employment. The instances mentioned here are not exhaustive.

Examples of closing the gender pay gap include initiating a policy, program or law and/or allocation financial or budgetary resources to increase pay transparency by sharing information on the gender pay gap with citizens, reduce pay secrecy, strengthening minimum wage and collective bargaining for women, increase awareness about the gender pay gap, increase gender neutral evaluations of work, promote sharing of care work and generally promote measures to increase pay equity. The instances mentioned here are not exhaustive.

Weak actions may include but are not limited to verbal reiterations of support, speeches, public address, hosting webinars or conferences, facilitating and organizing fora and attending conferences or meetings to discuss the gender pay gap and accessibility of decent work and quality jobs for women.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to the G20 member that demonstrates actions in at least half of the above commitment areas i.e. the G20 member undertakes minimum strong action in one area, or demonstrates weak actions in all three areas.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member that demonstrates actions in less than half of the commitment areas, i.e. the G20 member undertakes weak actions in two or one areas. These actions are directly and explicitly inconsistent with the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member does NOT take any action in any of the three commitment areas or takes weak actions in two or one commitment areas of enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities OR takes steps to close the gender pay gap OR takes steps to ensure access to employment opportunities meets decent work and quality jobs concepts or standards.
0	The G20 member takes strong action in one commitment area or takes weak actions in all three commitment areas of enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities OR takes steps to close the gender pay gap OR takes steps to ensure access to employment opportunities meets decent work and quality jobs concepts or standards.
+1	The G20 member takes strong actions in all three commitment areas of enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities AND takes steps to close the gender pay gap AND takes steps to ensure access to employment opportunities meets decent work and quality jobs concepts or standards.

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Lead Analyst: Jennifer Lee*

Argentina: -1

Argentina has not complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

No actions that enable inclusive access to employment for women have been registered during the compliance period.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of -1 .¹¹³⁶

Analyst: Alisha Aslam

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 24 February 2024, the gender pay gap data for up to 5,000 companies in Australia was made public for the first time through the revised Workplace Gender Equality Act passed by the Parliament in March 2023.¹¹³⁷ Mary Wooldridge, chief executive of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency took on this initiative to increase transparency regarding the gender pay gap and prompt employers to address the gender gap and take accountability.

On 27 February 2024, Minister for Finance, Minister for Women and Minister for the Public Service Katy Gallagher¹¹³⁸

On 28 February 2024, Stephanie Copus Campbell, the Ambassador for Gender Equality visited the Salelologa Market in Savaii, organized by the UN Women's Market for change project.¹¹³⁹ The Government of Australia is investing AUD 5.3 million in this project, led by UN Women, the project reaffirms gender equality through economic empowerment of women, by promoting women-led entrepreneurship and leadership enterprises.

On 1 March 2024, the Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Council convened virtually to discuss matters such as the Gender Equality Act 2020, which is recognized globally as a leading workplace gender equality legislation.¹¹⁴⁰ The Act targets the drivers of gender inequalities including the gender pay gap, gendered workplace segregation, lack of workplace flexibility and sexual harassment.

On 1 March 2024, Lalita Kapur, the Acting High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Azusa Kubota, the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Sri Lanka launched the

¹¹³⁶ This non-compliance was determined after a deep search of the following websites: <https://www.g77.org/>, <https://www.unicef.org/>, <https://www.oecd.org/>, <http://www.un.org/>, <http://www.unesco.org/>, <https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/international-herald-tribune-magazine>, <http://www.nytimes.com/>, <http://www.usa.ft.com/>, <http://www.reuters.com/>, <https://www.ap.org/>, <https://buenosairesherald.com/>, <https://www.batimes.com.ar/>, <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/>, <https://www.lagaceta.com.ar/>, <https://www.afp.com/en>, <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/capital-humano/familia/noticias>, <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/capital-humano/trabajo/noticias> and <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/economia/noticias>.

¹¹³⁷ How to find gender pay gap data— once a tightly held secret— on your company, The Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/how-to-find-gender-pay-gap-data-once-a-tightly-held-secret-on-your-company-20240222-p5f765.html>

¹¹³⁸ Employer gender pay gaps published first time, Australian Government (Canberra) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.wgea.gov.au/newsroom/employer-gender-pay-gaps-published-first-time-Media-release>

¹¹³⁹ Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality Visits Salelologa Market in Samoa, United Nations Women Asia and the Pacific (Geneva) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/stories/news/2024/02/australias-ambassador-for-gender-equality-visits-salelologa-market-in-samoa>

¹¹⁴⁰ Women and Women's Safety Ministerial Communique, Ministers for the Department of Social Service (Canberra) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://ministers.dss.gov.au/media-releases/13991>

Mobile Interactive Exhibition on Women's Empowerment initiatives in Kurunegala.¹¹⁴¹ High Commissioner Kapur also participated in a discussion to strengthen and promote women entrepreneurs and leadership especially under climate change adaptation initiatives.

On 7 March 2024, Minister Gallagher released the first national strategy to achieve gender equality, "Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality."¹¹⁴² The strategy will drive government action towards gender equality with a focus on five priority areas. Through these priority areas, the strategy reaffirms the government's commitment towards a reduction in gender pay gap by increasing transparency and action and promoting equity in sharing of care work.

On 7 March 2024, Minister Gallagher announced that the government will set tougher gender targets for businesses with at least 500 workers that seek to win government, as an effort towards addressing inequality in the workplace.¹¹⁴³

On 8 March 2024, Minister Gallagher released the second Status of Women Report Card.¹¹⁴⁴ The Report Card includes recent data on the social and economic equality issues facing women and girls in Australia. The Report Card is a vital instrument for tracking the progress of Working for Women strategy and presents outcomes and indicators to improve economic and social outcomes for women, including reduction of the pay gap and access to employment.

On 27 March 2024, the Australian government passed laws in the Senate mandate to expand the Paid Parental Leave to 26 weeks from the current 20 weeks by 2026 to address the gender pay gap.¹¹⁴⁵ Through the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Act 2024, two weeks of payment will be added to the Paid Parental Leave each year till 2026.

On 27 March 2024, the Fair Work Commission received a formal submission from the Labor government about the increase in minimum wage.¹¹⁴⁶ This action would help decrease the gender pay gap in workplaces and empower women to enter the workforce or work for more hours.

On 7 May 2024, the government launched the new phase of its multi-country program, Investing in Women, to boost the economic empowerment of women entrepreneurs and business owners in the Philippines.¹¹⁴⁷ This investment will help boost economic empowerment of Southeast Asian female entrepreneurs by supporting gender equality in the workplace and introducing policy reforms to increase women's economic participation, especially related to care work.

¹¹⁴¹ UNDP and Australian Government open Mobile Interactive Exhibition on Women's Empowerment initiatives in Kurunegala, United Nations Development Programme (Geneva) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.undp.org/srilanka/press-releases/undp-and-australian-government-open-mobile-interactive-exhibition-womens-empowerment-initiatives-kurunegala>

¹¹⁴² Working for women - A strategy for gender equality, Australian Government (Canberra) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/gallagher/2024/working-women-strategy-gender-equality>

¹¹⁴³ Australia to Tie Company Gender Targets to Government Contracts, BNN Bloomberg (Toronto) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/australia-to-tie-company-gender-targets-to-government-contracts-1.2043719>

¹¹⁴⁴ Status of Women Report Card – 2024 released, Australian Government (Canberra) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.pmc.gov.au/news/status-women-report-card-2024-released>

¹¹⁴⁵ Paid Parental Leave Scheme, Australian Department of Social Services (Canberra) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/programs-services/paid-parental-leave-scheme>

¹¹⁴⁶ Minimum pay boost pitched to narrow gender pay gap, The Canberra Times (Canberra) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8571775/minimum-pay-boost-pitched-to-narrow-gender-pay-gap/>

¹¹⁴⁷ Australia boosts investment for women's economic empowerment in the Philippines, Investing in Women (Makati City) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://investinginwomen.asia/posts/australia-boosts-investment-for-womens-economic-empowerment-in-the-philippines/>

On 14 May 2024, the government announced that the 2024-2025 Budget will include measures to support economic security for women.¹¹⁴⁸ These measures include a tax cut for all women taxpayers, AUD1.1 billion over four years “to pay superannuation on Government-funded Paid Parental Leave,” AUD239.7 million over five years to cap Higher Education Loan Program debt and debt relief totalling AUD3 billion for those under debt through the Higher Education Loan Program, mostly women. The government will also provide AUD427.4 million over four years in financial support for students taking part in mandatory placements in female-dominated fields such as nursing, midwifery, social work and teaching. Lastly, to support women’s equal access to decent and quality employment, the government will invest AUD38.2 million over the next eight years to increase women’s engagement in STEM and science engagement programs and 55.6 million over the next four years to spearhead the Building Women’s Careers program which will provide skills training for women in clean energy and construction.

On 20 June 2024, the Australian Government, through the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, released a new report which provides the first comparable results of the gender pay gap and gender equality performance of the Commonwealth public sector, compared to Australia’s private sector.¹¹⁴⁹ The Scorecard is the first of a new annual report series publishing the results from Commonwealth public sector Gender Equality Reporting to the agency. This helps identify actions Government is taking to deliver initiatives, such as flexibility, that helps empower more women to take leadership roles and drives gender balance in key management positions.

On 2 August 2024, the Department of Industry, Science and Resources updated their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Equity Monitor which holds data about female participation in the STEM industry.¹¹⁵⁰ The monitor shows improvements including a one per cent decrease in the gender pay gap compared to 2022. The government will continue to use the monitor to recognize gaps and fill the gaps of inequity for women in STEM education and employment.

On 7 August 2024, Minister Gallagher announced the opening of a Centre for Gender Equality and Inclusion at the University of Sydney.¹¹⁵¹ The Centre will focus on research aligned with the government’s priorities on gender equality in work and the labor market as well as prioritizing care work. The government plans to use research outcomes to influence policy decisions.

On 8 August 2024, the Australian Government announced it will fund a 15 per cent wage increase for Early Childhood Education and Care workers.¹¹⁵² This action will help retain existing early childhood educators, who are predominately women, and attract new employees. It helps create greater equity for women in the workplace.

¹¹⁴⁸ Australia boosts investment for women’s economic empowerment in the Philippines, Investing in Women (Makati City) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://investinginwomen.asia/posts/australia-boosts-investment-for-womens-economic-empowerment-in-the-philippines/>

¹¹⁴⁹ Progress on gender equality in the public sector, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 20 June 2024. Access date: 12 November 2024. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/gallagher/2024/progress-gender-equality-public-sector>

¹¹⁵⁰ The state of STEM gender equity in 2024, Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/state-stem-gender-equity-2024>

¹¹⁵¹ Opening of Australian Centre for Gender Equality & Inclusion, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 7 August 2024. Access Date: 27 August 2024. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/gallagher/2024/opening-australian-centre-gender-equality-inclusion>

¹¹⁵² Wage increase for early childhood workforce, Department of Education (Canberra) 8 August 2024. Access date: 12 November 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/wage-increase-early-childhood-workforce>

On 20 August 2024, the government announced additional funding to increase programs and opportunities in STEM as part of the 2024-2025 Budget.¹¹⁵³ This includes AUD8.5 million over 2025-2026 to advance grants for women in STEM including First Nations women and those in rural areas. The government will also provide AUD7.1 million to Science in Australia Gender Equity over five years to enable inclusive “workplaces in the higher education, research and vocational education sector” and to address discrimination. AUD2.0 million will be provided over five years to support The Girls in STEM Toolkit which aims to help girls develop an interest in STEM and STEM careers.

On 19 September 2024, Minister Gallagher announced that the government has agreed to pay superannuation on Paid Parental Leave.¹¹⁵⁴ Starting 1 July 2025, eligible parents will receive an additional lump sum payment equivalent to 12 per cent of their Paid Parental Leave payment. This change aims to reduce the gender gap in retirement savings.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Australia has taken strong action to enable access to inclusive employment, decent work and quality jobs through monetary investments and legislative protections.

Thus, the Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 24 February 2024, Minister of Women Cida Gonçalves attended the inauguration of the Qualification Center for Women in Caruaru.¹¹⁵⁵ The centre will provide educational courses and support the training and career development of thousands of socially vulnerable women in the area.

On 19 March 2024, Minister Gonçalves and the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture André de Paula signed a technical cooperation agreement to promote the autonomy and equality of fisherwomen.¹¹⁵⁶ The agreement focuses on recognizing fisherwomen and their territories, guaranteeing their economic autonomy and supporting policies that ensure their rights.

On 3 April 2024, Minister Gonçalves and the Minister of Transport Renan Filho, in partnership with the Ministry of Racial Equality, the Ministry of Labor and Employment, UN Women and the International Labor Organization signed “a protocol of intentions to promote the 7th edition of the

¹¹⁵³ Investments to support a thriving, skilled and diverse STEM workforce, Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 20 August 2024. Access Date: 27 August 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/investments-support-thriving-skilled-and-diverse-stem-workforce>

¹¹⁵⁴ Super boost for new parents, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 19 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/gallagher/2024/super-boost-new-parents>

¹¹⁵⁵ Ministra Cida Gonçalves participa de inauguração de centro de formação para mulheres em Caruaru/PE, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 24 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/fevereiro/ministra-cida-goncalves-participa-de-inauguracao-de-centro-de-formacao-para-mulheres-em-caruaru-pe>

¹¹⁵⁶ Ministério das Mulheres e da Pesca e Aquicultura assinam acordo para o fortalecimento de organizações de pescadoras do país, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 19 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/marco/ministerio-das-mulheres-e-da-pesca-e-aquicultura-assinam-acordo-para-o-fortalecimento-de-organizacoes-de-pescadoras-do-pais>

Gender and Race Pro-Equity Program.”¹¹⁵⁷ The protocol is focused on the inclusion of women and equality in job opportunities, pay, promotions and retention in public sector jobs related to the Ministry of Transport and infrastructure jobs throughout Brazil. To this end, 12 infrastructure companies and all federal highway concessionaires have committed to increased access to jobs and equal pay for women.

On 3 April 2024, the Ministry of Women and the Ministry of Development, Industry, Commerce and Services signed a technical cooperation agreement to support the inclusion of socially vulnerable women between the ages of 15 and 29 within “high-skilled activities in foreign trade.”¹¹⁵⁸ This agreement will also support the Asas pro Futuro program which focuses on helping mainly Black and Indigenous women living in poverty to access careers in technology, energy, infrastructure, logistics, transport, audiovisual, science and innovation, which it refers to as STEAM.

On 28 April 2024, Minister Gonçalves discussed the Law on Equal Pay and Remuneration Criteria between Women and Men with representatives from the Central Única dos Trabalhadores, the General Union of Workers, the Central dos Trabalhadores and Workers of Brazil and the Nova Central Sindical de Trabalhadores.¹¹⁵⁹ Minister Gonçalves highlighted statistics indicating the pay disparity between men and women in Brazil and reiterated the importance of alleviating the gender pay as well as pay gaps for racialized or other marginalized groups.

On 30 April 2024, the Government of Brazil launched the “Thousand Women: Domestic Work and Care” project which aims to professionally train 900 women as domestic workers.¹¹⁶⁰ The project will focus on improving decent work opportunities for domestic workers by providing them with education and training at federal institutions. Courses offered will include labor and social rights, addressing violence and inequalities and “care economics.”

On 23 May 2024, Brazil held its 2075th and 2076th committee meetings on eliminating discrimination against women.¹¹⁶¹ The Committee commended Brazil for its efforts to enhance women’s economic empowerment, including initiatives like the “Bolsa Família” program. In accordance with the sustainable development goals, the Committee recommended implementing a series of reforms that grant women equal rights, wages and access to economics resources.

¹¹⁵⁷ MMulheres e Ministério dos Transportes assinam protocolo de intenções para promover Programa Pró-Equidade de Gênero e Raça, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 3 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/abril/mmulheres-e-ministerio-dos-transportes-assinam-protocolo-de-intencoes-para-promover-programa-pro-equidade-de-genero-e-raca>

¹¹⁵⁸ Ministério das Mulheres e MDIC se unem para capacitar jovens mulheres em comércio exterior, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 3 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/abril/ministerio-das-mulheres-e-mdic-se-unem-para-capacitar-jovens-mulheres-em-comercio-exterior>

¹¹⁵⁹ Trabalho igual, salário igual: ministra Cida Gonçalves dialoga com centrais sindicais em Pernambuco, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 28 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/abril/trabalho-igual-salario-igual-ministra-cida-goncalves-dialoga-com-centrais-sindicais-em-pernambuco>

¹¹⁶⁰ Projeto "Mulheres Mil: Trabalho Doméstico e Cuidados" vai ofertar qualificação profissional para trabalhadoras domésticas, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/abril/projeto-mulheres-mil-trabalho-domestico-e-cuidados-vai-ofertar-qualificacao-profissional-para-trabalhadoras-domesticas>

¹¹⁶¹ Concluding observations on the combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of Brazil, Ministry of Women (Brasília) 3 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/junho/CEDAW_C_BRA_CO_89_58527_E.pdf/view

On 18 September 2024, the Government of Brazil announced BRL17 billion in funding for 79 actions to address the gender pay gap and promote gender equality in the world of work.¹¹⁶² This includes 36 actions to address barriers preventing women from accessing the world of work, 19 actions to reduce barriers and promote the sharing of family responsibilities and 24 actions for professional advancement including enabling young women to enter science fields.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Brazil has launched a protocol for the inclusion of women in jobs related to the Ministry of Transport with equal job opportunities and pay. It has also launched a project to professionally train women for decent work and has established an agreement to train women to access quality jobs in STEAM fields and foreign trade.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Caitlin Zhang

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 24 January 2024, Employment and Social Development Canada announced over CAD7.3 million in funding towards two projects focusing on improving the participation of underrepresented groups in skilled trades in Ontario.¹¹⁶³ These projects mainly target women among other underrepresented groups and seek to develop skills to improve equal access to good well-paying jobs for all diverse groups.

On 2 February 2024, Seamus O’Regan, the Minister of Labour, launched the Equi’Vision website highlighting representation numbers and wages between different groups. This platform aims to improve transparency regarding representation and pay gaps amongst Canadians.¹¹⁶⁴

On 22 February 2024, Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) announced CAD960,000 in funding for the Information and Communications Technology Council to help fund the “Changing the Narrative – Unleashing the Full Potential of Women-owned Enterprises project.”¹¹⁶⁵ The project

¹¹⁶² Governo federal lança plano com 79 ações para promover a igualdade salarial e laboral entre mulheres e homens, Ministério das Mulheres (Brasília) 18 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-de-conteudos/noticias/2024/setembro/governo-federal-lanca-plano-com-79-acoes-para-promover-a-igualdade-salarial-e-laboral-entre-mulheres-e-homens>

¹¹⁶³ Minister Boissonnault announces over \$7 million investment in skilled trades workers in Windsor, Employment and Social Development Canada (Windsor) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/01/minister-boissonnault-announces-over-7-million-investment-in-skilled-trades-workers-in-windsor.html>

¹¹⁶⁴ Minister O’Regan launches first of its kind pay transparency website: Equi’Vision, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/02/minister-oregan-launches-first-of-its-kind-pay-transparency-website-equivision.html>

¹¹⁶⁵ Government of Canada announces funding for women entrepreneurs to create a more equitable digital economy, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Toronto) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-women-entrepreneurs-to-create-a-more-equitable-digital-economy.html>

aims to encourage female economic participation in digital entrepreneurship with a focus on tackling systemic barriers experienced by Black and official language minority women.

On 5 March 2024, WAGE invested CAD1.5 million in funding to Plan International Canada's "Promoting the Power Within and Redefining Beauty: Uprooting Systemic Barriers to Equity in Leadership" initiative.¹¹⁶⁶ This program aims to increase gender representation in leadership positions and empower women and girls through fostering self-confidence in young girls.

On 8 March 2024, Randy Boissonnault the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages, announced the funding of more than CAD28.9 million to support 15 projects that will help train approximately 6400 women to enter the skilled trades workforce. This funding is meant to help increase female participation rates in a traditionally male-dominated industry.¹¹⁶⁷

On 16 April 2024, the Government of Canada released a report on Gender, Diversity and Inclusion.¹¹⁶⁸ As part of the Gender Results Framework, this report delivers statistics on gender equality and empowerment and highlights areas of improvement and initiatives in the 2024 budget that contribute towards such improvements.¹¹⁶⁹

On 9 May 2024, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien announced CAD924,370 in funding for Build a Dream's "Supporting Women's Access to Employment, Retention, Advancement in Male Dominated Fields" project.¹¹⁷⁰ This project aims to foster increased gender equality by helping women advance in male-dominated fields through career development.

On 29 May 2024, Minister Boissonnault announced CAD39.4 million in funding for Quebec to promote the training of tradespeople particularly from underrepresented groups.¹¹⁷¹ Of this, CAD3.5 million will be directed towards two union projects supporting the recruitment of women into the skilled trades workforce.

On 16 July 2024, WAGE announced the provision of over CAD770,000 over two and half years towards the Mining Industry Human Resources Council.¹¹⁷² This investment will support the

¹¹⁶⁶ Government of Canada supports young women to build self-esteem and reach their full potential, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Toronto) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2024/03/government-of-canada-supports-young-women-to-build-self-esteem-and-reach-their-full-potential.html>

¹¹⁶⁷ Minister Boissonnault announces more than \$28.9 million to help women succeed in the skilled trades, Employment and Social Development Canada (Surrey) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/03/minister-boissonnault-announces-more-than-289-million-to-help-women-succeed-in-the-skilled-trades.html>

¹¹⁶⁸ Budget 2024: Table of contents, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://budget.canada.ca/2024/report-rapport/toc-tdm-en.html>

¹¹⁶⁹ Budget 2024: Statement and Impacts Report on Gender, Diversity, and Inclusion, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://budget.canada.ca/2024/report-rapport/gdql-egdqv-en.pdf>

¹¹⁷⁰ Government of Canada helps to improve women's economic participation in male-dominated industries, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Ottawa) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-helps-to-improve-womens-economic-participation-in-male-dominated-industries.html>

¹¹⁷¹ Government of Canada announces investments to support skilled tradespeople in Quebec, Employment and Social Development Canada (Quebec City) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-announces-investments-to-support-skilled-tradespeople-in-quebec.html>

¹¹⁷² Government of Canada helps improve women's participation in the mining sector, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2024/07/government-of-canada-helps-improve-womens-participation-in-the-mining-sector.html>

organization's Changing Culture: Advancing Women's Participation and Prosperity in Mining project to increase the representation of women in a traditionally gender unequal economic sector.

On 13 August 2024, Minister Ien announced CAD530,000 in funding for Pitch Better Inc. to support Black and equality-seeking women entrepreneurs to access better economic and leadership opportunities.¹¹⁷³ Funding will go towards the FoundHers Labs Venture Studio which will advance gender equality, economic growth and the creation of jobs in business sectors including AI, healthcare, finance, e-commerce and machine learning.

On 18 September 2024, Minister of Labour Steven MacKinnon, Minister Ien and Minister Boissonnault released a statement on International Equal Pay Day affirming the importance of addressing the gender pay gap and highlighting Canada's advancements regarding this issue.¹¹⁷⁴

Canada has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Canada has invested in projects that develop the skills and workforce participation of women, promoted transparency on the gender pay gap and advanced equal access for women in quality jobs that are traditionally male-dominated.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sara Cai

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 8 March 2024, the Chinese government's instrumental measures in advancing specific policies and programs aimed at fostering increased female involvement in the workforce were highlighted.¹¹⁷⁵ These include actively offering employment opportunities to female workers who have been laid off and providing online and offline job fairs for female job seekers, demonstrating the government's commitment to promoting gender equality in the workplace and creating supportive work environments.

On 12 March 2024, China held an exhibition showcasing the contributions of women to China's development over the past century, which commenced at the Memorial Hall of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in downtown Shanghai.¹¹⁷⁶ There were two sections in the exhibition, one regarding women's engagement in leadership roles within the CPC over the past

¹¹⁷³ Government of Canada announces funding to improve economic and leadership opportunities for Black and equality-seeking women entrepreneurs, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 August 2024. Access Date: 27 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2024/08/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-improve-economic-and-leadership-opportunities-for-black-and-equality-seeking-women-entrepreneurs.html>

¹¹⁷⁴ Statement on International Equal Pay Day, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 18 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/09/statement-on-international-equal-pay-day.html>

¹¹⁷⁵ Navigating Women's Employment in China: Recent Advancements and Ongoing Challenges, CHINA BRIEFING (Beijing) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/navigating-womens-employment-in-china-recent-advancements-and-ongoing-challenges/>

¹¹⁷⁶ Exhibition highlighting women's contribution to China's development held at founding site of first CPC Congress, Global Times (Beijing) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202403/1308704.shtml>

century and the other serving as an introduction to 113 remarkable Chinese female individuals and groups, along with their narratives.

On 21 June 2024, the head of the China Office at the UN Global Compact Liu Meng participated in the session promoting family-friendly workplaces and gender equality.¹¹⁷⁷ She highlighted the importance of tackling gender inequality to ensure future business sustainability in China and stressed the need for comprehensive economic gender equality, including the creation of gender-inclusive, family-friendly workplaces for working parents.

China has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Caitlin Zhang

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 18 December 2023, the Ministry responsible for Equality between Women and Men and the Fight against Discrimination announced the '101 femmes de Matignon' competition.¹¹⁷⁸ The objective is to promote 101 women entrepreneurs throughout France to support innovation, freedom and to encourage entrepreneurial vocations. This strategy is a part of the Ministry's framework since 2012 to improve women's entrepreneurship across France.

On 8 March 2024, the Minister Delegate in charge of Business, Tourism and Consumer Affairs, Olivia Grégoire travelled to Seine-Saint-Denis, to speak with female entrepreneurs and representatives of La Fabrique 621.¹¹⁷⁹ The organisation allows female entrepreneurs to start their businesses by providing aid in the development of business plan and management.

France has partially complied with its commitments to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Through the '101 femmes de Matignon' competition, France has taken strong action to support the inclusive access to employment opportunities for women and ensure their access to decent work. However, France has not taken action to address the gender pay gap.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

¹¹⁷⁷ UN Global Compact hosts session promoting family-friendly workplaces and gender equality, CHINADAILY (Beijing) 21 June 2024. Access Date: 1 Aug 2024. <https://chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/21/WS6675277da31095c51c50a2fb.html>

¹¹⁷⁸ Concours « 101 femmes de Matignon », Ministère chargé de l'Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes et de la Lutte contre les discriminations (Paris) 18 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.egalite-femmes-hommes.gouv.fr/concours-101-femmes-de-matignon?source=4fb97b42-7796-4904-bf83-92e8ee71119b>

¹¹⁷⁹ NAR - Déplacement d'Olivia Grégoire en Seine-Saint-Denis le vendredi 8 mars, Ministère de l'Économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté industrielle et numérique (Saint-Denis) 8 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/deplacement-dolivia-gregoire-en-seine-saint-denis-le-vendredi-8-mars/>

Analyst: Candace Sara Ciju

Germany: -1

Germany has failed to comply with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

No evidence of actions taken were found during the compliance period.

Thus, Germany receives a score of -1.¹¹⁸⁰

Analyst: Blerta Ademaj

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 1 February 2024, the Indian Ministry of Labour advised employers to encourage employment of women.¹¹⁸¹ The advisory calls on employers to take steps to close the gender pay gap, by providing family benefits, equal pay and encouraging women to take on leadership roles. The advisory encourages employers to implement policies and programmes to support women in entrepreneurial ventures, eliminate bias in recruitment and promotion as well as measures to allow men to participate in sharing of care responsibilities.

On 1 February 2024, the Indian government committed to raising its target to help women become "Lakhpati Didis."¹¹⁸² The Lakhpati Didi scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023 provides training for women in self-help groups to enable them to earn wages that sustain their livelihoods.

¹¹⁸⁰ This non-compliance was determined after a deep search of the following websites:

<http://www.handelsblatt.de/cgi-bin/hbi.exe?FN=hb&SFN=p>, <http://www.mathematik.uni-ulm.de/de-news/>,
<http://www.faz.de/>, <http://www.f-r.de/>, <http://www.welt.de>, <http://www.germany-info.org>, <https://www.who.int/>,
<https://www.unicef.org/>, <https://www.oecd.org/>, <https://www.imf.org/en/Home>,
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/home>, <http://www.un.org/>, <http://www.unesco.org/>, <https://www.g77.org/>,
<http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/>, <http://www.bis.org/bcbs/>, <http://www.bis.org/>,
<https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/international-herald-tribune-magazine>, <http://www.nytimes.com/>,
<http://www.usa.ft.com/>, <http://www.reuters.com/>, <http://www.ap.org/>, <http://www.afp.com/english/home/>,
http://www.vny.com/cf/News/upisearch.cfm?content=sv_intnews, <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en>,
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/>, <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Startseite/start.html>,
<https://www.bmbf.de/en/index.html>, https://www.bmel.de/EN/Home/home_node.html, <https://www.bmfsfj.de/>,
<https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/DE/Home/home.html>,
<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/>, <https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/startseite/startseite-node.html>,
https://www.bmfv.de/DE/Startseite/Startseite_node.html, <https://www.bmu.de/>,
<https://www.bmvi.de/DE/Home/home.html>, <https://www.bmvg.de/de>,
<https://www.bmw.de/Navigation/DE/Home/home.html>, <https://www.bmz.de/en/>.

¹¹⁸¹ 'Labour Ministry issues advisory to employers to promote women workforce participation, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/jobs/government-jobs/labour-ministry-issues-advisory-to-employers-to-promote-women-workforce-participation/articleshow/107290894.cms>

¹¹⁸² Govt enhances target to help 30mn women become 'Lakhpati Didis': Sitharaman, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/govt-enhances-target-to-help-30-mn-women-become-lakhpati-didis-sitharaman-101706772650213.html>

On 8 March 2024, the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) released scholarships for women in undergraduate business programs.¹¹⁸³ The scholarship program intends to empower women in leadership positions and in technical jobs by improving their skills, training and providing an affordable education. Through the scholarship program, the AICTE reaffirms its commitment to empower women and reduce gender equity in engineering and technology related employment opportunities.

On 29 March 2024, Secretary of Labour and Employment Sumita Dawra attended day-two of the G20 Employment Working Group's meeting in Brasília.¹¹⁸⁴ Topics of discussion included care policies and equal pay for women to advance gender equality.

On 21 June 2024, the Ministry of Women and Child Development organized a workshop on women's empowerment.¹¹⁸⁵ The workshop reaffirmed India's commitment to women empowerment schemes and educated leaders of the Ministry of Skill Development on strategies for encouraging female participation in the workforce. The Ministry's officials will aid India in closing the gender pay gap by implementing women's empowerment initiatives across the country.

On 19 June 2024, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation published an advisory document that guides employers in the aviation industry to increase female representation.¹¹⁸⁶ The aim of the advisory is to overcome gender inequality and unequal pay by increasing access to decent jobs in the aviation industry for women.

On 23 July 2024, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman presented the 2024-2025 union budget in parliament and announced the allocation of over INR3,000,000,000,000 for initiatives that empower women in the workforce.¹¹⁸⁷ Some of the initiatives include establishing hostels for working women and offering job training for women. This budget allocation seeks to increase access to the labour market for women.

On 31 July 2024, the National Skill Development Corporation instituted the "Women Entrepreneurship Program."¹¹⁸⁸ The program will aid female entrepreneurs by providing funding, resources and training for women entrepreneurship initiatives and women-led start-ups.

India has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. India has expressed its commitment to empower women, encourage women's

¹¹⁸³ International Women's Day 2024: AICTE announces new scholarship scheme for girls, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/international-womens-day-2024-aicte-announces-new-scholarship-scheme-for-girls-101709898550001.html>

¹¹⁸⁴ 2nd day at G20 EWG meeting at Brasilia sees progress on commitments made under Indian Presidency 2023 on developing an international reference classification of occupations and skills, enabling skills based international mobility of labour, Ministry of Labor and Employment (Delhi) 29 March 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://labour.gov.in/sites/default/files/pib2016666.pdf>

¹¹⁸⁵ Ministry of Women and Child Development Launches 100-Days Special Awareness Campaign on Women Empowerment, Ministry of Women and Social Development (New Delhi) 21 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2027730>

¹¹⁸⁶ DGCA issues circular on gender equality to raise share of women workforce to 25% by 2025, The Telegraph (Kolkata) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/dgca-issues-circular-on-gender-equality-to-raise-share-of-women-workforce-to-25-by-2025/cid/2028251>

¹¹⁸⁷ Union budget signals government's commitment towards enhanced role of women in economic development, Ministry of Finance (New Delhi) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2035567>

¹¹⁸⁸ Women Entrepreneurship Program launched to empower women entrepreneurs and spurring economic growth, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (New Delhi) 31 July 2024. Access Date 3 August 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2039876>

participation in the workforce and create inclusive workspaces. However, there is a lack of policy actions translating verbally expressed commitments to tangible outcomes regarding pay transparency and equal pay.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Lisanne Koehler

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 12 March 2024, the Indonesian Business Coalition for Women Empowerment, Investing in Women and the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Economic Development created Indonesia's first Guide to Employer-Supported Childcare, enhancing the role of the private sector in advancing women's economic empowerment by promoting aid towards sharing of care responsibilities and creating inclusive workplaces for women.¹¹⁸⁹

On 15 March 2024, the Deputy Head of Gender Equality at the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Lenny Rosalin, thanked the PT Permodalan Nasional Madani at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for supporting their efforts in creating opportunities and enhancing the well-being of female entrepreneurs.¹¹⁹⁰ At CSW, they also showcased Indonesia's initiatives and achievements in promoting gender equality and strengthening financing and institutions with a gender perspective.

On 16 March 2024, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry collaborated with *Müstakil Sanayici ve Isadamlari Dernegi* Indonesia to discuss the empowerment of female entrepreneurs and creating a more inclusive national economy.¹¹⁹¹ The discussion focused on areas such as promoting leadership and entrepreneurial skills in women to reaffirm the government's commitment towards equality and empowerment for women.

On 18 March 2024, the National Technical Officer of UNDP Indonesia Agus Soetianto underscored the importance of addressing equality and accessibility, pledging support to governments in creating and implementing policies that focus on gender equality and women's empowerment in the workplace.¹¹⁹²

On 28 March 2024, the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection collaborated with the International Labour Organisation office for Indonesia and Timor Leste to launch Indonesia's Road Map on Care Economy 2025-2045. This road map solidifies Indonesia's commitment to develop

¹¹⁸⁹ Indonesia creates first ever guide to employer supported ECEC, The Sector (Canberra) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://thesector.com.au/2024/03/12/indonesia-creates-first-ever-guide-to-employer-supported-ecec/>

¹¹⁹⁰ PNM & KPPPA shine at CSW 68: Empowering women in Indonesia's microeconomic sector, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/front-row/2024/03/15/pnm-kpppa-shine-at-csw-68-empowering-women-in-indonesias-microeconomic-sector.html>

¹¹⁹¹ Kadin Indonesia, MUSIAD Indonesia to expand female entrepreneur market potential, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 16 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2024/03/16/kadin-indonesia-musiad-indonesia-to-expand-female-entrepreneur-market-potential.html>

¹¹⁹² Championing Women's Voices: Empowering Co-Creation to Foster a Human Rights-Friendly and Inclusive Approach in Addressing HIV in Indonesia, UNDP Indonesia (Jakarta) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.undp.org/indonesia/blog/championing-womens-voices-empowering-co-creation-foster-human-rights-friendly-and-inclusive-approach-addressing-hiv-indonesia>

its care economy, advance gender equality in the workplace and increase women's labour force participation rate.¹¹⁹³

On 3 May 2024, UN Tourism and Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy co-hosted the Second Regional Conference on the Empowerment of Women in Tourism in Asia & the Pacific.¹¹⁹⁴ The panels covered key areas such as female leadership, education and workforce participation with the participants recommending that countries offer more training opportunities for women and provide greater support towards women-owned businesses. This will help ensure women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 18 May 2024, the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection emphasized Indonesia's commitment towards empowering females in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.¹¹⁹⁵ The ministry noted the necessity for increasing women's access to digital technology skills, leadership and resources for future employment opportunities for women in STEM.

On 23 May 2024, the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection reaffirmed the need for empowering women and highlighted their plans to increase women's economic empowerment and female participation in the national economy through entrepreneurship at the Joint Meeting of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministers Responsible for Women and Ministers Responsible for Trade in Arequipa, Peru.¹¹⁹⁶

On 11 July 2024, the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Bintang Puspayoga stressed the importance of closing the gender gap between men and women especially in the digital transformation process.¹¹⁹⁷ Minister Puspayoga also explained that by upholding gender inclusion, technology and the digital world will allow women to access more jobs and increase their income.

On 22 July 2024, the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection emphasized the importance of strengthening coordination and collaboration among other ministries in Indonesia to improve understanding about gender equality issues.¹¹⁹⁸ Efforts to fill current knowledge gaps in gender equality concerns will help to tackle issues such as narrowing the gender wage gap and guaranteeing women's equal access to quality jobs.

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. While Indonesia has taken weak actions in support of the

¹¹⁹³ Indonesia launches its Road Map for Care Economy for a more Gender Equal World of Work, International Labour Organization (Jakarta) 28 March 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/indonesia-launches-its-road-map-care-economy-more-gender-equal-world-work>

¹¹⁹⁴ Women take Centre Stage Building Inclusive Tourism in Asia & the Pacific, UN Tourism (Madrid) 3 May 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2024. <https://www.unwto.org/news/women-take-centre-stage-building-inclusive-tourism-in-asia-and-the-pacific>

¹¹⁹⁵ Ministry affirms Indonesia's commitment to empowering women in STEM, Antara News (Jakarta) 18 May 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/313755/ministry-affirms-indonesias-commitment-to-empowering-women-in-stem>

¹¹⁹⁶ Indonesia outlines strategies for women empowerment at APEC meeting, Antara News (Jakarta) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/314205/indonesia-outlines-strategies-for-women-empowerment-at-apec-meeting>

¹¹⁹⁷ Uphold gender inclusion in digital transformation process: Minister, Antara News (Jakarta) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/318369/uphold-gender-inclusion-in-digital-transformation-process-minister>

¹¹⁹⁸ Coordination necessary to improve understanding of gender issues: govt, Antara News (Jakarta) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/319434/coordination-necessary-to-improve-understanding-of-gender-issues-govt>

commitment, it was not taken strong action to promote the full and meaningful participation of women nor has it taken any action to address the gender pay gap.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Grace (Yujung) Choi

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 11 December 2023, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Vincenzo Grassi presented a list of pledges made by Italy to improve human rights to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).¹¹⁹⁹ The list includes the promise to enhance the effectiveness of the National Gender Equality Certification System which seeks to encourage companies to close the gender pay gap and advance maternity protection.¹²⁰⁰

On 1 February 2024, President of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights of Italy and head of the delegation to the OHCHR's Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Fabrizio Petri presented Italy's eighth periodic report.¹²⁰¹ President Petri announced that Italy's 2024 budget law will allocate EUR141 million to the Department of Equal Opportunities. Of this amount, EUR18.5 million will be used to train housewives and househusbands and to advance equal opportunities. Additionally, a new kindergarten bonus along with strengthened maternity protection will be introduced.

On 6 February 2024, the Department of Equal Opportunities and the European Union's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support hosted a seminar on "Technical support for women's empowerment through gender mainstreaming and gender certification of businesses."¹²⁰² This seminar included several experts who participated in the discussion on incentivizing and certifying gender equality initiatives by private enterprises under the National Gender Equality Certification System.

On 4 March 2024, the Regional Employment Agency announced that the Reggio Emilia Employment Center and the Municipality of Reggio Emilia would host a joint event to equip women with knowledge

¹¹⁹⁹ Italy's pledges on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UN Representation Geneva (Geneva) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. https://italiarappginevra.esteri.it/en/news/dalla_rappresentanza/2023/12/impegni-annunciati-dallitalia-in-occasione-del-75-anniversario-della-dichiarazione-universale-dei-diritti-umani/

¹²⁰⁰ Human Rights 75 Pledges, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/human-rights-75/pledge/human-rights-75-pledges>

¹²⁰¹ Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Commend Italy on Gender Architecture, Ask About Human Trafficking and Gender Parity in Politics, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-italy-gender>

¹²⁰² Seminario conclusivo del progetto europeo "Technical support for women's empowerment through gender mainstreaming and gender certification of businesses," Dipartimento per le Pari Opportunità (Rome) 6 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pariopportunita.gov.it/it/news-e-media/news/2024/seminario-conclusivo-del-progetto-europeo-technical-support-for-women-s-empowerment-through-gender-mainstreaming-and-gender-certification-of-businesses/>

on ways to search for employment, assist women in training and job opportunities and connect with companies looking to hire new employees.¹²⁰³

On 8 March 2024, the Bank of Italy released a statement detailing its gender equity initiatives in support of International Women’s Day.¹²⁰⁴ The Bank of Italy has hosted seminars, published studies regarding women in economics professions and promoted “Women Matter,” a women-focused financial literacy initiative. Furthermore, it has committed to supporting women in economics and finance by partnering with the Italian Society of Econometrics (SIde) to sponsor 10 female graduate students or researchers in SIde’s summer schools and postgraduate courses.

On 8 March 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance hosted the “Mef alongside women” event.¹²⁰⁵ During the event, various government officials participated in discussions on the issue of women’s leadership at the highest positions in public administration, economics and finance.

On 18 March 2024, Deputy Permanent Representative Gianluca Greco released a statement at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.¹²⁰⁶ In his statement, Deputy Permanent Representative Greco reaffirmed Italy’s commitment to fighting towards women’s equality and eliminating poverty through education and employment inclusion by promoting women in STEM education, support for women-led small and medium enterprises, extending parental leave and tax cuts for businesses hiring women.

On 24 May 2024, National Equality Councillor Filomena D’Antini and the President of the National Council of the Order of Labour Consultants Rosario De Luca signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to conduct training and awareness campaigns to educate companies about equality, equal employment opportunities and gender-based discrimination.¹²⁰⁷ Cooperation aims to improve workplace gender equality and help women integrate in STEM fields.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Italy has taken strong actions in all three commitment areas through the allocation of financial resources, seminars and training to support employment opportunities for women.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

¹²⁰³ Reggio Emilia. Il lavoro al femminile: le donne incontrano le aziende del territorio, Agenzia regionale per il lavoro (Reggio Emilia) 4 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://www.agenzialavoro.emr.it/agenda/evento-a-reggio-job-for-women-11-marzo-2024>

¹²⁰⁴ La Banca d’Italia celebra la Giornata Internazionale della Donna 2024, Banca d’Italia (Rome) 8 March 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/la-banca-d-italia-celebra-la-giornata-internazionale-della-donna-2024/>

¹²⁰⁵ 8 marzo: il Mef a fianco delle donne, un altro genere di leadership alla guida del cambiamento nella PA, Ministero dell’Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 8 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.mef.gov.it/inevidenza/8-marzo-il-Mef-a-fianco-delle-donne-un-altro-genere-di-leadership-alla-guida-del-cambiamento-nella-PA/>

¹²⁰⁶ Statement by Italy’s Deputy Permanent Representative Gianluca Greco at the CSW68 General Discussion, Rappresentanza Permanente d’Italia ONU – New York (New York) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://italyun.esteri.it/en/news/dalla_rappresentanza/2024/03/statement-by-italys-deputy-permanent-representative-gianluca-greco-at-the-csw68-general-discussion/

¹²⁰⁷ Siglato il Protocollo d’Intesa tra Consigliera Nazionale di Parità e Consiglio Nazionale dell’Ordine dei Consulenti del Lavoro, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali (Rome) 24 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/siglato-protocollo-intesa-tra-consigliera-nazionale-di-parita-e-consiglio-nazionale-ordine-consulenti-del-lavoro>

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 12 December 2023, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida released a statement congratulating the Gender Equality Advisory Council (2023) on submitting their final report.¹²⁰⁸ In his statement, he reaffirmed Japan's commitment, as pledged during the 2023 G7 Hiroshima Summit, to dismantle gender barriers and support gender equality efforts through various ways such as education.

On 24 January 2024, the United Nations in Sri Lanka announced that the Government of Japan provided approximately USD343,000 worth of productive assets in partnership with UN Women and Chrysalis to support women's economic empowerment in Sri Lanka.¹²⁰⁹ This initiative will help support the growth and expansion of 600 micro-enterprises led by women through training in financial education, product development and online marketing.

On 16 February 2024, the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA) announced that the Government of Japan agreed to fund USD3.3 million for a two-year educational development project in West Africa. UNESCO IICBA's project will focus on access to education for girls and empowering female teachers through professional development, training and management solutions.¹²¹⁰

On 20 February 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency announced the signing of a loan agreement with the Government of India to support the country's development.¹²¹¹ Of the approximately JPY232 billion loan to India, close to JPY23.7 billion will be used to promote women's entrepreneurship and enable inclusive access to employment opportunities through several subprojects aimed at supporting entrepreneurs and expansion of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

On 8 March 2024, Prime Minister Kishida released a statement on International Women's Day in support of gender equality and women's empowerment.¹²¹² In his statement, Prime Minister Kishida reaffirmed his commitment to gender equality and the Government of Japan's unity in addressing women's issues, ranging from closing the gender pay gap to women in leadership at companies, as well as work-life balance support for women.

¹²⁰⁸ Message from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio on the Occasion of Submission of the Final Report by Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC), Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202312/12message_geac.html

¹²⁰⁹ UN Women and Japan support 600 women-led micro-enterprises affected by the socioeconomic crisis in Sri Lanka, United Nations in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://srilanka.un.org/en/258620-un-women-and-japan-support-600-women-led-micro-enterprises-affected-socioeconomic-crisis-sri>

¹²¹⁰ Investing in teachers to Promote Safe and Quality Education for Girls in West Africa: A New Japan-funded IICBA Project, UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (Addis Ababa) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.iicba.unesco.org/en/node/126>

¹²¹¹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India: Contributing to the deepening of bilateral relations and mutual development between Japan and India by supporting India's achievement of the SDGs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html

¹²¹² Video Message from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio on International Women's Day, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202403/08message2.html

On 12 March 2024, the Cabinet of Japan approved legislation mandating companies to disclose data on paternity leave usage.¹²¹³ Through this legislation, the Government of Japan seeks to increase competition among employers to offer more family-friendly incentives in the hiring process, which will help alleviate the burden of childcare for mothers, especially those in dual-income families.

On 5 April 2024, UN Women Europe and Central Asia announced the launching of a project in partnership with the Government of Japan to empower Ukrainian refugee women and girls in Georgia, Poland and Slovakia.¹²¹⁴ The project seeks to provide socio-economic and educational support for Ukrainian refugee women and girls through training to improve job prospects, as well as work placement assistance, education and child-care support for their dependents, psychosocial, digital literacy, information and communication technology training.

On 24 April 2024, Prime Minister Kishida participated in the first meeting of the Project Team for the Promotion of Women's Active Engagement in Professional Life.¹²¹⁵ At the meeting, Prime Minister Kishida reaffirmed his commitment to promoting women's economic empowerment, closing the gender wage gap and supporting women's participation and leadership in the workplace.¹²¹⁶

On 24 May 2024, the Government of Japan passed legislation requiring companies to support balanced work and childcare by offering flexible working arrangements such as working from home and reduced work hours.¹²¹⁷ The legislation also extends childcare leave to attend to sick or injured children up to third grade and requires the disclosure of data on paternity leave for companies with over 300 employees. This legislation aims to support the government's efforts to promote gender equality in the workplace.

On 5 June 2024, Prime Minister Kishida participated in the fourth meeting of the Project Team for the Promotion of Women's Active Engagement in Professional Life.¹²¹⁸ At the meeting, Prime Minister Kishida reaffirmed the importance of closing the gender wage gap in increasing women's labor force participation.

On 11 June 2024, Prime Minister Kishida participated in the 14th joint meeting of the Headquarters for Creating a Society in which All Women Shine and the 24th joint meeting of the Headquarters for Promoting Gender Equality.¹²¹⁹ At the meeting, Prime Minister Kishida reiterated his commitment to promoting the participation of women in companies, sharing of care work and increasing women's wages.

¹²¹³ Japan nudges companies on paternity leave as births tumble, Nikkei Asia (Tokyo) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Society/Japan-nudges-companies-on-paternity-leave-as-births-tumble>

¹²¹⁴ Japan and UN Women cooperate to strengthen resilience of Ukrainian refugee women and girls in Georgia, Poland, and Slovakia, UN Women Europe and Central Asia (Istanbul) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://eca.unwomen.org/en/stories/press-release/2024/04/japan-and-un-women-cooperate-to-strengthen-resilience-of-ukrainian-refugee-women-and-girls-in-georgia-poland-and-slovakia>

¹²¹⁵ Project Team for the Promotion of Women's Active Engagement in Professional Life, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202404/24josei.html

¹²¹⁶ 女性の職業生活における活躍推進プロジェクトチーム, 首相官邸, 首相官邸 (Tokyo) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202404/24josei.html

¹²¹⁷ Japan passes law on flexible work for parents with young children, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/05/24/japan/child-care-leave-law/>

¹²¹⁸ 女性の職業生活における活躍推進プロジェクトチーム, 首相官邸 (Tokyo) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202406/05josei.html

¹²¹⁹ すべての女性が輝く社会づくり本部・男女共同参画推進本部合同会議, 首相官邸 (Tokyo) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024.

https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202406/11josei.html

On 24 June 2024, Prime Minister Kishida joined the Prime Minister's Awards Ceremony for Recognizing Contributions to Creating a Gender-Equal Society.¹²²⁰ At the ceremony, Prime Minister Kishida reaffirmed his commitment to improving women's income and female labor force participation, including providing training support for women in the workplace and promoting sharing of care work.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Japan has taken strong actions in all three commitment areas through the allocation of financial resources, legislation and international partnerships.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ryan Do

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 18 December 2023, the Minister of Labour and Employment, Lee Jeong-sik held the Employment Policy Forum to discuss the past year's employment and future policy directions.¹²²¹ Minister Lee announced one of the key initiatives for the upcoming year which included targeted policies that promote women's labour force participation through training for new, digitized industries, promoting flexible work arrangements and allowing women to combine work and childcare.

On 26 December 2023, the Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Kim Hyun-sook published the 2023 White Paper on Women's Economic Activity.¹²²² The paper details current policies and programs regarding women's employment, including statistics on the current status of women's employment in various industries, improving transparency and accessibility for legislators and the public.

On 4 January 2024, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance, Choi Sang-mok announced the 2024 Economic Policy Directions.¹²²³ This includes a commitment to increasing policies supporting women's economic participation through work-life balance measures.

On 8 January 2024, Minister of Small- to Medium- Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Startups, Oh Young-joo announced the Women's Business Development Project for 2024.¹²²⁴ The project provides KRW104.9 billion in funding to 18 centres for female entrepreneurs, entailing ecommerce training and

¹²²⁰ 男女共同参画社会づくり功労者内閣総理大臣表彰式, 首相官邸 (Tokyo) 24 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202406/24hyoushou.html

¹²²¹ 「일자리정책 포럼」을 통해 '24년 고용상황 점검 및 향후 고용정책 방향 논의, 고용노동부 (Sejong-si) 18 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 March 2024. https://www.moel.go.kr/news/enews/report/enewsView.do?news_seq=15971

¹²²² Publishing the "2023 White Paper on Women's Economic Activity", Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (Seoul) 26 December 2023. Access Date: 2 March 2024. https://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=709747

¹²²³ 2024 Economic Policy Directions, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong-si) 4 January 2024. Access Date: 4 March 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5744>

¹²²⁴ 여성기업의 창업·성장 지원을 위한 '24년 여성기업육성사업 통합 공고, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 8 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbldx=86&bcldx=1047161&parentSeq=1047161>

IT support for women's online businesses and a Women's Business Management Difficulties Support Center that will allow women to consult with experts regarding business difficulties.

On 10 January 2024, Minister Oh met with female business owners at the Korea Association of Women Business Owners to discuss steps the government can take to support women entrepreneurs.¹²²⁵ This event is a part of the Ministry of SMEs development project to improve entrepreneurship opportunities for women by connecting senior women entrepreneurs with girls in high school and colleges.

On 5 February 2024, Minister Oh announced the 2024 Career Break Women's Startup program.¹²²⁶ The program will connect women who have experienced career breaks with senior female entrepreneurs in order to help women find reemployment in the entrepreneur industry as well as providing education, training and funding.

On 5 February 2024, Minister Lee announced the launch of 48 rights relief support teams that will operate in local employment and labour offices.¹²²⁷ The support teams will help those experiencing gender discrimination in the workplace through counselling and legal aid, greatly improving the level of support for victims of gender discrimination and increase the speed of solutions.

On 13 February 2024, Minister Choi led the Expert Roundtable on Social Mobility, discussing measures for improving social mobility.¹²²⁸ Minister Choi underscored the importance of improving women's economic participation and reaffirmed the government's commitment towards implementing strategies aimed at providing a better work-life balance for women, enabling easier access to employment.

On 21 February 2024, Minister Kim signed an agreement with economic institutions and organizations in Chungcheongbuk-do to establish training in high-tech industries, career development and job entry support for women who have experienced career breaks to ensure gender-balanced companies.¹²²⁹

On 26 February 2024, Minister Kim announced the launch of 158 new career centres for women, called Saeil Centres.¹²³⁰ These Saeil centres will provide 676 new courses focused on empowering women who have experienced career pauses to enter high-value fields such as artificial intelligence and information technology. Through these courses, women will gain the required skills and training to enter the job market and avail employment opportunities easily.

¹²²⁵ 오영주 장관, 여성기업계의 현장 요구에 답하다, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 10 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 March 2024.

<https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbIdx=86&bcIdx=1047232&parentSeq=1047232>

¹²²⁶ 경력단절여성 창업 프로그램 본격 가동!, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 March 2024.

<https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbIdx=86&bcIdx=1047940&parentSeq=1047940>

¹²²⁷ 직장의 모든 노동문제, 초기상담부터 권리구제까지 원스톱으로 촘촘하게, 고용노동부 (Sejong-si) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 March 2024.

https://www.moel.go.kr/news/enews/report/enewsView.do?news_seq=16169

¹²²⁸ Expert Roundtable on Social Mobility for Materializing Dynamic Economy, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong-si) 13 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 March 2024.

<https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5777>

¹²²⁹ 행복동행 2024 – 지역 함께 일자리, 충북 첨단산단 방문, 여성가족부 (Chungcheongbuk-do) 21 February 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

https://www.mogef.go.kr/nw/rpd/nw_rpd_s001d.do?mid=news405&bbsSn=709822

¹²³⁰ From job training to employment all at once at Saeil centers, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (Seoul) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 4 March 2024.

https://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=709836

On 27 February 2024, Minister Lee held a conference with the directors of various employment centers to discuss topical employment policy issues, including the need for stronger childcare systems that will allow women to participate more in the economy.¹²³¹ Minister Lee committed to establishing an employment environment that alleviates difficulties for women entering the labour force by enabling childcare and work balance through parental leave and flexible work.

On 7 March 2024, Minister Oh announced the 2024 Implementation Plan for the Promotion of Women's Business activities, comprised of four major projects.¹²³² First, The Women's Entrepreneurship Care Program will include not only female university students but all female entrepreneurs. Additionally, a global sprout business development project will be initiated to help women expand their businesses globally and increase the public purchases of products from women-owned businesses.

On 18 March 2024, Minister Oh launched the International Global Startup Planning Program for Women's Businesses.¹²³³ This program will provide education and counselling for female entrepreneurs and help women take their businesses to the global market, increasing women's participation in the labor market.

On 1 May 2024, the Ministry of the Interior and Safety held the 25th Women's Leadership Deepening Course.¹²³⁴ 200 female public officials participated in this three-day training course which included lectures on leadership, AI and the digital age and regional revitalization strategies.

On 17 June 2024, Minister Lee began two weeks of on-site prevention inspections.¹²³⁵ These inspections are targeting industries with large numbers of female employees, such as childcare, to investigate the work-life balance of women in these industries and ensure their safe labour rights.

On 1 July 2024, the Ministry of SMEs and Startups held the third Women Entrepreneur's Week. During the event, talks were held between female business owners, female diplomats and representatives of foreign chambers of commerce to discuss increasing international growth opportunities for female-owned businesses.¹²³⁶ 13 government awards were also awarded to various female-owned businesses.

¹²³¹ 국민이 체감하는 고용정책, 우리가 혁신한다!, 고용노동부 (Sejong-si) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

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¹²³² 여성기업을 우리 경제의 새로운 주역으로 육성!, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 7 March 2024. Translation provided Google Translate. Access Date: 10 March 2024.

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¹²³³ 여성창업자의 해외 진출 교두보 마련!, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 April 2024.

<https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbIdx=86&bcIdx=1048946&parentSeq=1048946>

¹²³⁴ '살기 좋은 지방시대' 구현에 앞장서는 전국 지자체 여성공직자 한 자리에!, 대한민국 행정안전부 (Sejong-si) 1 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024.

https://www.moel.go.kr/frt/bbs/type010/commonSelectBoardArticle.do?bbsId=BBSMSTR_000000000008&n

¹²³⁵ 어린이집 등 여성 다수 종사업종도 육아지원제도 부담없이 사용하세요!, 고용노동부 (Sejong-si) 17 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024.

https://www.moel.go.kr/news/ews/report/ewsView.do?news_seq=16690

¹²³⁶ 만 여성기업 최대의 축제 '제3회 여성기업주간' 개막식 개최, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 1 July 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 July 2024.

<https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbIdx=86&bcIdx=1051513&parentSeq=1051513>

On 3 July 2024, the Ministry of SMEs and Startups held the 25th Women’s Entrepreneurship Contest.¹²³⁷ This contest aims to promote technological development and entrepreneurship by women. The grand prize of KRW20 million will aid the winning company in this development.

Korea has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Korea has provided strong monetary and strategic support for women-owned businesses and female workers and has taken steps to ensure women’s work environments are safe and dignified.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kit Wasan

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women’s equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 10 January 2024, Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena called for more women to head Mexico’s representations abroad during the Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) Panel at the 35th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls (REC 2024).¹²³⁸ A “toolbox” was introduced at the event, designed to equip Mexico’s ambassadors, consuls and senior ministry officials with concrete strategies to advance the objectives of the FFP and to foster substantive gender equality across all aspects of the Foreign Ministry’s activities.

On 16 January 2024, the Secretariat of Infrastructure, Communications and Transportation and the social company Pro Mujer signed an Action Coordination Agreement.¹²³⁹ The agreement aims to provide entrepreneurial training to women in rural areas of Southeast Mexico that face connectivity challenges. It aims to improve the personal, digital and business skills of female entrepreneurs by providing training tailored to their specific needs in Mexico’s rural communities.

On 2 March 2024, Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena announced the adoption of the Declaration on Feminist Foreign Policy for Latin America and the Caribbean on the eve of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States’ VIII Summit. This declaration reaffirms Mexico’s commitment to encouraging women’s participation and leadership, assisting in the reduction of gender gaps and promoting women’s empowerment and economic autonomy.¹²⁴⁰

¹²³⁷ 국내 유일 여성 (예비)창업자 경진대회, 2024년 ‘여성창업경진대회’ 시상식 개최, 중소벤처기업부 (Sejong-si) 3 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 July 2024.

<https://www.mss.go.kr/site/smba/ex/bbs/View.do?cbldx=86&bcldx=1051592&parentSeq=1051592>

¹²³⁸ Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena calls for more women to head Mexico’s representations abroad, Secretary of Foreign Relations (Mexico City) 10 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-alicia-barcena-calls-for-more-women-to-head-mexico-s-representations-abroad?idiom=en>

¹²³⁹ Firma SICT y PRO MUJER convenio de inclusión digital para mujeres indígenas del sureste, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (Mexico City), 16 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sct/prensa/firma-sict-y-pro-mujer-convenio-de-inclusion-digital-para-mujeres-indigenas-del-sureste?idiom=es>

¹²⁴⁰ Mexico leads adoption of the Declaration on Feminist Foreign Policy for Latin America and the Caribbean, Secretary of Foreign Relations (Mexico City) 2 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-leads-adoption-of-the-declaration-on-feminist-foreign-policy-for-latin-america-and-the-caribbean?idiom=en>

On 8 March 2024, Eréndira Valdivia Carrillo, Head of the Administration and Finance Unit, attended the Mexican Association of Land Roads' 2nd Colloquium on the Participation of Women in the Development of Land Roads in Mexico.¹²⁴¹ The event aimed to recognise and promote women's contributions to the field of land roads, as well as to advance gender equality.

On 12 March 2024, the Mexican delegation discussed feminist and welfare policies at the 68th annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). As part of its feminist foreign policy, Mexico reaffirmed its commitment to putting women's, young women's and girls' rights first at CSW68. The delegation emphasised intersectionality and the various groups of women in vulnerable situations, the benefits of disaggregated gender statistics and the significance of sharing care responsibilities to allow women to join the workforce¹²⁴²

On 13 March 2024, Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena Ibarra announced that Mexico is hosting the third International Feminist Foreign Policy Summit from July 1-3, 2024, in Mexico City during the side event on feminist foreign policy promoted by Mexico at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.¹²⁴³ During this summit, Mexico reaffirmed its commitment towards removing structural inequalities including the gender gap to support women in the workplace.

On 26 March 2024, the Mexican delegation, led by President of the National Women's Institute Nadine Gasman Zylbermann concluded its participation in the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) at the United Nations.¹²⁴⁴ The delegation organised and participated in 24 events highlighting Mexico's increased minimum wage and the National Program for Equality between Women and Men which aims to empower women economically. The agreed-upon conclusions at the end of CSW68 reflected UN member states' commitment to strengthen financing and institutions to eliminate the wage gap and poverty among women.

On 10 May 2024, Foreign Secretary Bárcena recognized the dedication of the over 1,000 women and mothers employed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during a Mother's Day Commemoration.¹²⁴⁵ During her speech, Secretary Bárcena also emphasized that a key priority for the Ministry is the establishment of a care society, where the State, schools and families collectively contribute to the care economy.

On 10 June 2024, Mexico announced that it will host the Third Ministerial Conference on Feminist Foreign Policies from 1 to 3 July 2024 in collaboration with the National Women's Institute and UN

¹²⁴¹ Progreso alcanzado por las mujeres, resultado del esfuerzo y lucha de generaciones: SICT, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (Mexico City) 8 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sct/prensa/progreso-alcanzado-por-las-mujeres-resultado-del-esfuerzo-y-lucha-de-generaciones-sict>

¹²⁴² Mexico presents feminist and welfare policies at 68th annual Commission on the Status of Women, Secretary of Foreign Relations (Mexico City) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-presents-feminist-and-welfare-policies-to-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women>

¹²⁴³ Mexico announces that it will host the third International Feminist Foreign Policy Summit in 2024, during CSW68, Secretary of Foreign Relations (Mexico City), 13 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-announces-that-it-will-host-the-third-international-feminist-foreign-policy-summit-in-2024-during-csw68>

¹²⁴⁴ Mexico concludes its participation in the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, Secretary of Foreign Relations, (Mexico City), 26 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-concludes-its-participation-in-the-68th-session-of-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women-at-the-united-nations?idiom=en>

¹²⁴⁵ La SRE trabaja por la paridad y por una sociedad del cuidado en favor de las madres de familia, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Mexico City) 10 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/la-sre-trabaja-por-la-paridad-y-por-una-sociedad-del-cuidado-en-favor-de-las-madres-de-familia?idiom=es>

Women.¹²⁴⁶ The conference will bring together high-level representatives from 50 countries to discuss best practices and challenges related to feminist foreign policies and will include discussions on women's participation in the economy and the role of civil society in developing feminist foreign policies, especially in the Global South.

On 24 June 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs celebrated the International Day of Women in Diplomacy.¹²⁴⁷ As part of this commemoration, the Ministry announced that they will be implementing an affirmative action program to ensure that 60 per cent of the promotions in the Mexican Foreign Service, granted through the promotion competition, are given to women.

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Mexico has taken strong action to enable access to inclusive employment, decent work and quality jobs through monetary investments, initiatives and action in international forums.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Candace Sara Ciju

Russia: -1

Russia has failed to comply with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

No evidence of Russia taking actions towards the commitment was found during the compliance period.

Thus, Russia receives a score of -1.¹²⁴⁸

Analyst: Blerta Ademaj

¹²⁴⁶ México será anfitrión de la III Conferencia Ministerial sobre Políticas Exteriores Feministas, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Mexico City) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-sera-anfitrión-de-la-iii-conferencia-ministerial-sobre-políticas-exteriores-feministas?idiom=es>

¹²⁴⁷ La SRE conmemora el Día Internacional de las Mujeres en la Diplomacia, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Mexico City) 24 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/la-sre-conmemora-el-día-internacional-de-las-mujeres-en-la-diplomacia?idiom=es>

¹²⁴⁸ This non-compliance was determined after a deep search of the following websites: <http://government.ru/en/>, <https://en.mchs.gov.ru/>, <http://eng.mil.ru/>, <https://en.mvd.ru/>, http://www.mid.ru/en/main_en, <http://www.minjust.ru/en/>, <http://www.minstroyrf.ru/en/>, <http://www.mkrf.ru/en/>, <http://eng.minvr.ru>, <https://digital.gov.ru/en/>, <http://old.economy.gov.ru/en/home>, <https://edu.gov.ru/en>, <http://minenergo.gov.ru/en>, <http://www.minfin.ru/en/>, <http://www.rosminzdrav.ru/en>, <http://minpromtorg.gov.ru/en>, <http://www.rosmintrud.ru/eng/>, <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/en/>, <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/>, <http://www.minsport.gov.ru/en/>, <http://www.mintrans.ru/>, <https://www.who.int/>, <https://www.unicef.org/>, <https://www.oecd.org/>, <https://www.imf.org/en/Home>, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/home>, <http://www.un.org/>, <https://www.unesco.org/>, <https://www.g77.org/>, <http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/>, <http://www.bis.org/bcbs/>, <http://www.bis.org/>, <https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/international-herald-tribune-magazine>, <http://www.nytimes.com/>, <http://www.usa.ft.com/>, <http://www.reuters.com/>, <http://www.ap.org/>, <http://www.afp.com/english/home/>, http://www.vny.com/cf/News/upisearch.cfm?content=srv_intnews, <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/>, <https://tass.com/>, <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>.

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 28 December 2023, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman reaffirmed his commitment to expanding opportunities for women in business ownership and employment during the opening of the fourth year of the eighth session of the Shoura Council.¹²⁴⁹ He stated that in 2023, the female labour force participation rate exceeded the 30% target outlined in Saudi's Vision 2030. Furthermore, he announced that Saudi women own more than 45% of small and medium enterprises in the Kingdom and underscored his dedication towards the prosperity of the female labour market.

On 28 February 2024, the Minister of Energy, Abdulaziz bin Salman launched the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center School of Public Policy.¹²⁵⁰ The school aims to equip future policy leaders, particularly empowering youth and women to shape public policy locally and globally. The Minister described youth and women as vital contributors to the economy, reaffirming the Kingdom's commitment to creating opportunities for them to make decisions addressing global challenges.

On 10 March 2024, Prince Mohammed bin Salman announced the Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority awarded certificates to over 1,900 women in advanced technologies, including programming, data science and artificial intelligence.¹²⁵¹ This initiative aims to enable women to pursue careers in emerging markets and to nurture them with the skills to succeed. It also aligns with the Kingdom's efforts in supporting the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

On 27 March 2024, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development announced its participation in the 5th Global Business Women Forum.¹²⁵² At the forum, the Ministry introduced empowerment programs to support orphan girls pursuing entrepreneurship.

On 15 September 2024, Minister of Interior Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif launched education and training programs at the Women's Security Training Institute.¹²⁵³ The programs will train 1,200 individuals in a variety of fields including military, security and administrative sciences and information technology and communications enabling them to work in 20 different sectors.

¹²⁴⁹ Crown Prince outlines Saudi Arabia's internal and external policies, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 28 December 2023. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/639117/SAUDI-ARABIA/Crown-Prince-outlines-Saudi-Arabias-internal-and-external-policies>

¹²⁵⁰ Energy minister launches first Saudi School of Public Policy, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/640801/SAUDI-ARABIA/Energy-minister-launches-first-Saudi-nbspSchool-of-Public-Policy>

¹²⁵¹ SDAIA empowers over 1,900 women with Data and AI certifications, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 10 March 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/641082/SAUDI-ARABIA/SDAIA-empowers-over-1900-women-with-Data-and-AI-certifications>

¹²⁵² HRSD's Makkah Office Participates in the 5th Gulf Business Women Forum, Human Resources and Social Development (Riyadh) 27 March 2023. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.hrsd.gov.sa/en/media-center/news/19012020>

¹²⁵³ Interior Minister launches programs and platforms at King Fahd Security College, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 15 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/645528/SAUDI-ARABIA/Interior-Minister-launches-programs-and-platforms-at-King-Fahd-Security-College>

On 16 September 2024, the Women and Energy Association and International Atomic Energy Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate for capacity building and support the integration of women in the STEM fields.¹²⁵⁴

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Saudi Arabia has taken weak action in all three commitment areas. Saudi Arabia has created only one initiative to enable inclusive access to employment opportunities, specifically the empowerment programs for orphan girls. However, all other actions were carried out through verbal reaffirmations. These actions do not directly take steps to close the gender pay gap nor ensure access to employment opportunities meets decent work and quality jobs concepts or standards.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alisha Aslam

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 31 January 2024, the Department of Employment and Labour under the Inspection and Enforcement Services branch, hosted an Employment Equity breakfast session to promote equal pay and the presence of equity within the transformation of the South African labour landscape.¹²⁵⁵ The Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour, Boitumelo Moloï in collaboration with designated employers engaged in discussions to explore strategies to enhance compliance and contribute to shaping policies and practices to achieve a fair and equitable labour market.

On 1 February 2024, the Minister of Employment and Labour opened the proposed sectoral numerical targets of Section 55(1) of the Employment Equity Act for public comment in preparation for the commencement of Section 15A of the Employment Equity Amendment Act No 4.¹²⁵⁶ The public commentary on the proposed numerical targets have the purpose of ensuring gender equitable representation in economic sectors and is part of the process of amending the Employment Equity Act of 1998, to reduce the gender pay gap and provide equal access to employment opportunities.

On 26 April 2024, the Minister in the Presidency Responsible for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma coordinated with the Energy and Water Sector Education Training Authority to send 22 women engineering students from rural areas to India for a training

¹²⁵⁴ IAEA and Saudi Women and Energy Association tie up to enhance cooperation in capacity building, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 16 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/645574/SAUDI-ARABIA/IAEA-and-Saudi-Women-and-Energy-Association-tie-up-to-enhance-cooperation-in-capacity-building>

¹²⁵⁵ Department of Employment and Labour host an Employment Equity breakfast session on equal pay, Department of Employment and Labour (Pretoria) 25 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.labour.gov.za/departments-of-employment-and-labour-host-an-employment-equity-breakfast-session-on-equal-pay>

¹²⁵⁶ Employment Equity Act: Regulations: Sectoral Numerical Targets: Comments invited, South Africa Government (Pretoria) 01 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://www.gov.za/documents/notices/employment-equity-act-regulations-sectoral-numerical-targets-comments-invited-01>

program.¹²⁵⁷ In India, they will learn about solar panel manufacturing and installation which enables access to electricity particularly in rural areas. This training program will enable the women to explore quality jobs and career opportunities related to solar panels.

On 7 June 2024, the Department of Sport, Art and Culture on behalf of the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities committed to accelerating opportunities for youth empowerment and skills development through the National Youth Policy and the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative.¹²⁵⁸ The commitment emphasises the role of young women and girls in the economy and focuses on uplifting and educating them through workplace development plans, support for small businesses in townships and rural communities and improving workplace experience.

On 13 June 2024, the Department of Youth, Women and Persons with Disabilities and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research, Innovation and Engagement signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tshwane University of Technology to support the socio-economic development of women, youth and persons with disabilities.¹²⁵⁹ Cooperation aims to provide capacity building tools and supports such as technical skills training, business management, entrepreneurship skills and mentorship.

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. South Africa has taken strong action to ensure women's access to quality jobs and has taken weak action to enable employment opportunities for women, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap. However, South Africa has not taken strong action across all commitment dimensions.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Elliot Savin

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 22 January 2024, the Minister of Family and Social Services, Mahinur Göktaş addressed the meeting of the Women in Technology Association in a speech partially written with the help of artificial intelligence.¹²⁶⁰ She highlighted the gender disparity between men and women in the technology

¹²⁵⁷ Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on Rural female engineering students going to India to take part in the Solar Panel Manufacturing Learning Programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/women-youth-and-persons-disabilities-rural-female-engineering-students-going>

¹²⁵⁸ The Government roll out of the 2024 Youth Month by committing to acceleration of opportunities for youth empowerment and skills development, Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (Pretoria) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.dsac.gov.za/>

Thegovernmentcommittingtoaccelerationofopportunitiesforyouthempowermentandskillsdevelopment

¹²⁵⁹ Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities signs MoU for cooperation with TUT to strategically support socio-economic development of women, youth, and persons with disabilities, Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (Pretoria) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-advisories/government-activities/women-youth-and-persons-disabilities-signs-mou>

¹²⁶⁰ Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanımız Göktaş, Teknolojiyle İlgilenen Kadınlara Yapay Zekayla Hazırlanan Metinden Seslendi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (Istanbul) 22 January 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/aile-ve-sosyal-hizmetler-bakanimiz-goktas-teknolojiyle-ilgilenen-kadinklara-yapay-zekayla-hazirlanan-metinden-seslendi/>

industry, speaking of the need to correct the disparity in the industry entrance rates of male and female technology university degree holders.

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Family and Social Services in conjunction with the Ministry of Industry and Technology, signed the Cooperation Protocol for the Development of Women's Entrepreneurship.¹²⁶¹ The ministers hailed this protocol as furthering women's economic participation in Türkiye by facilitating access to investments and services from the Small and Medium Industries Development Organization for female entrepreneurs.

On 9 February 2024, Minister Göktaş and First Lady Erdoğan spoke at an event highlighting notable Turkish women from the past century.¹²⁶² They highlighted existing programs meant to develop female participation in the workforce and underscored the importance of continued economic mobilization by women.

On 11 February 2024, Minister Göktaş issued a statement highlighting the successes of Türkiye's ongoing Engineer Girls Project wherein approximately 55,000 female students since 2016 have been given support in pursuing a career in engineering.¹²⁶³ She further expressed hopes for the program to transform into a sustainable platform with a cycle of women being inspired to break into engineering after witnessing empowered female engineer role models.

On 23 February 2024, Minister Göktaş presented the Strategy Document and Action Plan for Planning and Budgeting Sensitive to Gender Equality at a meeting with an international advisory board including partners such as UN Women and the European Union.¹²⁶⁴ The plan lays out strategies to institutionalize gender-based budgeting where records of the gender-based distribution of public funds and services will be kept to better ensure equal opportunities for both genders.

On 8 March 2024, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister Göktaş unveiled the 2024-2028 Women's Empowerment Strategy Document and Action Plan.¹²⁶⁵ The plan identified, among other things, the importance of securing women's right to decent work, providing equal participation opportunities for women and addressing the gender pay gap. Strategies relevant to the three commitment areas announced for implementation include but are not limited to initiatives to measure

¹²⁶¹ Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı ile Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanlığı Arasında Kadın Girişimciliğinin Güçlendirilmesine Yönelik İş Birliği, Teknolojiyle İlgilenen Kadınlara Yapay Zekayla Hazırlanan Metinden Seslendi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (Istanbul) 30 January 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/aile-ve-sosyal-hizmetler-bakanligi-ile-sanayi-ve-teknoloji-bakanligi-arasinda-kadin-girisimciliginin-guclendirilmesine-yonelik-is-birligi/>

¹²⁶² Emine Erdoğan Hanımefendi ve Bakanımız Göktaş "Yüzyılın Kadın İstihdamı 'İş-Pozitif' Tanıtım Programı"nda Kadın Girişimcilerle Buluştu, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (Istanbul) 9 February 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/emine-erdogan-hanimefendi-ve-bakanimiz-goktas-yuzyilin-kadin-istihdami-is-pozitif-tanitim-programinda-kadin-girisimcilerle-bulustu/>

¹²⁶³ Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanımız Göktaş: "Türkiye'nin Mühendis Kızları Projesi ile yaklaşık 55 bin kız öğrenciyeye ulaştık", Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (Istanbul) 11 February 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/aile-ve-sosyal-hizmetler-bakanimiz-goktas-turkiye-nin-muhendis-kizlari-projesi-ile-yaklasik-55-bin-kiz-ogrenciyeye-ulastik/>

¹²⁶⁴ Strategy Document and Action Plan for Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting Prepared, United Nations Türkiye (Ankara) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://turkiye.un.org/en/261482-strategy-document-and-action-plan-gender-responsive-planning-and-budgeting-prepared>

¹²⁶⁵ Cumhurbaşkanı Erdoğan ve Bakanımız Göktaş "Türkiye ile Güçlenen, Türkiye'ye Güç Veren Kadınlar Programı"na Katıldı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (Istanbul) 8 March 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/cumhurbaskani-erdogan-ve-bakanimiz-goktas-turkiye-ile-guclenen-turkiye-ye-guc-veren-kadinlar-programina-katildi/>

the wage gap, strengthen women's cooperatives, develop skills of female workers and support access to decent work opportunities via training programs.¹²⁶⁶

On 4 April 2024, the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MFSS) launched applications for the Global Clean Technologies Entrepreneurship program supporting female entrepreneur-led clean energy projects with access to investment and mentorship.¹²⁶⁷ This program aims to accelerate Türkiye's green energy transition and development while supporting female participation in the underrepresented areas of technology, research and business.

On 5 July 2024, the MFSS announced a protocol of cooperation with the Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution for the development of women's entrepreneurship in conjunction with the EU's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for Rural Development Program in Türkiye.¹²⁶⁸ This action will support the training and development of women in rural areas and aims to increase the participation of women in the workforce.

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. Türkiye has already taken or announced the implementation of strong actions towards enabling inclusive employment access, increasing transparency on the gender pay gap and promoting decent work for women.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sara Cai

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 7 March 2024, the British High Commission in Belmopan awarded a grant to empower women in the seaweed maricultural sector in Belize.¹²⁶⁹ The grant was awarded to the Belize Women's Seaweed Farmers Association to implement a project focusing on gender-transformative and environmentally sustainable economic development in coastal communities.

¹²⁶⁶ Kadının Güçlenmesi Strateji Belgesi ve Eylem Planı (2024-2028), Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (İstanbul) 8 March 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/ksgm/duyurular/kadinin-guclenmesi-strateji-belgesi-ve-eylem-planı-2024-2028/>

¹²⁶⁷ Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığından Küresel Temiz Teknolojiler Girişimcilik Programı kapsamında kadın girişimcilere özel destek, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (İstanbul) 4 April 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/aile-ve-sosyal-hizmetler-bakanligindan-kuresel-temiz-teknolojiler-girisimcilik-programi-kapsamında-kadin-girisimcilere-ozel-destek/>

¹²⁶⁸ Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı ile TKDK arasında IPARD Programına ilişkin İşbirliği Protokolü imzalandı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Aile ve Sosyal Hizmetler Bakanlığı (İstanbul) 5 July 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/aile-ve-sosyal-hizmetler-bakanligi-ile-tkdk-arasında-ipard-programına-iliskin-isbirliği-protokolu-imzalandı/>

¹²⁶⁹ UK awards grant to empower women in seaweed mariculture sector in Belize, British High Commission Belmopan (Belize) 07 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-awards-grant-to-empower-women-in-seaweed-mariculture-sector-in-belize>

On 8 March 2024, the British High Commission in Singapore launched The Gender Pledge 2024 and renewed its commitment to ensuring gender equality within and beyond the workplace.¹²⁷⁰ The updated pledge further integrates gender equality and inclusion initiatives into business planning and corporate culture through inclusive recruitment and retention practices. This ensures diverse gender representation at all public events organized by the High Commission, supporting events that promote gender equality and awareness and publishing communications with gender balances visuals and appropriate terminology.

On 14 March 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and Second Secretary at the UK Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Justin Addison released a statement of support to empower youth and women by breaking barriers to inclusive inclusion.¹²⁷¹ The statement highlighted how the UK plans to improve women's economic inclusion through equal access to skills training, contributions to inclusive growth and tackling outdated gender stereotypes.

On 20 May 2024, Deputy Foreign Secretary Andrew Mitchell announced GBP45 million in funding for the Higher Education for Female Empowerment program to support higher education for 1 million young people, particularly women and girls.¹²⁷² Businesses, universities and governments will form 12 partnerships across Africa, Asia and the Middle East to support the program, aiming to increase gender equality in the workforce, increase the inclusion of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and senior academic positions and conduct research on gender equality, violence prevention and employability.

On 11 July 2024, the British High Commission in Cameroon announced an open call for organizations wishing to implement the 2024 Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Cameroon Programme.¹²⁷³ The programme aims to support women's economic potential in business by inviting proposals from organizations to design and implement innovative training programs to enhance the capabilities of women entrepreneurs in Cameroon.

On 10 October 2024, the Department for Business and Trade announced that a new Employment Rights Bill has been introduced in Parliament.¹²⁷⁴ In part, it will provide “day one rights for paternity, parental and bereavement leave,” require large employers to develop action plans to address the gender pay gap and require them to support employees during menopause. The bill will also strengthen protections against the dismissal of pregnant women, women on maternity leave and new mothers within six months of returning to work.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access

¹²⁷⁰ British High Commission Singapore launches The Gender Pledge 2024, British High Commission Singapore (Singapore) 08 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-high-commission-singapore-launches-the-gender-pledge-2024>

¹²⁷¹ Empowering youth and women by breaking barriers to inclusive growth: UK statement to the OSCE, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/empowering-youth-and-women-by-breaking-barriers-to-inclusive-growth-uk-statement-to-the-osce>

¹²⁷² Women and girls across Africa, Asia and the Middle East to benefit from a new UK higher education programme, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (London) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/women-and-girls-across-africa-asia-and-the-middle-east-to-benefit-from-a-new-uk-higher-education-programme>

¹²⁷³ Developing women's economic potential in Cameroon: call for interest, British High Commission Cameroon (Yaoundé) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/developing-womens-economic-potential-in-cameroon-call-for-interest>

¹²⁷⁴ Government unveils significant reforms to employment rights, Department of Business and Trade (London) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-most-significant-reforms-to-employment-rights>

to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. The United Kingdom has released statements supporting an inclusive labour market as well as launched programs, pledges and grants that work towards equity and inclusion within the job market. However, the United Kingdom has not taken action to address the gender pay gap.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Elliot Savin

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 8 January 2024, the Office of International Affairs in the US Department of Energy released information regarding the department's 2024 energy strategy.¹²⁷⁵ The US, serving as the head of the Ambassadors Program, continues to commit to the Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative, an international commitment dedicated towards closing the gender pay gap. The executive committee intends to advance the Ambassadors Program by encouraging women to pursue jobs in clean energy.

On 29 January 2024, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a regulation preventing federal agencies from using an applicant's non-federal pay history to determine their salary.¹²⁷⁶ The OPM Director Kiran Ahuja acknowledged that setting salaries based on pay history leads to lower pay for women.

On 29 January 2024, the White House announced new steps to enhance equal pay.¹²⁷⁷ The actions focus on federal workers' pay equity, transparency and committing federal agencies to make efforts in closing the gender pay gap.

In February 2024, the Department of Agriculture published a report on the financial well-being of farms run by women, the socially disadvantaged and farmers with limited access to resources.¹²⁷⁸ The report recognizes the lack of financial information on farms operated by women, which poses difficulties in measuring and tackling gender inequalities in the farming sector. The report attempts to fill this lack of information to better address the gender pay gap.

On 14 February 2024, the Department of Education released updates to their Equity Action Plan.¹²⁷⁹ The department committed to uphold equity requirements, increase equal access to post-secondary education and close the gender gap in technical education programs.

¹²⁷⁵ Insight into the 13th Executive Committee's 2024 Strategy, U.S. Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 8 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.energy.gov/ia/articles/equality-energy-transitions-initiative>

¹²⁷⁶ RELEASE: OPM Finalizes Regulation to Prohibit Use of Non-Federal Salary History, US Office of Personnel Management (Washington D.C.) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.opm.gov/news/releases/2024/01/release-opm-finalizes-regulation-to-prohibit-use-of-non-federal-salary-history>

¹²⁷⁷ 2023 Equity Action Plan Summary, The White House (Washington D.C.) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/01/29/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-actions-to-advance-pay-equity-on-the-15th-anniversary-of-the-lilly-led-better-fair-pay-act/>

¹²⁷⁸ An Overview of Farms Operated by Socially Disadvantaged, Women, and Limited Resource Farmers and Ranchers in the United States, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/108417/eib-266.pdf?v=1405.2>

¹²⁷⁹ 2023 Equity Action Plan Summary, U.S. Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ED-2023-EAP-Summary.pdf>

On 6 March 2024, the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission released its first pay data collection based on the 2017 and 2018 data collections.¹²⁸⁰ The White House welcomed this data and committed to better understanding unequal pay to reach gender equality.¹²⁸¹

On 11 March 2024, the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency announced a collaboration with national women's leadership organizations.¹²⁸² This collaboration intends to support the growth of women-led businesses in line with the Department of Commerce's goal "to create the conditions for economic growth and opportunity for all communities."

On 11 March 2024, President Joe Biden released a statement recognizing the existing gender pay gap in the US, announcing his commitment to progressing equal pay and pay transparency.¹²⁸³

On 12 March 2024, the Department of Labor released a fact sheet that highlights pay discrimination against Black and Hispanic women.¹²⁸⁴ Due to job segregation, Black and Hispanic women have seen a loss in wages. The government committed to eliminating job segregation to overcome the gender pay gap.

On 12 March 2024, the White House Administration released a statement on "pay equity and women's economic security."¹²⁸⁵ President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris committed to continuing efforts to promote equal pay and closing the gender pay gap.

On 14 March 2024, the White House announced its 2025 fiscal year budget.¹²⁸⁶ The US committed to taking steps to continue funding the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that advocates for equal wages.

On 11 April 2024, the Department of Labor announced USD6 million to fund 17 grants aimed at attracting and retaining women in Registered Apprenticeship programs and underrepresented industries like manufacturing, construction and cybersecurity.¹²⁸⁷ These industries provide

¹²⁸⁰ EEOC Releases Data Dashboard for 2017 & 2018 Pay Data Collection, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.eeoc.gov/newsroom/eeoc-releases-data-dashboard-2017-2018-pay-data-collection>

¹²⁸¹ FACT SHEET: On Equal Pay Day, the Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Continue Advancing Pay Equity and Women's Economic Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/03/12/fact-sheet-on-equal-pay-day-the-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-continue-advancing-pay-equity-and-womens-economic-security/>

¹²⁸² The Minority Business Development Agency to Announce Historic Collaboration with Divine Nine Sororities and National Women's Leadership Organizations, Minority Business Development Agency (Washington D.C.) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.mbda.gov/news/press-releases/2024/03/minority-business-development-agency-announce-historic-collaboration>

¹²⁸³ A Proclamation on National Equal Pay Day, 2024, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2024/03/11/a-proclamation-on-national-equal-pay-day-2024/>

¹²⁸⁴ Black and Hispanic Women Lose Billions Due to Job Segregation, The U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WB/media/BearingTheCostReport2024.pdf?_ga=2.239623873.317251858.1710791725-2048398974.1710791725

¹²⁸⁵ FACT SHEET: On Equal Pay Day, the Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Continue Advancing Pay Equity and Women's Economic Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/03/12/fact-sheet-on-equal-pay-day-the-biden-harris-administration-announces-actions-to-continue-advancing-pay-equity-and-womens-economic-security/>

¹²⁸⁶ President Biden's FY 2025 Budget Advances Gender Equity and Equality, The White House (Washington D.C.) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/gpc/briefing-room/2024/03/14/president-bidens-fy-2025-budget-advances-gender-equity-and-equality/>

¹²⁸⁷ US Department of Labor Announces Availability of \$6M in Grants to Attract, Retain Women in Registered Apprenticeships, Nontraditional Occupations, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/wb/wb20240411-0>

opportunities for women to have gainful employment with highly developed skills and opportunities for growth.

On 25 April 2024, the Department of Labor announced 16 new infrastructure projects within the Mega Construction Project Program.¹²⁸⁸ These projects will support the creation of equitable job opportunities and aims to support access to jobs for underrepresented groups like women. Funding for this initiative is provided by the Biden-Harris administration's Investing in America agenda.

On 2 October 2024, the Department of Labor announced USD6 million in grant funding to “recruit, train and retain more women” in pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs and nontraditional occupations.¹²⁸⁹ Funding will be used to provide training in skilled trades, advanced manufacturing and information technology in eight states and the District of Columbia.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. The US has taken strong action towards the three commitment dimensions through grants, projects and policy decisions.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lisanne Koehler

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs.

On 21 December 2023, the European Investment Bank (EIB) announced a EUR10 million loan to help fund the creation of a facility in Mozambique that will support women-owned small and medium-sized enterprises.¹²⁹⁰ This facility will help fill the current financing gap experienced by female business owners.

On 29 January 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) implemented a decision requiring competent national authorities to collect benchmarking data on the gender pay gap and report it to the ECB every three years.¹²⁹¹ This data will allow the ECB to better understand the current situation regarding the gender pay gap and facilitate improved monetary policy decisions aimed at narrowing the gap.

¹²⁸⁸ Department of Labor Adds 16 New Large Federally Funded Projects to Program Promoting Equal Access to Jobs Created by Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/ofccp/ofccp20240425>

¹²⁸⁹ US Department of Labor announces \$6M in grants to expand job opportunities for women in apprenticeships, nontraditional occupations, U.S. Department of Labor (Washington D.C.) 2 October 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/wb/wb20241002>

¹²⁹⁰ Mozambique: EIB Global and Moza Banco provide €20 million to grow women-led businesses, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 21 December 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2023-545-mozambique-eib-global-and-moza-banco-provide-eur20-million-to-grow-women-led-businesses>

¹²⁹¹ Decisions taken by the Governing Council of the ECB (in addition to decisions setting interest rates), European Central Bank (Frankfurt) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 5 March 2024. <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/govcdec/otherdec/2024/html/ecb.gc240223~b09bfd5ce7.en.html>

On 19 February 2024, the European Union Delegation to Kuwait held a series of activities discussing how the private sector can encourage women to participate in leadership roles.¹²⁹² This included a workshop for Kuwaiti women in leadership roles to discuss career success, challenges and the tools and knowledge needed to navigate them, a podcast featuring European Women on Boards Chair, Hedwige Nuyens and a networking lunch for members of the Kuwait Women Economic Empowerment Platform. These activities aim to increase the number of women decision-makers and leaders within Kuwait's private sector.

On 6 March 2024, 11 EU member states, the EIB and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) announced the "Investing in Young Women-Led Entrepreneurs Business in Africa" initiative.¹²⁹³ The initiative provides a EUR90 million investment for young female entrepreneurs, catering towards job creation and business growth to enhance the employability of women and vulnerable youth and improve access to decent employment in Uganda.

On 7 March 2024, the EIB announced a EUR25 million loan to the Housing Finance Bank of Uganda, intended to support SMEs, of which at least half will go to women-led businesses and businesses serving women.¹²⁹⁴

On 8 March 2024, Members of the European Parliament and national Members of Parliament discussed women in sport. Calls were made for an independent sports federation to investigate abuse, advocate for more women in sports leadership and decision-making and data collection on women's representation in sport.¹²⁹⁵ Concerns regarding abuse, the gender pay gap, investment in sports of female youth, the inclusion of transgender women and barriers to decision-making were also brought up.

On 25 March 2024, the Council of the European Union invited members to ratify the International Labour Organization's convention on violence and harassment.¹²⁹⁶ This convention aims to help promote decent work and safe working conditions for all with women as one of the key target groups.

On 11 April 2024, the European Commission launched the Team Europe Initiative Opportunity-driven Skills and Vocational Education and Training in Africa.¹²⁹⁷ This initiative will help identify job

¹²⁹² European Union and Kuwait's private sector exchange best practices on women's empowerment, European External Action Service (Kuwait) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kuwait/european-union-and-kuwait%E2%80%99s-private-sector-exchange-best-practices-women%E2%80%99s-empowerment_en

¹²⁹³ 3rd Uganda-EU Business Forum Highlights: €200 million in investments for Uganda, 3,600 participants, European External Action Service (Kampala) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 8 March 2024.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uganda/3rd-uganda-eu-business-forum-highlights-%E2%82%AC200-million-investments-uganda-3600-participants_en

¹²⁹⁴ 3rd Uganda-EU Business Forum Highlights: €200 million in investments for Uganda, 3,600 participants, European External Action Service (Kampala) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 8 March 2024.

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uganda/3rd-uganda-eu-business-forum-highlights-%E2%82%AC200-million-investments-uganda-3600-participants_en

¹²⁹⁵ International Women's Day: the fight for equality in sport is far from over, European Parliament (Brussels) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240304IPR18766/international-women-s-day-the-fight-for-equality-in-sport-is-far-from-over>

¹²⁹⁶ Combatting violence and harassment in the workplace: Council invites EU countries to ratify ILO convention, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/03/25/combating-violence-and-harassment-in-the-workplace-council-invites-eu-countries-to-ratify-ilo-convention/>

¹²⁹⁷ EU leads global mobilisation for increased investments in inclusive and quality education for all, European Commission (Brussels) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1893

opportunities for women in sub-Saharan Africa as well as enhancing women's employability in the region.

On 18 April 2024, the EIB announced a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.¹²⁹⁸ Together, the two organizations are launching a EUR30 million microfinance program in Kenya that will specifically target the needs of Female-Led and Made Enterprises.

On 19 June 2024, members of the European Economic and Social Committee's Labour Market Observatory met to discuss the future of employment in Europe.¹²⁹⁹ Member Baiba Miltovica emphasized the importance of including women in the workforce and encouraged all parties to act to improve women's participation in the labor force.

On 1 July 2024, the EIB and Banca Etica announced a EUR60 million loan for the labor market, support for refugees and financing for women-led companies.¹³⁰⁰ A minimum of 30 per cent of this funding will help woman-owned SMEs in Italy access finance and grow their businesses.

On the 6 September 2024, the European Investment Bank and La Banque Agricole du Sénégal signed a EUR30 million loan agreement for sustainable agricultural value chains in Senegal.¹³⁰¹ In part, the partnership will focus on gender equality as at least 30 per cent of the loan will be directed towards women to support their economic participation and reduce gender inequality for economic opportunities.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment of taking steps to promote the full and meaningful participation of women in a transitioning world of work by enabling inclusive access to employment opportunities, with a focus on closing the gender pay gap and ensuring women's equal access to decent work and quality jobs. The EU has taken strong action to enable access to inclusive employment, decent work and quality jobs through monetary investments and legislative protections.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kit Wasan

¹²⁹⁸ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and EIB launch pilot in Africa to improve women entrepreneurs' access to capital, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-155-the-bill-melinda-gates-foundation-and-eib-launch-pilot-in-africa-to-improve-women-entrepreneurs-access-to-capital>

¹²⁹⁹ All Hands-On-Deck for the Skills Revolution, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/all-hands-deck-skills-revolution>

¹³⁰⁰ EIB and Banca Etica provide over €165 million to support gender equality, refugee inclusion and development in southern Italy, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 1 July 2024. Access Date: 10 July 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-231-eib-and-banca-etica-provide-over-eur165-million-to-support-gender-equality-refugee-inclusion-and-development-in-southern-italy>

¹³⁰¹ Senegal: la Banque Agricole and EIB sign agreement to back food sovereignty with EU support, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 6 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-321-la-banque-agricole-et-la-bei-avec-le-soutien-de-l-ue-signent-un-accord-pour-appuyer-la-souverainete-alimentaire-du-senegal>

5. Climate Change: Facilitating Access to Funding

“We will undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital”

G20 New Delhi 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
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.95 (98%)	

Background

In recent years, addressing climate change and climate-related issues has become one of the most important goals of the G20. Nearly since the G20’s inception, leaders highlighted the role that multilateral institutions should play in financing the fight against climate change.¹³⁰² Since 17th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) established the Green Climate Fund (GCF), G20 leaders called for increasing public finance and mobilizing private capital to mitigate and adapt to climate change.¹³⁰³

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders called on the World Bank to help address global challenges including climate change and agreed that the World Bank, regional development banks, and multilateral development banks (MDBs) require sufficient resources to uphold their mandates.¹³⁰⁴ They urged these institutions to finance the green transition. Leaders also acknowledged the negative effects of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies on clean energy investment.

¹³⁰² G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

¹³⁰³ Cannes Summit Final Declaration – Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

¹³⁰⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed commitments to reform MDBs with greater focus on addressing climate change.¹³⁰⁵ Leaders welcomed the forthcoming UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing report and recommendations.

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders moved towards implementation of COP17's GCF and called for financial institutions and UN bodies to consider the UNFCCC recommendations.¹³⁰⁶ Leaders also agreed to work to finance the fight against climate change by working with non-governmental organizations, regional development banks, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as well as mobilizing public, private, bilateral and multilateral sources of finance to support climate-related investments globally. Leaders asked G20 Finance Ministers to report on climate finance progress at the following summit.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the high costs of climate change to the global economy and agreed to implement measures to promote green growth and sustainable development.¹³⁰⁷ The leaders welcomed the creation of the G20 Climate Finance Study Group to mobilize resources to tackle climate change and supported the operationalization of the GCF. Leaders asked G20 Finance Ministers to report on climate finance progress at the following summit.

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders committed to enhancing climate investment conditions and public financing efficiency and to removing private investment barriers.¹³⁰⁸ Leaders also reaffirmed their support for the GCF and welcomed the G20 Climate Finance Study Group report on climate finance mobilization in line with UNFCCC principles. Leaders asked G20 Finance Ministers to report on climate finance progress at the following summit.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed support for mitigation and adaptation financing, including through the GCF.¹³⁰⁹

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders affirmed their support for sustainable development and tackling climate change.¹³¹⁰ The leaders supported the below 2 degrees Celsius goal as stated in the Lima Call for Action and affirmed their countries' support to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement. This represents the first time that a G20 summit has explicitly recognized and supported the below 2°C goal in their end-of-summit declarations.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed the GCF's importance and welcomed the G20 Climate Finance Study Group's "Promoting Efficient and Transparent Provision and Mobilization of Climate Finance to Enhance Ambition of Mitigation and Adaptation Actions" report.¹³¹¹

¹³⁰⁵ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicue.html>

¹³⁰⁶ Cannes Summit Final Declaration – Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

¹³⁰⁷ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

¹³⁰⁸ G20 Leaders' Statement, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

¹³⁰⁹ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communicue.html>

¹³¹⁰ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communicue.html>

¹³¹¹ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communicue.html>

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders released the Climate and Energy Action Plan for Growth.¹³¹² Leaders affirmed the importance of an economically viable transition to low-greenhouse gas emission energy systems. The Action Plan, outlines policy provisions on how G20 countries could tackle climate change.¹³¹³ Leaders welcomed the Global Partnership for Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance Solutions and encouraged other multilateral climate and risk finance models. Leaders called on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, UN Environment Programme and the World Bank to ensure financial flows in the G20 are consistent with the provisions of the Paris Agreement. The Action Plan also includes a section on the role of MDBs, which calls for leveraging, cooperation, reporting, and private finance mobilization. Leaders also acknowledged the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, and the countries that remained in the Paris Agreement reaffirmed their support for the provisions of the Agreement.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders stressed tangible actions on mobilizing private and public finance towards climate change goals.¹³¹⁴

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders recognized the lower impacts of a 1.5°C warming scenario compared to a 2°C scenario.¹³¹⁵ Leaders encouraged international financial institutions and MDBs to align financial flows with the Paris Agreement. The leaders also supported several measures aimed to address climate change financing, such as the establishment of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders reiterated their commitment to accelerate transitions and achieve climate objectives by strengthening climate finance.¹³¹⁶ The leaders acknowledged the urgent need to strengthen financing and funding to address climate change, encouraging developed countries to fulfill their commitments to contribute USD 100 billion per year from 2020 to 2025. G20 leaders cited the Glasgow Climate Pact and urged developed countries to double 2019 climate finance levels earmarked for developing countries by 2025.

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.”¹³¹⁷

Definitions and Concepts

This commitment encompasses two key actions; 1) facilitating access to multilateral climate funds and 2) enhancing the leverage of multilateral climate funds and their ability to mobilize private capital. To achieve full compliance, G20 members must act to address both areas and advance multiple funds.

“Facilitate” is understood to mean “to make (an action, process, etc.) easy or easier; to promote, help forward; to assist in bringing about (a particular end or result).”¹³¹⁸

¹³¹² G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

¹³¹³ G20 Hamburg Climate and Energy Action Plan for Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-climate-and-energy.html>

¹³¹⁴ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

¹³¹⁵ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

¹³¹⁶ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

¹³¹⁷ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html#C>

¹³¹⁸ Facilitate, Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford) September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://oed.com/search/dictionary/?scope=Entries&q=facilitate>

“Access” is understood to mean the right to obtain or make use of the entity in reference (the climate funds).¹³¹⁹

“Multilateral climate funds” refer to “international institutions funded by several... countries to distribute climate grants and/or loans.”¹³²⁰ Examples of multilateral climate funds include the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, and the Clean Technology Fund among others.

“Leverage” refers to “the ability of a public financial commitment to mobilise some larger multiple of private capital for investment in a specific project or undertaking.”¹³²¹ Examples of leverage enhancement according to this definition include “loans, equity investments and risk management products.”¹³²²

“Mobilize private capital” is understood to mean “the sum of all private direct mobilization and private indirect mobilization.”¹³²³ Private direct mobilization “is financing from a private entity on commercial terms due to the active and direct involvement of a [G20 member] leading to commitment. Evidence of active and direct involvement include mandate letters, fees linked to financial commitment or other validated or auditable evidence of a [G20 member’s] active and direct role leading to commitment of other private financiers. Private indirect mobilization is “is financing from private entities provided in connection with a specific activity for which a [G20 member] is providing financing, where no [G20 member] is playing an active or direct role that leads to the commitment of the private entity’s finance. A public entity is defined as “a legal entity that is (a) carrying out or established for business purposes and (b) financially and managerially autonomous from national or local government.”

General Interpretive Guidelines

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members who exemplify strong demonstrable actions to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. This can include both domestic and international actions. Examples of strong actions towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds include but are not limited to expanding the countries where multilateral climate funds allocate resources or can allocate resources, reducing regulatory barriers to accessing funds, and contributing financing to multilateral climate funds.

Examples of strong actions towards enhancing the leverage of multilateral climate funds and their ability to mobilize private capital include but are not limited to: contributing capital to multilateral climate funds that increase assets and allow for more debt financing; creating blended finance instruments or risk-sharing facilities for climate investments that encourage private investment;¹³²⁴ passing legislation that fosters a predictable policy and regulatory environment conducive to private climate financing, including investment or Research and Development tax credits, pollution pricing, carbon neutrality and adaptation pathways, and other externality-correcting policy changes; allocating

¹³¹⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (University of Toronto) 6 August 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2024

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2019.pdf

¹³²⁰ Mapped: Where multilateral climate funds spend their money, Carbon Brief (London) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 11 February 2024. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/mapped-where-multilateral-climate-funds-spend-their-money/>

¹³²¹ Mobilizing Climate Finance A Paper prepared at the request of G20 Finance Ministers, International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C.) 6 October 2011. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.imf.org/external/np/g20/pdf/110411c.pdf>

¹³²² ‘Leveraging’ private sector finance: How does it work and what are the risks?, Bretton Woods project (London) April 2012. Access Date: 6 March 2024. <https://www.brettonwoodsproject.org/doc/private/leveraging.pdf>

¹³²³ Reference Guide, World Bank (Washington D.C) June 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2024.

<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/495061492543870701/pdf/114403-REVISED-June25-DocumentsPrivInvestMob-Draft-Ref-Guide-Master-June2018-v4.pdf>

¹³²⁴ 2023 G20 Sustainable Finance Report Volume I, G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (Delhi) n.d. Access Date: 8 February 2023. <https://g20sfwg.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Volume-I-G20-India-Final-VF.pdf>

financial supports, or passing legislation that outlines such supports, specifically for early-stage climate technologies to develop bankable projects that crowd-in private capital. Note that financial supports for deployment-phase technologies will not contribute to compliance in line with pages nine and thirteen of the Sustainable Finance Working Group 2023 report recommendations.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members who demonstrate action in either facilitating access to multilateral climate funds or enhancing their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Examples of weak actions include when a member makes steps towards facilitating access or enhancing leverage but has not completed the action fully. This includes, but is not limited to, proposing legislation that has yet to be passed and implemented or partially outlining financial mechanisms, among others. Facilitating multilateral climate fund pledging and attendance and verbal references reaffirming the commitment contribute to partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member fails to take any demonstrable action in both facilitating access to multilateral climate funds and enhancing their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Additionally, if the G20 member has taken action directly against this commitment, such as the withdrawal of funding, this would also be classified as non-compliance.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has not taken action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds or to enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.
0	The G20 member has either taken action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds or to enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action to both facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

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Lead Analyst: Peter Ma*

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Argentina and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹³²⁵

On 27 December 2023, President Javier Milei announced the creation of a Market for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission rights as part of the Basis and Starting Points for the Freedom of Argentines Law. This Market would assign a limited amount of GHG emission rights to each sector and subsector of the economy, allowing the rights to be exchanged amongst their private companies. The cap-and-trade system aims to ensure Argentina can meet the Paris Agreement climate goals without using mechanisms that act as “barriers to entry” for private companies, and to increase the incentive for private capital to contribute to addressing climate change.¹³²⁶ This change in regulatory processes that

¹³²⁵ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹³²⁶ Ley de Bases y Puntos de Partida para la Libertad de los Argentinos, República Argentina - Poder Ejecutivo Nacional (Buenos Aires) 27 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024.
<https://www4.hcdn.gob.ar/dependencias/dsecretaria/Periodo2023/PDF2023/TP2023/0025-PE-2023.pdf>

encourages private flow for green energy use demonstrates a commitment to leveraging the ability and mobilization of private capital for increased flow.

On 8 February 2024, Second Secretary of the Embassy and member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship Martín Gronda¹³²⁷ and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹³²⁸

On 9 February 2024, Second Secretary Gronda¹³²⁹ and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹³³⁰

On 15 February 2024, Argentina and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹³³¹ All member states of IFAD, including Argentina, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 19 April 2024, Adaptation Fund Board Chair Lucas di Pietro and the Adaptation Fund Board approved twelve projects and requested the Secretariat to include more funding provisions in its work programme for the 2025 fiscal year. These provisions include funding for proposals, projects, and grants, and improving access to the fund. For example, the board approved the increase of learning grants from USD150,000 to USD500,000 per project. These grants will be used to support national entities in adaptation interventions.¹³³²

On 20 June 2024, Second Secretary Gronda and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹³³³

On 20 June 2024, Argentina and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹³³⁴

On 27 June 2024, Second Secretary Gronda and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will

¹³²⁷ GEF Council, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024.

<https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>

¹³²⁸ LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹³²⁹ GEF Council, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024.

<https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>

¹³³⁰ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹³³¹ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹³³² AFB/B.42/16: Decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-second meeting, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decisions-of-the-adaptation-fund-board-at-its-forty-second-meeting/>

¹³³³ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹³³⁴ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024.

https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹³³⁵

On 1 August 2024, Coordinator of Adaptation to Climate Change in the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development Lucas di Pietro and the Adaptation Fund accredited Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay into the fund as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Re-accrediting the CND of Uruguay into the fund as an NIE opens access to the fund by allowing the entity to receive direct financing in carrying out adaptation programmes and projects.¹³³⁶

On 7 August 2024, Senior Advisor in the Under Secretariat for Environment and Sustainable Development Juan Rodrigo Walsh and the Clean Technologies Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹³³⁷

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Argentina has taken strong action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, as well as approving fund disbursements during GEF, IFAD, CTF, Carbon Fund and Adaption Fund Meetings. Argentina has taken strong action to enhance the leverage and ability to mobilize private capital by introducing a cap-and-trade system.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Peter Ma

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Australia and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹³³⁸

On 7 December 2023, Australia announced AUD150 million in pledges to multilateral climate funds. Out of this AUD150 million, AUD100 million will be contributed to the Pacific Resilience Facility, a

¹³³⁵ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹³³⁶ Fast-Track Accreditation of the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fast-track-accreditation-of-the-corporacion-nacional-para-el-desarrollo-cnd-of-uruguay-as-a-national-implementing-entity-nie-of-the-adaptation-fund/>

¹³³⁷ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹³³⁸ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

trust fund to invest in small-scale climate and disaster resilience projects in Pacific countries, and AUD50 million for the Green Climate Fund, the world's largest multilateral climate fund.¹³³⁹

On 8 February 2024, Director at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Richard Bontjer and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹³⁴⁰

On 9 February 2024, Richard Bontjer and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹³⁴¹

On 20 June 2024, Director Bontjer and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹³⁴²

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On 27 June 2024, Director Bontjer and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹³⁴⁴

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Australia has taken strong action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, by pledging contributions to the Pacific Resilience Facility and Green Climate Fund, and by approving fund disbursements in Carbon Fund and GEF meetings. Australia's pledges also allow the funds to enhance their leverage.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Peter Ma

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Brazil and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new

¹³³⁹ Australia commits \$150m to climate finance for vulnerable Pacific countries, The Guardian (London) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/dec/08/australia-commits-150m-to-climate-finance-for-vulnerable-pacific-countries>

¹³⁴⁰ LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹³⁴¹ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹³⁴² GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹³⁴³ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024.

https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

¹³⁴⁴ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹³⁴⁵

On 2 December 2023, the Minister for Development, Industry, Trade and Services Geraldo Alckmin and the United Kingdom’s Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero Claire Coutinho signed a memorandum on projects to support the decarbonization of the industrial sector. The memorandum aims to establish a hub for international partnerships interested in decarbonizing the industrial sector, including international climate finance donors, with the aim of facilitating the proposed projects.¹³⁴⁶

On 11 December 2023, General Coordinator for Sustainable Development Finance at Secretariat for International Affairs of the Ministry of Finance Raquel Porto Riberio Mendes, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil Arnaldo de Baena Fernandes and the International Fund for Agricultural Development’s (IFAD) Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹³⁴⁷ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹³⁴⁸ The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹³⁴⁹ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 8 February 2024, Head of the Division for Environmental Policy and Sustainability at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bahia Diniz and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹³⁵⁰

On 9 February 2024, Bahia Diniz and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹³⁵¹

On 15 February 2024, Brazil and the IFAD Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹³⁵² All member states of IFAD, including Brazil, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 26 February 2024, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Marina Silva announced partnerships with the World Bank and International Development Bank, where the country will receive up to BRL15 billion to increase foreign investment in low-carbon projects in Brazil. The goal of the

¹³⁴⁵ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹³⁴⁶ Brasil e Reino Unido assinam memorando de cooperação na descarbonização da economia, Governo do Brasil (Brasília) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/acompanhe-o-planalto/noticias/2023/11/brasil-e-reino-unido-assinam-memorando-de-cooperacao-na-descarbonizacao-da-economia-1>

¹³⁴⁷ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹³⁴⁸ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹³⁴⁹ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹³⁵⁰ LDCE/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹³⁵¹ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹³⁵² Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

partnership is to provide financial solutions to encourage investments, along with exchange rate protection for initiatives in the private sector that promote ecological transformation, sustainable practices, and technologies. This partnership leverages private capital to address climate change and promotes solutions and bankable projects to allow multilateral climate funds to do the same.¹³⁵³

On 20 March 2024, Deputy Secretary for Sustainable Development Finance Ivan Tiago Machado Oliveira and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹³⁵⁴

On 4 April 2024, Deputy Secretary Oliveria, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million.¹³⁵⁵ These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹³⁵⁶

On 4 June 2024, Deputy Secretary Oliveira and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹³⁵⁷

On 13 June 2024, Deputy Secretary Oliveira and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹³⁵⁸

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¹³⁵³ Fundo Clima terá até R\$ 15 bilhões em parcerias com BID e Banco Mundial, Governo do Brasil (Brasília) 26 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/fundo-clima-tera-ate-r-15-bilhoes-em-parcerias-com-bid-e-banco-mundial>

¹³⁵⁴ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹³⁵⁵ CTF TRUST FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 23 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/content/governance-structure-ctf>

¹³⁵⁶ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹³⁵⁷ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹³⁵⁸ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹³⁵⁹ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

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On 10 October 2024, Coordinator di Pietro and the Adaptation Fund Board increased maximum annual allocation amounts for single projects, regional projects, and country caps aiming to enhance access to the fund.¹³⁶⁴

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Brazil has taken strong action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and approving fund disbursements in GEF, CTF, and GCF meetings. Brazil has also taken action to bolster the ability of multilateral climate funds to mobilize private capital through memorandums and contracts that contribute to climate solution development.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jon Atienza

¹³⁶⁰ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹³⁶¹ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹³⁶² 基础四国气候变化部长级联合声明, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (Beijing) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 16 August 2024. https://www.mee.gov.cn/xxgk/hjyw/202407/t20240724_1082427.shtml

¹³⁶³ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹³⁶⁴ UTILIZATION OF CAP RESOURCES WITHIN THE ADAPTATION FUND AND OPTIONS FOR REVISION, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.B.43.14_Utilization-of-cap-resources-withi-the-AF-and-options-for-revision.pdf

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Canada and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹³⁶⁵

On 1 December 2023, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced CAD16 million for the global fund to address loss and damage.¹³⁶⁶

On 4 December 2023, Canada announced CAD34.2 million for the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) including funds earmarked for the fund’s Window B targeting private sector engagement on adaptation.¹³⁶⁷

On 11 December 2023, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations (FAO) Elissa Goldberg, Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to the FAO Nalan Yuksel, Policy Analyst at the Agriculture and Food Systems Division in the Global Issues and Development Branch of Global Affairs Canada Catalina Canas Yanez, Analyst at the Agriculture and Food Systems Division of Global Affairs Canada François Cloutier and the International Fund for Agricultural Development’s (IFAD) Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹³⁶⁸ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹³⁶⁹ The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹³⁷⁰ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 8 February 2024, Director General at Global Affairs Canada Barbara Curran¹³⁷¹ and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹³⁷²

¹³⁶⁵ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹³⁶⁶ As a first move at COP28, Canada announces support for developing countries to address loss and damage due to climate change, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Dubai) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/12/as-a-first-move-at-cop28-canada-announces-support-for-developing-countries-to-address-loss-and-damage-due-to-climate-change.html>

¹³⁶⁷ Joint statement on donors' pledge of \$174.2 million and confirmation of support to the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, Global Environment Facility (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/joint-statement-donors-pledge-174-2-million-and-confirmation-support-least-developed>

¹³⁶⁸ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹³⁶⁹ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹³⁷⁰ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹³⁷¹ GEF Council, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024.

<https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>

¹³⁷² LDCC/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcc-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

On 9 February 2024, Director General Curran and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹³⁷³

On 15 February 2024, Canada and the IFAD Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹³⁷⁴ All member states of IFAD, including Canada, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 5 March 2024, Director General of the Innovation and Climate Finance Bureau of Global Affairs Canada Cam Do and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board approved the accreditation of eight entities to the Fund.¹³⁷⁵

On 6 March 2024, Director General Do and the GCF Board approved eleven funding proposals unlocking project funds across 23 countries.¹³⁷⁶

On 7 March 2024, Director General Do and the GCF Board endorsed the Independent Evaluation Unit's recommendations on the GCF's Investment Framework and requested a management action report. The recommendations aim to improve the Fund's function including its accessibility to recipient parties and ability to leverage the fund.¹³⁷⁷

On 7 March 2024, Director General Do and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Secretariat on the GCF's regional presence. The recommendations include regional office expansion to facilitate access to GCF resources.¹³⁷⁸

On 7 March 2024, Director General Do and the GCF Board approved the updated Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework. The framework includes provisions to enhance project pipeline management and reserve advances, standardize reporting, and undertake rolling budgeting to improve access to the fund.¹³⁷⁹

On 7 March 2024, Director General Do and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Unit on the GCF's approach to the energy sector. The recommendations include support for demand-side measures, consideration of new technology and piloting tools, institutional and regulatory framework improvement to mitigate potential barriers to delivery, projects de-risking through blended finance, and a new ranking system that includes catalyzing systemic market

¹³⁷³ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹³⁷⁴ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹³⁷⁵ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹³⁷⁶ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

¹³⁷⁷ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹³⁷⁸ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹³⁷⁹ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

development changes.¹³⁸⁰ The changes improve access to the fund as well as enhancing its ability to take on leverage and mobilize private capital.

On 20 March 2024, Executive Director of Climate Finance at Global Affairs Canada Andrew Hurst and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹³⁸¹

On 4 April 2024, Executive Director Hurst the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹³⁸²

On 4 June 2024, Executive Director Hurst and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹³⁸³

On 13 June 2024, Executive Director Hurst and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹³⁸⁴

On 13 June 2024, Prime Minister Trudeau announced CAD510 million in repayable contributions and technical assistance grants to the Inter-American Development Bank Group to establish the Canadian Net Zero and Climate Resilience Accelerator Fund. This fund aims to attract private-sector investments in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on projects that will help these economies reduce carbon emissions, become more climate-resilient, and foster inclusive growth. This enhances the effectiveness of the multilateral climate fund by creating a financial mechanism that mobilizes private capital to support the region's transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future.¹³⁸⁵

¹³⁸⁰ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024.

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¹³⁸¹ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

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¹³⁸³ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹³⁸⁴ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹³⁸⁵ Prime Minister strengthens global security and stability at the G7 Summit (Apulia) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/06/13/prime-minister-trudeau-strengthens-global-security-and-stability-g7-summit>

On 14 June 2024, Prime Minister Trudeau announced an allocation of CAD200 million to IFAD to strengthen climate resilience and support agricultural area investments. He also announced the establishment of the Canadian Climate and Nature Fund for the Private Sector in Asia through a CAD360 million repayable contribution to the Asian Development Bank. This fund will mobilize private capital towards mitigation and adaptation projects within the Indo-Pacific region.¹³⁸⁶

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¹³⁸⁶ Prime Minister advances shared progress and prosperity at the G7 Summit, Prime Minister of Canada (Apulia) 14 June 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/06/14/prime-minister-trudeau-advances-shared-progress-and-prosperity-g7-summit>

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¹³⁸⁸ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024.

https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

¹³⁸⁹ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

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funding pledges, its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia Cerello

China: +1

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¹³⁹³ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹³⁹⁴ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

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contributions towards multilateral funds. Note that China objected to the inclusion of Lithuania during the Executive Board session.¹³⁹⁹

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Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jon Atienza

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, France and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁴⁰¹

On 5 December 2023, France and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Executive Board approved the request for a USD1,500,000 advance on tranche two of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo. The decision to approve the partial advance aims to prevent further delays in the establishment of 734 hectares of additional wood energy plantations in the first quarter of 2024.¹⁴⁰²

On 6 December 2023, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Mair, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna, Minister for the Energy Transition Agnes Pannier-Runacher, and Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou announced a EUR173 million financial package to contribute to various multilateral funds devoted to combating climate vulnerability at COP28. France will contribute EUR35 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund, up to EUR100 million to Loss and Damage Fund, EUR20 million to the Global Shield against Climate Risks, and an additional

¹³⁹⁹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁴⁰⁰ 基础四国气候变化部长级联合声明, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (Beijing) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 16 August 2024. https://www.mee.gov.cn/xxgk/hjyw/202407/t20240724_1082427.shtml

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EUR5 million to the Adaptation Fund.¹⁴⁰³ These measures will make it easier for the least developed countries to access multilateral climate funds.

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¹⁴⁰⁴ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁴⁰⁵ IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁴⁰⁶ IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁴⁰⁷ Approval of the Green Project: "Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains", Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.35%20Decision_Green%20PRODOC%20approval.pdf

¹⁴⁰⁸ REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME CO-FINANCING - PROGRAMME DOCUMENT, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://mptf.undp.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/00133946_scaling_up_commercial_investment_redacted.pdf

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¹⁴¹⁰ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

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¹⁴¹¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.02. Policy Dialogue and Investments for a Central African Republic and CAFI Partnership, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024.

https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/EB.2024.02_CAR%20Policy%20Dialogue%20Investments_1.pdf

¹⁴¹² Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁴¹³ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹⁴¹⁴ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

¹⁴¹⁵ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹⁴¹⁶ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹⁴¹⁷ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

development changes.¹⁴¹⁸ The changes improve access to the fund as well as enhancing its ability to take on leverage and mobilize private capital.

On 7 March 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD467,836 preparatory grant to map high-value carbon sink forests for protection.¹⁴¹⁹

On 20 March 2024, Bureau Chief of Multilateral Finance, Development, and Climate at the Treasury Mariella Morandi and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹⁴²⁰

On 2 April 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD600,000 grant proposal from the French Development Agency for Equatorial Guinea.¹⁴²¹

On 2 April 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board approved a request from The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for an additional USD150,000 in funding for the Gabon National Framework Investment.¹⁴²²

On 4 April 2024, Bureau Chief Morandi, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁴²³

On 5 April 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board provided &Green with access to the Central African Forest Initiative Trust Fund. The addition of a targeted recipient fund to CAFI expands access to this multilateral climate fund.¹⁴²⁴

On 19 April 2024, France contributed USD500 million to the World Bank's new portfolio guarantee instruments. These new instruments are expected to expand the World Bank's financing capacities to tackle climate change and other global issues.¹⁴²⁵

¹⁴¹⁸ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁴¹⁹ Approval of preparatory grant to map high value forests, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/EB2024.05%20-%20HIFOR%20prep%20grant.pdf>

¹⁴²⁰ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁴²¹ Approval of AFD grant for Equatorial Guinea, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024 https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.08%20-%20Equatorial%20Guinea_AFD%20Grant%20Approval.pdf

¹⁴²² Executive Board Decision EB.2024.17. Gabon - Approval of an additional budget to UNESCO for the Urban Greening and Outreach Project (CAFI 3) - (00133387), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.17_Decision_UNESCO%20Additional%20Cost%20Approval_0.pdf

¹⁴²³ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁴²⁴ Authorization of Access to the CAFI Fund to &Green, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.10%20-%20Access%20to%20CAFI%20Fund%20to%20%20&Green.pdf>

¹⁴²⁵ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

On 4 June 2024, Bureau Chief Morandi and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁴²⁶

On 13 June 2024, Bureau Chief Morandi and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁴²⁷

On 20 June 2024, Senior Advisor Cieniewski and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹⁴²⁸

On 20 June 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD47,719,157 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Fund to finance and support five projects.¹⁴²⁹

On 20 June 2024, France and the CAFI Executive Board approved USD51,106,348 for "Scaling-up Commercial investment in Deforestation-Free Central African Commodity Supply Chains."¹⁴³⁰ In addition, the board approved the first transfer from the CAFI trust fund of USD43,821,269 to the Stichting andgreen Fund, which aims to viably unlink supply chains from deforestation.¹⁴³¹

On 20 June 2024, France and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁴³²

On 27 June 2024, Senior Advisor Cieniewski and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will

¹⁴²⁶ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁴²⁷ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁴²⁸ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹⁴²⁹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.19. Approval of disbursement to DRC National REDD+ Fund 9th sub-tranche, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.19%20-%20FONAREDD%20funding%20allocation%20-%20June%202024.pdf>

¹⁴³⁰ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.20. Regional - Approval of the revised Stichting andgreen.fund Project: "Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains", Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.20%20-%20Decision_Approval%20%26Green%20PRODOC.pdf

¹⁴³¹ The &Green Fund, &Green (Amsterdam) 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.andgreen.fund/>

¹⁴³² Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹⁴³³

On 19 July 2024, Senior Advisor Cieniewski and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁴³⁴

On 7 August 2024, Senior Advisor on Environment and Climate at the French Treasury Pierre Marc and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁴³⁵

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Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

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On 1 December 2023, Germany and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁴³⁶

¹⁴³³ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹⁴³⁴ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁴³⁵ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁴³⁶ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

On 1 December 2023, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced USD100 million for the fund on loss and damage.¹⁴³⁷

On 4 December 2023, Germany pledged EUR29 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹⁴³⁸

On 5 December 2023, Germany and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Executive Board approved the request for a USD1,500,000 advance on tranche two of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo. The decision to approve the partial advance aims to prevent further delays in the establishment of 734 hectares of additional wood energy plantations in the first quarter of 2024.¹⁴³⁹

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On 21 December 2023, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) announced EUR20 million in climate grants to the Inter-American Development Bank to establish the Latin America and the Caribbean Facility for Greening Public Development Banks and the Financial Sector. The facility aims to promote increased green lending and facilitate access to capital market finance for green initiatives. In addition, this contribution includes the use of a performance-based payment mechanism which is expected to leverage close to USD1 billion in private climate

¹⁴³⁷ COP28 Climate Funds Pledge Tracker, Natural Resources Defense Council (New York) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.nrdc.org/bio/joe-thwaites/cop-28-climate-fund-pledge-tracker>

¹⁴³⁸ Joint statement on donors' pledge of \$174.2 million and confirmation of support to the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, Global Environment Facility (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/joint-statement-donors-pledge-174-2-million-and-confirmation-support-least-developed>

¹⁴³⁹ Approval of the request for an exceptional advance on tranche 2 of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo (PROREP), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.33%20FAO%20Request%20for%20advanced%20payments%20en.pdf>

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funding.¹⁴⁴⁵ These grants will make it easier for Latin American and Caribbean countries to mobilize private capital in addressing climate change and facilitate access to multilateral climate funding.

On 7 February 2024, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck announced that Germany would provide a EUR1.75 billion investment in startups with a focus on “forward-looking” technologies. Of this, EUR200 million is intended for investments that could offer a measurable ecological return in addition to financial return, with climate technology considered a key area for the remaining funds.¹⁴⁴⁶

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On 15 February 2024, Minister Habeck announced that Germany would provide EUR4.6 billion as part of the Important Project of Common European Interest Hydrogen programme. Furthermore, Germany companies are also providing EUR3.4 billion for the projects.¹⁴⁵⁰ Germany's direct investment includes funds for early-stage projects under the Hy2Tech banner.¹⁴⁵¹

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¹⁴⁴⁵ IDB and Germany Launch New Facility to Support Climate Action in Public Development Banks in Latin America and the Caribbean, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 21 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2023/12/20231221-idb-and-germany-launch-new-facility.html>

¹⁴⁴⁶ Federation expands access to capital for startups, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2024/02/20240207-federation-expands-access-to-capital-for-startups.html>

¹⁴⁴⁷ LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹⁴⁴⁸ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

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¹⁴⁵⁰ European Commission gives the go-ahead for the funding of 24 German IPCEI hydrogen projects, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Berlin) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2024/02/20240215-european-commission-approves-funding-for-key-hydrogen-projects.html>

¹⁴⁵¹ Hy2Tech, Important Project of Common European Interest Hydrogen (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://ipcei-hydrogen.eu/page/view/d85ef96a-4ae9-4f03-b51d-6e9bc4caf094/hy2tech>

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On 6 March 2024, Gerhard Schlaudraff and the GCF Board approved eleven funding proposals unlocking project funds across 23 countries.¹⁴⁵⁴

On 7 March 2024, Gerhard Schlaudraff and the GCF Board endorsed the Independent Evaluation Unit's recommendations on the GCF's Investment Framework and requested a management action report. The recommendations aim to improve the Fund's function including its accessibility to recipient parties and ability to leverage the fund.¹⁴⁵⁵

On 7 March 2024, Gerhard Schlaudraff and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Secretariat on the GCF's regional presence. The recommendations include regional office expansion to facilitate access to GCF resources.¹⁴⁵⁶

On 7 March 2024, Gerhard Schlaudraff and the GCF Board approved the updated Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework. The framework includes provisions to enhance project pipeline management and reserve advances, standardize reporting, and undertake rolling budgeting to improve access to the fund.¹⁴⁵⁷

On 7 March 2024, Gerhard Schlaudraff and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Unit on the GCF's approach to the energy sector. The recommendations include support for demand-side measures, consideration of new technology and piloting tools, institutional and regulatory framework improvement to mitigate potential barriers to delivery, projects de-risking through blended finance, and a new ranking system that includes catalyzing systemic market development changes.¹⁴⁵⁸ The changes improve access to the fund as well as enhancing its ability to take on leverage and mobilize private capital.

¹⁴⁵² Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁴⁵³ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹⁴⁵⁴ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

¹⁴⁵⁵ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹⁴⁵⁶ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹⁴⁵⁷ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

¹⁴⁵⁸ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

On 7 March 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD467,836 preparatory grant to map high-value carbon sink forests for protection.¹⁴⁵⁹

On 20 March 2024, Scientist at the Climate Service Center Germany Laura Schmidt and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹⁴⁶⁰

On 2 April 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD600,000 grant proposal from the French Development Agency for Equatorial Guinea.¹⁴⁶¹

On 2 April 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board approved a request from The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for an additional USD150,000 in funding for the Gabon National Framework Investment.¹⁴⁶²

On 4 April 2024, Annette Windmeisser, Laura Schmidt, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁴⁶³

On 5 April 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board provided &Green with access to the Central African Forest Initiative Trust Fund. The addition of a targeted recipient fund to CAFI expands access to this multilateral climate fund.¹⁴⁶⁴

On 19 April 2024, Senior Policy Officer in the Ministry of the Environment and Adaptation Fund Board Vice-Chair Nina Alsen and the Adaptation Fund Board approved twelve projects and requested the Secretariat to include more funding provisions in its work programme for the 2025 fiscal year. These provisions include funding for proposals, projects, and grants, and improving access to the fund. For example, the board approved the increase of learning grants from USD150,000 to USD500,000 per project. These grants will be used to support national entities in adaptation interventions.¹⁴⁶⁵

¹⁴⁵⁹ Approval of preparatory grant to map high value forests, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/EB2024.05%20-%20HIFOR%20prep%20grant.pdf>

¹⁴⁶⁰ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁴⁶¹ Approval of AFD grant for Equatorial Guinea, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024 https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.08%20-%20Equatorial%20Guinea_AFD%20Grant%20Approval.pdf

¹⁴⁶² Executive Board Decision EB.2024.17. Gabon - Approval of an additional budget to UNESCO for the Urban Greening and Outreach Project (CAFI 3) - (00133387), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.17_Decision_UNESCO%20Additional%20Cost%20Approval_0.pdf

¹⁴⁶³ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁴⁶⁴ Authorization of Access to the CAFI Fund to &Green, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.10%20-%20Access%20to%20CAFI%20Fund%20to%20%26Green.pdf>

¹⁴⁶⁵ AFB/B.42/16: Decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-second meeting, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decisions-of-the-adaptation-fund-board-at-its-forty-second-meeting/>

On 19 April 2024, Germany and 10 other countries contributed a total of USD11 billion to the World Bank's new hybrid capital and portfolio guarantee instruments. These new instruments are expected to expand the World Bank's financing capacities to tackle climate change and other global issues.¹⁴⁶⁶

On 4 June 2024, Division Head Windmeisser, Scientist Schmidt and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁴⁶⁷

On 13 June 2024, Division Head Windmeisser, Scientist Schmidt and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁴⁶⁸

On 20 June 2024, Division Head Windmeisser and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹⁴⁶⁹

On 20 June 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD47,719,157 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Fund to finance and support five projects.¹⁴⁷⁰

On 20 June 2024, Germany and the CAFI Executive Board approved USD51,106,348 for "Scaling-up Commercial investment in Deforestation-Free Central African Commodity Supply Chains."¹⁴⁷¹ In addition, the board approved the first transfer from the CAFI trust fund of USD43,821,269 to the Stichting andgreen Fund, which aims to viably unlink supply chains from deforestation.¹⁴⁷²

¹⁴⁶⁶ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

¹⁴⁶⁷ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁴⁶⁸ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁴⁶⁹ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹⁴⁷⁰ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.19. Approval of disbursement to DRC National REDD+ Fund 9th sub-tranche, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.19%20-%20FONAREDD%20funding%20allocation%20-%20June%202024.pdf>

¹⁴⁷¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.20. Regional - Approval of the revised Stichting andgreen.fund Project: "Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains", Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.20%20-%20Decision_Approval%20%26Green%20PRODOC.pdf

¹⁴⁷² The &Green Fund, &Green (Amsterdam) 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.andgreen.fund/>

On 20 June 2024, Germany and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁴⁷³

On 27 June 2024, Division Head Windmeisser and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹⁴⁷⁴

On 19 July 2024, Division Head Schlaudraff and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁴⁷⁵

On 1 August 2024, Senior Policy Officer Alsen and the Adaptation Fund accredited Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay into the fund as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Re-accrediting the CND of Uruguay into the fund as an NIE opens access to the fund by allowing the entity to receive direct financing in carrying out adaptation programmes and projects.¹⁴⁷⁶

On 7 August 2024, Laura Schmidt and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁴⁷⁷

On 10 October 2024, Senior Policy Officer Alsen and the Adaptation Fund Board increased maximum annual allocation amounts for single projects, regional projects, and country caps aiming to enhance access to the fund.¹⁴⁷⁸

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Germany has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, pledges to that fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund, and supporting fund disbursements at the GEF, GCF, CAFI, Carbon Fund, CTF and SCF. Germany has also taken strong action to mobilize private capital through grants that initiated the Latin America and the

¹⁴⁷³ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024.

https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

¹⁴⁷⁴ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹⁴⁷⁵ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁴⁷⁶ Fast-Track Accreditation of the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fast-track-accreditation-of-the-corporacion-nacional-para-el-desarrollo-cnd-of-uruguay-as-a-national-implementing-entity-nie-of-the-adaptation-fund/>

¹⁴⁷⁷ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁴⁷⁸ UTILIZATION OF CAP RESOURCES WITHIN THE ADAPTATION FUND AND OPTIONS FOR REVISION, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.B.43.14_Utilization-of-cap-resources-withi-the-AF-and-options-for-revision.pdf

Caribbean Facility for Greening Public Development Banks and the Financial Sector, through support for early-stage climate and hydrogen projects, its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF, by approving CAFI's funding of projects that seek to mobilize private finance for climate goals, as well as contributing to new World Bank investment instruments. Germany has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage through funding pledges and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Peter Ma and Siobhan Mehrotra

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, India and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁴⁷⁹

On 11 December 2023, Director of the Department of Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Finance Prasanna Salian and the International Fund for Agricultural Development's (IFAD) Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁴⁸⁰ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁴⁸¹ The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁴⁸² This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 15 February 2024, India and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹⁴⁸³ All member states of IFAD, including India, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 20 March 2024, Senior Advisor to the Indian Executive Director at the World Bank Rajeev Topno and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹⁴⁸⁴

¹⁴⁷⁹ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁴⁸⁰ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁴⁸¹ IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁴⁸² IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁴⁸³ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁴⁸⁴ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

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On 21 July 2024, Joint Secretary to the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Neelesh Kumar Sah Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu, Brazilian Vice-Minister for Climate Change Ana Toni and South African Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Dion George issued a joint statement at the 2024 Brazil-South Africa-India-China (BASIC) Ministerial meeting on Climate Change calling for immediate action from developed countries to close the gap in their climate finance commitments of USD100 billion, as agreed upon in multilateral forums.¹⁴⁸⁸

On 7 August 2024, Senior Advisor to India's Executive Director at the World Bank Hemang Priyavadan Jani and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁴⁸⁹

India has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. India has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and supporting fund disbursements at IFAD and the CTF. India has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF and its role in investment policy changes at IFAD.

¹⁴⁸⁵ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁴⁸⁶ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁴⁸⁷ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁴⁸⁸ 基础四国气候变化部长级联合声明, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (Beijing) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 16 August 2024. https://www.mee.gov.cn/xxgk/hjyw/202407/t20240724_1082427.shtml

¹⁴⁸⁹ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Peter Ma

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Indonesia and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁴⁹⁰

On 11 December 2023, Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture Prihasto Setyanto, Policy Analyst and Sub Coordinator for United Nations Affairs at the International Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture Yurika Arianti Permanasari, Counsellor at the Italian Embassy Erma Rheindrayani, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Purna Cita Nugraha, Agricultural Attaché at the Italian Embassy Safira Amorita and IFAD’s Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁴⁹¹ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁴⁹² The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁴⁹³ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 15 February 2024, Indonesia and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹⁴⁹⁴ All member states of IFAD, including Indonesia, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 20 June 2024, Indonesia and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁴⁹⁵

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Indonesia has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and supporting fund disbursements and membership expansion at IFAD and

¹⁴⁹⁰ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁴⁹¹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁴⁹² IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁴⁹³ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁴⁹⁴ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

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¹⁴⁹⁵ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024.

https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

the Carbon Fund. Indonesia has also taken strong action to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage through its role in passing investment policy changes at IFAD.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Samuel Gao and Peter Ma

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Italy and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁴⁹⁶

On 1 December 2023, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced EUR100 million for the fund on loss and damage.¹⁴⁹⁷

On 2 December 2023, Italy pledged EUR300 million to the Green Climate Fund (GCF).¹⁴⁹⁸

On 3 December 2023, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security signed Italy’s membership of the Amazon Fund, aiming to support public and private entities across several countries in the Amazon region in the planning and implementation of sustainable development models. Italy offered EUR5 million for the Amazon Fund.¹⁴⁹⁹ Italy’s membership of the Amazon Fund facilitates greater access of multilateral climate financing for countries in the Amazon region.

On 11 December 2023, the Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto, announced that Italy will contribute EUR10 million for investments in integrated food and climate plans for developing countries. The funds will support pilot projects in various African countries in collaboration with international and regional organizations, as well as the private sector. The projects plan to deal with a large variety of issues, ranging from climate resilience to sustainable agriculture with the aim of reducing risks of investment in the food and agricultural sector as well as increasing the finance ability of future projects. This contribution will allow multilateral climate funds to better mobilize private capital for addressing climate change through increasing bankable projects.¹⁵⁰⁰

On 11 December 2023, Director for International Financial Relations for the Ministry of Economy and Finance Gian Paolo Ruggiero, Attaché to the Alternate Permanent Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Giacomo Cosmi, Officer for Multilateral

¹⁴⁹⁶ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁴⁹⁷ COP28, l'intervento del Presidente Meloni al Leaders' Event: Transforming Food Systems in the face of Climate Change, Government of Italy (Dubai) 1 December 2023. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/cop28-lintervento-del-presidente-meloni-al-leaders-event-transforming-food-systems-face>

¹⁴⁹⁸ Green Climate Fund Pledge Tracker, Natural Resources Defense Council (New York) 7 December 2023. Access Date 5 April 2024. <https://www.nrdc.org/bio/joe-thwaites/green-climate-fund-pledge-tracker>

¹⁴⁹⁹ COP28: il MASE aderisce al Fondo Amazzonia con cinque milioni, Ministero dell'ambiente e della sicurezza energetica (Dubai) 3 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/cop28-il-mase-aderisce-al-fondo-amazzonia-con-cinque-milioni>

¹⁵⁰⁰ Clima: Pichetto, da Italia 10 milioni di euro per investimenti in Paesi in via di sviluppo, Ministero dell'ambiente e della sicurezza energetica (Dubai) 11 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/clima-pichetto-da-italia-10-milioni-di-euro-investimenti-paesi-di-sviluppo>

Development Banks and Funds at the Ministry of Economy and Finance Francesco Lombardo and IFAD's Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁵⁰¹ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁵⁰² The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁵⁰³ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 29 January 2024, Prime Minister Meloni unveiled core provisions of Italy's Mattei Plan, which aims to spark economic growth and boost development in Africa.¹⁵⁰⁴ The plan includes support for pilot projects in clean energy.¹⁵⁰⁵

On 8 February 2024, Senior Advisor to the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance Gisella Berardi¹⁵⁰⁶ and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹⁵⁰⁷

On 9 February 2024, Senior Advisor Berardi and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹⁵⁰⁸

On 15 February 2024, Italy and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹⁵⁰⁹ All member states of IFAD, including Italy, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 5 March 2024, Special Advisor for Global Public Goods at the Ministry of Economy and Finance Gisella Berardi and the GCF Board approved the accreditation of eight entities to the Fund.¹⁵¹⁰

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¹⁵⁰¹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁵⁰² IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁵⁰³ IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁵⁰⁴ What we know about the Italian development plan for Africa, Reuters (Rome) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/what-we-know-about-italian-development-plan-africa-2024-01-29/>

¹⁵⁰⁵ The Mattei Plan for Africa: A Turning Point for Italy's Development Cooperation Policy?, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.iai.it/en/pubblicazioni/mattei-plan-africa-turning-point-italys-development-cooperation-policy>

¹⁵⁰⁶ GEF Council, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>

¹⁵⁰⁷ LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-lDCF-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹⁵⁰⁸ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹⁵⁰⁹ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁵¹⁰ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹⁵¹¹ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

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On 4 April 2024, Gisella Berardi, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁵¹⁶

On 19 April 2024, Italy and 10 other countries contributed a total of USD11 billion to the World Bank's new hybrid capital and portfolio guarantee instruments. These new instruments are expected to expand the World Bank's financing capacities to tackle climate change and other global issues.¹⁵¹⁷

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¹⁵¹³ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹⁵¹⁴ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

¹⁵¹⁵ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁵¹⁶ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁵¹⁷ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹⁵¹⁸

On 27 June 2024, Deputy Director Berardi and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹⁵¹⁹

On 19 July 2024, Special Advisor Berardi and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁵²⁰

On 5 August 2024, Minister Pichetto and the Italian Climate Fund purchased a EUR100 million hybrid bond issued by the West African Development Bank (BOAD). The bond aims to finance projects that address climate change in the renewable energy sector in the eight West Africa.¹⁵²¹

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Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jessica Wan

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Japan and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new

¹⁵¹⁸ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹⁵¹⁹ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹⁵²⁰ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁵²¹ 100 million to the West African Development Bank (BOAD): The Italian Climate Fund subscribes the first ever hybrid bond for climate change mitigation issued by a multilateral bank, EQS (Rome) 5 August 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.eqs-news.com/news/corporate/100-million-to-the-west-african-development-bank-boad-the-italian-climate-fund-subscribes-the-first-ever-hybrid-bond-for-climate-change-mitigation-issued-by-a-multilateral-bank/2104979>.

funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁵²²

On 1 December 2023, Japan committed USD10 million to the fund for loss and damage.¹⁵²³

On 11 December 2023, Minister Counsellor to the Deputy Permanent Representative Designate of Japan to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome Shindo Mitusaki, First Secretary for the Alternate Permanent Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Shibuya Yutaka and IFAD’s Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁵²⁴ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁵²⁵ The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁵²⁶ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

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On 13 February 2024, the Cabinet approved the “Bill on the Promotion of the Supply and Utilization of Low-Carbon Hydrogen, etc. for a smooth Transition to a Decarbonized Growth Economic Structure.” The bill commits the government to formulate a basic certification system for low-carbon hydrogen technologies, and support businesses that have received plan certification. The legislation also outlines a permit system for carbon dioxide storage projects.¹⁵²⁹ The legislation bolsters the ability of multilateral climate funds to mobilize private capital by passing legislation to support the viability of hydrogen and carbon capture projects including early-stage projects.

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¹⁵²² Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁵²³ COP28 Climate Funds Pledge Tracker, Natural Resources Defense Council (New York) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.nrdc.org/bio/joe-thwaites/cop-28-climate-fund-pledge-tracker>

¹⁵²⁴ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁵²⁵ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

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¹⁵²⁷ LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹⁵²⁸ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹⁵²⁹ 「脱炭素成長型経済構造への円滑な移行のための低炭素水素等の供給及び利用の促進に関する法律案」及び「二酸化炭素の貯留事業に関する法律案」が閣議決定されました, 経済産業省 (Tokyo) 13 February 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

<https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2023/02/20240213002/20240213002.html>

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¹⁵³⁰ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁵³¹ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

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¹⁵³³ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

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¹⁵³⁵ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

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On 20 March 2024, Director Hyokai and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹⁵³⁷

On 4 April 2024, Director Hyokai, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁵³⁸

On 19 April 2024, Japan contributed USD1 billion to the World Bank's new portfolio guarantee instruments. These new instruments are expected to expand the World Bank's financing capacities to tackle climate change and other global issues. Japan also promised to be the first to contribute to the newly established Livable Planet Fund, a fund aimed at mobilizing government, philanthropic and private capital to finance clean energy transition projects.¹⁵³⁹

On 4 June 2024, Director Hyokai and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁵⁴⁰

On 13 June 2024, Director Hyokai and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁵⁴¹

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¹⁵³⁷ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁵³⁸ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁵³⁹ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

¹⁵⁴⁰ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁵⁴¹ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

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On 7 August 2024, Director Hyokai and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁵⁴⁵

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Japan has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, pledges to that fund, World Bank instruments and the Livable planet fund in addition to supporting fund disbursements at the GEF, GCF, IFAD, Carbon Fund, Adaptation Fund CTF and SCF. Japan has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through funding pledges, passing legislation to support the viability of hydrogen and carbon capture projects, including early-stage projects, and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jessica Wan

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Korea and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁵⁴⁶

¹⁵⁴³ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹⁵⁴⁴ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁵⁴⁵ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁵⁴⁶ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

On 4 December 2024, Korea pledged USD932,000 to the Adaptation Fund.¹⁵⁴⁷

On 5 December 2023, Korea and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Executive Board approved the request for a USD1,500,000 advance on tranche two of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo. The decision to approve the partial advance aims to prevent further delays in the establishment of 734 hectares of additional wood energy plantations in the first quarter of 2024.¹⁵⁴⁸

On 15 December 2023, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved the Green Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains.” This decision approved USD51,106,348 in project budget allocation.¹⁵⁴⁹ The project aims to mobilize private investment to transform livestock, palm oil, soy, rubber, cocoa, and forestry supply chains.¹⁵⁵⁰

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¹⁵⁴⁷ Adaptation Fund Mobilizes Over US\$ 188 Million in New Pledges at COP28 for the Most Climate-Vulnerable, Adaptation Fund (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/press-release-adaptation-fund-mobilizes-nearly-us-160-million-in-new-pledges-at-cop28-for-the-most-climate-vulnerable/>

¹⁵⁴⁸ Approval of the request for an exceptional advance on tranche 2 of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo (PROREP), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.33%20FAO%20Request%20for%20advanced%20payments%20en.pdf>

¹⁵⁴⁹ Approval of the Green Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains”, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.35%20Decision_Green%20PRODOC%20approval.pdf

¹⁵⁵⁰ REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME CO-FINANCING - PROGRAMME DOCUMENT, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://mptf.undp.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/00133946_scaling_up_commercial_investment_redacted.pdf

¹⁵⁵¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.02. Policy Dialogue and Investments for a Central African Republic and CAFI Partnership, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/EB.2024.02_CAR%20Policy%20Dialogue%20Investments_1.pdf

¹⁵⁵² Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁵⁵³ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

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On 7 March 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD467,836 preparatory grant to map high-value carbon sink forests for protection.¹⁵⁵⁹

On 19 March 2024, Financial Services Commission Chairman Joo-Hyun Kim announced South Korea's commitment to allocate KRW420 trillion in public funds for green financing, targeting a 40 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. State-run financial institutions, including Korea Development Bank and the Industrial Bank of Korea, will lead these investments, representing a 67 per cent increase from the previous five years. Additionally, the banking industry will establish a KRW9 trillion future energy fund to support renewable energy infrastructure, aiming to increase the renewable energy share in the power generation mix from 9.2 per cent to 21.6 per cent by 2030. Moreover, the government and banking sector plan to invest KRW9 trillion in climate technologies, including carbon capture, by 2030, addressing technology gaps compared to developed countries.

¹⁵⁵⁴ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

¹⁵⁵⁵ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹⁵⁵⁶ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹⁵⁵⁷ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

¹⁵⁵⁸ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁵⁵⁹ Approval of preparatory grant to map high value forests, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/EB2024.05%20-%20HIFOR%20prep%20grant.pdf>

These investments in green financing, alongside funding from the banking industry, demonstrates Korea's efforts to mobilize private capital for addressing climate change.¹⁵⁶⁰

On 2 April 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD600,000 grant proposal from the French Development Agency for Equatorial Guinea.¹⁵⁶¹

On 2 April 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved a request from The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for an additional USD150,000 in funding for the Gabon National Framework Investment.¹⁵⁶²

On 4 April 2024, Director of the Korean Meteorological Administration Dong-Joon Kim,¹⁵⁶³ the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁵⁶⁴

On 5 April 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board provided &Green with access to the Central African Forest Initiative Trust Fund. The addition of a targeted recipient fund to CAFI expands access to this multilateral climate fund.¹⁵⁶⁵

On 19 April 2024, Director of the Green Climate Policy Division at the Korea Water Resources Corporation Tae Hoon Kim and the Adaptation Fund Board approved twelve projects and requested the Secretariat to include more funding provisions in its work programme for the 2025 fiscal year. These provisions include funding for proposals, projects, and grants, and improving access to the fund. For example, the board approved the increase of learning grants from USD150,000 to USD500,000 per project. These grants will be used to support national entities in adaptation interventions.¹⁵⁶⁶

On 19 April 2024, Minister of Finance Choi Sang-mok announced a USD16.6 billion for green investment. Emphasizing the importance of leveraging private capital for climate financing, Minister Choi reiterated Korea's commitment to climate action pledging continued support for the international Green Climate Fund.¹⁵⁶⁷

On 4 June 2024, Director Kim and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the

¹⁵⁶⁰ News Release: Gov't to allocate \$313 bil. for low carbon transition in finance. The Korea Times (Seoul) 19 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/biz/2024/03/488_370933.html

¹⁵⁶¹ Approval of AFD grant for Equatorial Guinea, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024 https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.08%20-%20Equatorial%20Guinea_AFD%20Grant%20Approval.pdf

¹⁵⁶² Executive Board Decision EB.2024.17. Gabon - Approval of an additional budget to UNESCO for the Urban Greening and Outreach Project (CAFI 3) - (00133387), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.17_Decision_UNESCO%20Additional%20Cost%20Approval_0.pdf

¹⁵⁶³ SCF TRUST FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 23 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/strategic-climate-fund-governance-structure>

¹⁵⁶⁴ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁵⁶⁵ Authorization of Access to the CAFI Fund to &Green, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.10%20-%20Access%20to%20CAFI%20Fund%20to%20%26Green.pdf>

¹⁵⁶⁶ AFB/B.42/16: Decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-second meeting, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decisions-of-the-adaptation-fund-board-at-its-forty-second-meeting/>

¹⁵⁶⁷ S. Korea pledges W23tr venture capital fund for green investment at G20 meeting. The Korea Herald (Seoul) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240419050561>

Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁵⁶⁸

On 13 June 2024, Director Kim and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁵⁶⁹

On 20 June 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD47,719,157 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Fund to finance and support five projects.¹⁵⁷⁰

On 20 June 2024, Korea and the CAFI Executive Board approved USD51,106,348 for "Scaling-up Commercial investment in Deforestation-Free Central African Commodity Supply Chains."¹⁵⁷¹ In addition, the board approved the first transfer from the CAFI trust fund of USD43,821,269 to the Stichting andgreen Fund, which aims to viably unlink supply chains from deforestation.¹⁵⁷²

On June 4, 2024, at the Korea-Africa Summit, South Korean President Suk Yeol Yoon announced an increase in Official Development Assistance to USD10 billion by 2030. The joint declaration emphasized climate finance and sustainability, aiming to create a climate finance architecture responsive to African countries' needs, advance cooperation and sustainable agriculture.¹⁵⁷³

On 8 July 2024, the Export-Import Bank of Korea (Exim) announced USD150 million in financing for a solar power generation project in the United Arab Emirates.¹⁵⁷⁴

On 9 July 2024, Korea pledged USD7 million to the Loss and Damage Fund.¹⁵⁷⁵

¹⁵⁶⁸ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁵⁶⁹ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁵⁷⁰ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.19. Approval of disbursement to DRC National REDD+ Fund 9th sub-tranche, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.19%20-%20FONAREDD%20funding%20allocation%20-%20June%202024.pdf>

¹⁵⁷¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.20. Regional - Approval of the revised Stichting andgreen.fund Project: "Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains", Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.20%20-%20Decision_Approval%20%26Green%20PRODOC.pdf

¹⁵⁷² The &Green Fund, &Green (Amsterdam) 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.andgreen.fund/>

¹⁵⁷³ Korea Pledges Billions of Dollars at Inaugural Leaders' Summit with Africa. African Development Bank Group. 4 June 2024. Access Date August 4 2024. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/korea-pledges-billions-dollars-inaugural-leaders-summit-africa-71536>

¹⁵⁷⁴ Eximbank to finance \$150m for UAE solar power project, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240708050528&ACE_SEARCH=1

¹⁵⁷⁵ South Korea pledges \$7mn for loss and damage fund, Argus Media (London) 9 July 2024 Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2585767-south-korea-pledges-7mn-for-loss-and-damage-fund>

On 19 July 2024, Director General Kim and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁵⁷⁶

On 1 August 2024, Director Kim and the Adaptation Fund accredited Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay into the fund as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Re-accrediting the CND of Uruguay into the fund as an NIE opens access to the fund by allowing the entity to receive direct financing in carrying out adaptation programmes and projects.¹⁵⁷⁷

On 10 October 2024, Director Kim and the Adaptation Fund Board increased maximum annual allocation amounts for single projects, regional projects, and country caps aiming to enhance access to the fund.¹⁵⁷⁸

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Korea has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, pledges to that fund and supporting fund disbursements at the Adaptation Fund, GCF, CTF and SCF. Korea has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through funding pledges, its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF, approving CAFI's funding of projects that seek to mobilize private finance for climate goals and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Samuel Gao and Peter Ma

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Mexico and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁵⁷⁹

On 9 December 2023, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights Joel Hernández García on behalf of Foreign Secretary Alicia Bárcena presented the Climate Adaptation and Comprehensive Natural Disaster Response Fund at COP28 along with representatives from the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. The steering committee approved the fund

¹⁵⁷⁶ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁵⁷⁷ Fast-Track Accreditation of the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fast-track-accreditation-of-the-corporacion-nacional-para-el-desarrollo-cnd-of-uruguay-as-a-national-implementing-entity-nie-of-the-adaptation-fund/>

¹⁵⁷⁸ UTILIZATION OF CAP RESOURCES WITHIN THE ADAPTATION FUND AND OPTIONS FOR REVISION, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.B.43.14_Utilization-of-cap-resources-withi-the-AF-and-options-for-revision.pdf

¹⁵⁷⁹ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

following the United Nations Children’s Fund work in Mexico collaborating with local authorities in Guerrero to provide relief to youth affected by Hurricane Otis. The fund is to support climate change mitigation and adaptation projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, thus increasing access to multilateral climate funds for Latin American and Caribbean countries.¹⁵⁸⁰

On 11 December 2023, First Secretary for the Alternate Permanent Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Sandra Paola Ramirez Valenzuela and IFAD’s Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁵⁸¹ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁵⁸² The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁵⁸³ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 8 February 2024, Director General at the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit Elisa Aguirre Tellez and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹⁵⁸⁴

On 9 February 2024, Director General Tellez and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹⁵⁸⁵

On 15 February 2024, Mexico and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹⁵⁸⁶ All member states of IFAD, including Mexico, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

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Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ruth Alemayehu

¹⁵⁸⁰ Mexico participates in the presentation of the Celac Climate Adaptation Fund at COP28, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 10 December 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-participates-in-the-presentation-of-the-celac-climate-adaptation-fund-at-cop28?idiom=en>

¹⁵⁸¹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁵⁸² IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁵⁸³ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁵⁸⁴ LDCE/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-ldcf-sccf-council-decisions-2024>

¹⁵⁸⁵ GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2024, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.) February 2024. Access Date: 7 May 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/GEF%20Council%20Decisions%202024.pdf>

¹⁵⁸⁶ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

Russia: 0

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Russia has partially complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Russia has taken strong action to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds including by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and supporting expanded membership at IFAD. Russia has not taken strong action to enhance the leverage of multilateral climate funds and their ability to mobilize private capital.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Peter Ma

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

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On 5 December 2023, the Saudi Fund for Development announced that the Arab Coordination Group would allocate USD10 billion to fund a strategic plan for a shift towards clean energy. The plan included increased use of green bonds and blended finance along with direct investments in development and access to clean energy. This initiative will make it easier to mobilize private capital for addressing climate change.¹⁵⁹⁰ The use of blended finance to initiate climate related projects fits the World Bank definition.

¹⁵⁸⁷ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

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¹⁵⁹⁰ Arab Coordination Group allocation of US\$10 billion to support energy transition, Saudi Fund for Development (Riyadh) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 30 March 2024. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n651>

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¹⁵⁹¹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁵⁹² IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁵⁹³ IFAD's Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

¹⁵⁹⁴ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁵⁹⁵ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹⁵⁹⁶ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

¹⁵⁹⁷ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹⁵⁹⁸ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

management and reserve advances, standardize reporting, and undertake rolling budgeting to improve access to the fund.¹⁵⁹⁹

On 7 March 2024, Minister Ayoub and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Unit on the GCF's approach to the energy sector. The recommendations include support for demand-side measures, consideration of new technology and piloting tools, institutional and regulatory framework improvement to mitigate potential barriers to delivery, projects de-risking through blended finance, and a new ranking system that includes catalyzing systemic market development changes.¹⁶⁰⁰ The changes improve access to the fund as well as enhancing its ability to take on leverage and mobilize private capital.

On 19 April 2024, International Policy Advisor to the Ministry of Energy Albara Tawfiq and the Adaptation Fund Board approved twelve projects and requested the Secretariat to include more funding provisions in its work programme for the 2025 fiscal year. These provisions include funding for proposals, projects, and grants, and improving access to the fund. For example, the board approved the increase of learning grants from USD150,000 to USD500,000 per project. These grants will be used to support national entities in adaptation interventions.¹⁶⁰¹

On 19 July 2024, Minister Ayoub and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁶⁰²

On 1 August 2024, Advisor Tawfiq and the Adaptation Fund accredited Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay into the fund as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Re-accrediting the CND of Uruguay into the fund as an NIE opens access to the fund by allowing the entity to receive direct financing in carrying out adaptation programmes and projects.¹⁶⁰³

On 10 October 2024, Advisor Tawfiq and the Adaptation Fund Board increased maximum annual allocation amounts for single projects, regional projects, and country caps aiming to enhance access to the fund.¹⁶⁰⁴

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Saudi Arabia has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and supporting fund disbursements at the Adaptation Fund,

¹⁵⁹⁹ GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

¹⁶⁰⁰ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁶⁰¹ AFB/B.42/16: Decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-second meeting, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decisions-of-the-adaptation-fund-board-at-its-forty-second-meeting/>

¹⁶⁰² A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁶⁰³ Fast-Track Accreditation of the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fast-track-accreditation-of-the-corporacion-nacional-para-el-desarrollo-cnd-of-uruguay-as-a-national-implementing-entity-nie-of-the-adaptation-fund/>

¹⁶⁰⁴ UTILIZATION OF CAP RESOURCES WITHIN THE ADAPTATION FUND AND OPTIONS FOR REVISION, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.B.43.14_Utilization-of-cap-resources-withi-the-AF-and-options-for-revision.pdf

GCF, and IFAD. Saudi Arabia has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage through its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD. Saudi Arabia also used blended finance to mobilize private capital and contribute to the availability of bankable projects for multilateral climate funds.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Peter Ma

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, South Africa and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁶⁰⁵

On 15 February 2024, South Africa and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Governing Council approved the Republics of Serbia and Lithuania as non-original Members of the Fund.¹⁶⁰⁶ All member states of IFAD, including South Africa, are represented on the governing council. The integration of new members encourages access to and contributions towards multilateral funds.

On 21 February 2024, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana presented the 2024 budget outlining an increase in the limit for renewable energy projects that can qualify for a carbon offsets regime. The budget aims to promote renewable energy investments, enable a debt relief plan, and encourage private sector support for new energy projects, demonstrating a commitment in mobilizing private capital.¹⁶⁰⁷

On 5 March 2024, Policy Analyst at the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board approved the accreditation of eight entities to the Fund.¹⁶⁰⁸

On 6 March 2024, Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the GCF Board approved eleven funding proposals unlocking project funds across 23 countries.¹⁶⁰⁹

On 7 March 2024, Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the GCF Board endorsed the Independent Evaluation Unit’s recommendations on the GCF’s Investment Framework and requested a management action

¹⁶⁰⁵ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁶⁰⁶ Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁶⁰⁷ 2024 Budget Speech, South African Government (Pretoria) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 9 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/minister-enoch-godongwana-2024-budget-speech-21-feb-2024>

¹⁶⁰⁸ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/11-consideration-accreditation-proposals-gcf-b38-03.pdf>

¹⁶⁰⁹ Thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38) Approved Projects, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/meeting/b38#projects>

report. The recommendations aim to improve the Fund's function including its accessibility to recipient parties and ability to leverage the fund.¹⁶¹⁰

On 7 March 2024, Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Secretariat on the GCF's regional presence. The recommendations include regional office expansion to facilitate access to GCF resources.¹⁶¹¹

On 7 March 2024, Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the GCF Board approved the updated Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework. The framework includes provisions to enhance project pipeline management and reserve advances, standardize reporting, and undertake rolling budgeting to improve access to the fund.¹⁶¹²

On 7 March 2024, Tlou Emmanuel Ramaru and the GCF Board endorsed the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Unit on the GCF's approach to the energy sector. The recommendations include support for demand-side measures, consideration of new technology and piloting tools, institutional and regulatory framework improvement to mitigate potential barriers to delivery, projects de-risking through blended finance, and a new ranking system that includes catalyzing systemic market development changes.¹⁶¹³ The changes improve access to the fund as well as enhancing its ability to take on leverage and mobilize private capital.

On 20 March 2024, Deputy Director General for Climate Change and Air Quality Management at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Maesala Kekana and the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Trust Fund Committee approved USD85 million to support three projects in North Macedonia related to retiring coal assets and promoting renewable energy capacity.¹⁶¹⁴

On 4 April 2024, Deputy Director Kekana, the CTF Trust Fund Committee and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) Trust Fund Committee approved four new projects and funding modifications for three existing projects totaling USD3.73 million. These projects include the creation of a Green Bank for raising private and public funds in Kenya and accelerating green finance for clean energy and infrastructure development in India, among other climate related projects in Türkiye, Serbia, Ukraine, and Pakistan.¹⁶¹⁵

On 4 June 2024, Deputy Director Kekana and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented

¹⁶¹⁰ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

¹⁶¹¹ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

¹⁶¹² GCF/B.38/11: Administrative Budget and Accounting Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/16-administrative-budget-and-accounting-framework-gcf-b38-11.pdf>

¹⁶¹³ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁶¹⁴ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁶¹⁵ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

by the Government of the Philippines. CIF's contributions will assist with the nation's transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁶¹⁶

On 13 June 2024, Deputy Director Kekana and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁶¹⁷

On 21 July 2024, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Dion George, Joint Secretary to the Indian Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Neelesh Kumar Sah, Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu and Brazilian Vice-Minister for Climate Change Ana Toni issued a joint statement at the 2024 Brazil-South Africa-India-China (BASIC) Ministerial meeting on Climate Change calling for immediate action from developed countries to close the gap in their climate finance commitments of USD100 billion, as agreed upon in multilateral forums.¹⁶¹⁸

On 19 July 2024, Policy Analyst Ramaru and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁶¹⁹

On 7 August 2024, Deputy Director Kekana and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁶²⁰

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. South Africa has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, and supporting fund disbursements at the GCF, CTF and SCF. South Africa has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF, expanding limits for the country's carbon offset program and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD.

¹⁶¹⁶ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁶¹⁷ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁶¹⁸ 基础四国气候变化部长级联合声明, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (Beijing) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 16 August 2024. https://www.mee.gov.cn/xxgk/hjyw/202407/t20240724_1082427.shtml

¹⁶¹⁹ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁶²⁰ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Isabella Gouthro

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, Türkiye and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁶²¹

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On 4 June 2024, Director General Dönmez and the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) governing board authorized USD500 million in support of the Accelerating Coal Transition Investment Plan presented by the Government of the Philippines. CIF’s contributions will assist with the nation’s transition from coal to renewable power.¹⁶²⁵

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¹⁶²¹ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁶²² Resolutions adopted by the Governing Council at its forty-seventh session, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/gc/47/docs/GC-47-Resolutions.pdf>

¹⁶²³ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁶²⁴ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024.

<https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁶²⁵ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines’ Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁶²⁶

On 7 August 2024, Director General Dönmez and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁶²⁷

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. Türkiye has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund and supporting fund disbursements at the CTF. Türkiye has taken strong actions to enhance the ability of multilateral climate funds to mobilize private capital through its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia Cerello

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, the United Kingdom and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing "all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund."¹⁶²⁸

On 1 December 2023, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced GBP1.6 billion in climate financing. The announcements include GBP185 million in market incentives for climate innovation and solution development in developing countries, and GBP40 million for development-stage climate technologies across 64 projects in Africa, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific. Sunak also pledged GBP40 million for the fund for loss and damage, increasing access to multilateral climate funds.¹⁶²⁹

On 2 December 2023, Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero Claire Coutinho and Brazil's Minister for Development, Industry, Trade and Services Geraldo Alckmin signed a memorandum on projects to support the decarbonization of the industrial sector. The memorandum aims to establish a hub for

¹⁶²⁶ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁶²⁷ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁶²⁸ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁶²⁹ PM to call for 'era of action' at COP28 climate summit, Government of the United Kingdom (Dubai) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-to-call-for-era-of-action-at-cop28-climate-summit>

international partnerships interested in decarbonizing the industrial sector, including international climate finance donors, with the aim of facilitating the proposed projects.¹⁶³⁰

On 4 December 2023, the Minister for International Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury Charlotte Vere announced a GBP484 million investment portfolio to “mobilize private finance into adaptation and resilience.” GBP391 million will go towards the Private Infrastructure Development Group, GBP 44 million towards the clean energy transition in Africa and Asia, and GBP 32 million to the Green Guarantee Company to finance climate projects in developing countries.¹⁶³¹ These investments aid the ability of multilateral climate funds to mobilize private capital.

On 4 December 2024, the United Kingdom increased its contributions to the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) by GBP1.5 million.¹⁶³²

On 5 December 2023, the UK and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Executive Board approved the request for a USD1,500,000 advance on tranche two of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo. The decision to approve the partial advance aims to prevent further delays in the establishment of 734 hectares of additional wood energy plantations in the first quarter of 2024.¹⁶³³

On 11 December 2023, Chargé d’Affaires for the Permanent Representation to the United Nations Agencies in Rome Elizabeth Nassaku, Advisor to the Permanent Representation to the UN Agencies in Rome Katie Truslove, Officer and Programme Manager for the Permanent Representation to the UN Agencies in Rome Fiona Pryce and the International Fund for Agricultural Development’s (IFAD) Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁶³⁴ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁶³⁵ The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁶³⁶ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 15 December 2023, the UK and the CAFI Executive Board approved the Green Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains.” This

¹⁶³⁰ Brasil e Reino Unido assinam memorando de cooperação na descarbonização da economia, Governo do Brasil (Brasília) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/acompanhe-o-planalto/noticias/2023/11/brasil-e-reino-unido-assinam-memorando-de-cooperacao-na-descarbonizacao-da-economia-1>

¹⁶³¹ News story: UK generates billions in climate finance and first CRDC in Africa, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 9 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-generates-billions-in-climate-finance-and-first-crdc-in-africa>

¹⁶³² Joint statement on donors' pledge of \$174.2 million and confirmation of support to the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, Global Environment Facility (Dubai) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/joint-statement-donors-pledge-174-2-million-and-confirmation-support-least-developed>

¹⁶³³ Approval of the request for an exceptional advance on tranche 2 of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo (PROREP), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.33%20FAO%20Request%20for%20advanced%20payments%20en.pdf>

¹⁶³⁴ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

¹⁶³⁵ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2024, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-2023-140-R-9-Rev-1.pdf>

¹⁶³⁶ IFAD’s Investment Policy Statement 2023, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/137/docs/EB-2022-137-R-40.pdf>

decision approved USD51,106,348 in project budget allocation.¹⁶³⁷ The project aims to mobilize private investment to transform livestock, palm oil, soy, rubber, cocoa, and forestry supply chains.¹⁶³⁸

On 8 February 2024, Senior Responsible Officer for Global Environment Facility (GEF) Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office Ben Green and the General Council of the GEF approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹⁶³⁹

On 9 February 2024, Ben Green and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹⁶⁴⁰

On 9 February 2024, the UK and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD600,000 to the United Nations Development Programme. This transfer aimed to support the Central African Republic's government in integrating concerns about climate and forestry into the National Development Plan. In the same meeting, the Executive Board also began the process to implement pilot projects aligned with the National Investment Framework, with an extendable budget of USD10,000,000 over 5 years.¹⁶⁴¹

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¹⁶³⁸ REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME CO-FINANCING - PROGRAMME DOCUMENT, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) n.d.

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¹⁶⁴¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.02. Policy Dialogue and Investments for a Central African Republic and CAFI

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¹⁶⁴³ GCF/B.38/03: Consideration of accreditation proposals, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date:

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¹⁶⁴⁷ GCF/B.38/07: GCF regional presence, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/14-gcf-regional-presence-gcf-b38-07.pdf>

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¹⁶⁴⁹ GCF/B.38/12: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to the Energy Sector: Final Report, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17a-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-approach-energy-sector-final-report-gcf-b38-12-final.pdf>

¹⁶⁵⁰ Intersessional Meeting of the Clean Technology Fund Committee, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://www.cif.org/sites/cif_enc/files/meeting-documents/ctf_tfc.is.4_02_act_ip_north_macedonia_03142024.pdf

¹⁶⁵¹ Approval of AFD grant for Equatorial Guinea, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024 https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.08%20-%20Equatorial%20Guinea_AFD%20Grant%20Approval.pdf

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¹⁶⁵² Executive Board Decision EB.2024.17. Gabon - Approval of an additional budget to UNESCO for the Urban Greening and Outreach Project (CAFI 3) - (00133387), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.17_Decision_UNESCO%20Additional%20Cost%20Approval_0.pdf

¹⁶⁵³ Decision Tracker, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 2024. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.cif.org/decisions>

¹⁶⁵⁴ Authorization of Access to the CAFI Fund to &Green, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.10%20-%20Access%20to%20CAFI%20Fund%20to%20%26Green.pdf>

¹⁶⁵⁵ UK to boost World Bank funding to help tackle global challenges, Government of the United Kingdom (United Kingdom) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-boost-world-bank-funding-to-help-tackle-global-challenges>

¹⁶⁵⁶ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

¹⁶⁵⁷ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁶⁵⁸

On 13 June 2024, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak pledged multi-year Official Development Assistance exceeding GBP100 million towards high-impact projects within Africa. As part of the funding, GBP500,000 is committed towards green infrastructure initiatives between the United Kingdom, the Government of Kenya and the wider G7 using projects selected by the Africa Green Industrialisation Initiative, this funding in assistance to the Climate Compatible Growth Programme.¹⁶⁵⁹

On 20 June 2024, Senior Officer Green and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹⁶⁶⁰

On 20 June 2024, the UK and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD47,719,157 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Fund to finance and support five projects.¹⁶⁶¹

On 20 June 2024, the UK and the CAFI Executive Board approved USD51,106,348 for "Scaling-up Commercial investment in Deforestation-Free Central African Commodity Supply Chains."¹⁶⁶² In addition, the board approved the first transfer from the CAFI trust fund of USD43,821,269 to the Stichting andgreen Fund, which aims to viably unlink supply chains from deforestation.¹⁶⁶³

On 20 June 2024, the UK and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁶⁶⁴

On 27 June 2024, Senior Officer Green and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹⁶⁶⁵

On 19 July 2024, Department Head Metcalf and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including

¹⁶⁵⁸ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

¹⁶⁵⁹ Funding commitments show UK as force for global good at G7 Leader Summit, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-commitments-show-uk-as-force-for-global-good-at-g7-leader-summit>

¹⁶⁶⁰ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹⁶⁶¹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.19. Approval of disbursement to DRC National REDD+ Fund 9th sub-tranche, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.19%20-%20FONAREDD%20funding%20allocation%20-%20June%202024.pdf>

¹⁶⁶² Executive Board Decision EB.2024.20. Regional - Approval of the revised Stichting andgreen.fund Project: "Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains", Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.20%20-%20Decision_Approval%20%26Green%20PRODOC.pdf

¹⁶⁶³ The &Green Fund, &Green (Amsterdam) 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.andgreen.fund/>

¹⁶⁶⁴ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

¹⁶⁶⁵ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁶⁶⁶

On 7 August 2024, Deputy Director Webber and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁶⁶⁷

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On 1 December 2023, the United States pledged USD17.5 million to the loss and damage fund.¹⁶⁶⁹

¹⁶⁶⁶ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁶⁶⁷ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁶⁶⁸ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023. https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁶⁶⁹ Pledges to the Loss and Damage Fund, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/funds-and-financial-entities/loss-and-damage-fund-joint-interim-secretariat/pledges-to-the-loss-and-damage-fund>

On 2 December 2023, Vice President Kamala Harris announce a new USD3 billion pledge to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) which helps developing countries invest in resilience, clean energy, and nature-based solutions.¹⁶⁷⁰

On 11 December 2023, Director for the Office of International Development Policy at the Department of Treasury James Catto, International Economist at the United States Department of Treasury Christopher Clem and the International Fund for Agricultural Development's (IFAD) Executive Board approved four funding proposals unlocking a total of USD34.91 million in climate finance.¹⁶⁷¹ The Executive Board also approved the 2024 IFAD Investment Policy Statement which includes reverse purchase agreements and over-the-counter options in its updated asset classes.¹⁶⁷² The 2023 policy did not sanction these financial instruments.¹⁶⁷³ This change enables the fund to enhance its leverage.

On 8 February 2024, Deputy Director at the Department of the Treasury Abigail Demopulos and the General Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved USD203 million in funds for 21 projects across 21 countries for the Least Developed Countries Fund.¹⁶⁷⁴

On 9 February 2024, Deputy Director Demopulos and the GEF General Council approved USD916.1 million in funds for 46 climate related projects and programs. In addition, the council increased the funding cap for medium sized projects from USD2 million to USD5 million.¹⁶⁷⁵

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¹⁶⁷¹ Minutes of the 140th session of the Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/140/docs/EB-140.pdf>

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¹⁶⁷⁹ GCF/B.38/04: Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Investment Framework, Green Climate Fund (Kigali) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/17b-independent-evaluation-gcf-s-investment-framework-final-report-gcf-b38-04-final.pdf>

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On 19 April 2024, Lead Climate Finance Negotiator at the Department of State Kevin Adams and the Adaptation Fund Board approved twelve projects and requested the Secretariat to include more funding provisions in its work programme for the 2025 fiscal year. These provisions include funding for proposals, projects, and grants, and improving access to the fund. For example, the board approved the increase of learning grants from USD150,000 to USD500,000 per project. These grants will be used to support national entities in adaptation interventions.¹⁶⁸⁶

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On 13 June 2024, Deputy Director Demopolus and the CIF's governing board approved a pair of investment plans totaling USD61 million to address climate change in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic. The CIF's Nature, People and Climate Program will allocate USD31 million to Rwanda to establish the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Board and enhance biodiversity by means of a capital market structured bond. The latter USD30 million of CIF's will target development in the Dominican Republic including the watershed conservation project "From Ridge to Reef."¹⁶⁹⁰

On 20 June 2024, Deputy Director Demopolus and the GEF Council approved USD736.4 million for projects related to climate resilience and natural protection. This package included support for newly

¹⁶⁸⁶ AFB/B.42/16: Decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board at its forty-second meeting, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decisions-of-the-adaptation-fund-board-at-its-forty-second-meeting/>

¹⁶⁸⁷ World Bank wins \$11 bln in pledges to boost lending for climate, global crises, Reuters (Washington D.C) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/world-bank-wins-11-bln-pledges-boost-lending-climate-global-crises-2024-04-19/>

¹⁶⁸⁸ U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Joint Policy Statement and Principles on Voluntary Carbon Markets, US Department of the Treasury (Washington) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2372>

¹⁶⁸⁹ Climate Investment Funds Endorses 500M Philippines' Coal Transition Plan, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/climate-investment-funds-endorses-500m-philippines-coal-transition-plan>

¹⁶⁹⁰ CIF Endorses \$61 Million For Nature in Dominican Republic and Rwanda, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cif.org/news/cif-endorses-61-million-nature-dominican-republic-and-rwanda>

approved climate-resilience projects in the Sahel region as well as support for urban sustainability initiatives.¹⁶⁹¹

On 20 June 2024, the US and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁶⁹²

On 27 June 2024, Demopulos and the GEF council approved the first funding allocation to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. A total of USD34 million in funding will be provided from the GEF Trust Fund to support activities relevant to ensuring the resilience of over two-thirds of the ocean's ecosystems.¹⁶⁹³

On 19 July 2024, Director Gunderson and the GCF Board approved 17 projects across 35 developing countries totaling USD1 billion. The Board also accredited six new organizations, including national entities in Tajikistan, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire, allowing them to access GCF resources and funds.¹⁶⁹⁴

On 1 August 2024, Lead Negotiator Adams and the Adaptation Fund accredited Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay into the fund as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Re-accrediting the CND of Uruguay into the fund as an NIE opens access to the fund by allowing the entity to receive direct financing in carrying out adaptation programmes and projects.¹⁶⁹⁵

On 7 August 2024, Deputy Director Demopulos and the CTF Trust Fund Committee approved USD11 million in grants and loans to finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project. With implementation from the Asian Development Bank as part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries, this project serves to increase Nepal's access to electricity to diminish biomass reliance and greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁶⁹⁶

On 10 October 2024, Lead Negotiator Adams and the Adaptation Fund Board increased maximum annual allocation amounts for single projects, regional projects, and country caps aiming to enhance access to the fund.¹⁶⁹⁷

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. The US has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize

¹⁶⁹¹ GEF Council approves USD700M+ for vast environmental needs, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/press-releases/gef-council-approves-700m-vast-environmental-needs>

¹⁶⁹² Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

¹⁶⁹³ The GEF approves first funding related to BBNJ Agreement, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.thegef.org/newsroom/news/gef-approves-first-funding-related-bbnj-agreement>

¹⁶⁹⁴ A milestone in climate action: GCF approves USD 1 billion of climate finance for developing countries, Green Climate Fund (Incheon) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 12 August 2024. <https://www.greenclimate.fund/news/milestone-climate-action-gcf-approves-usd-1-billion-climate-finance-developing-countries>

¹⁶⁹⁵ Fast-Track Accreditation of the Corporacion Nacional para el Desarrollo (CND) of Uruguay as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fast-track-accreditation-of-the-corporacion-nacional-para-el-desarrollo-cnd-of-uruguay-as-a-national-implementing-entity-nie-of-the-adaptation-fund/>

¹⁶⁹⁶ South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Electricity Transmission and Distribution Strengthening Project, Climate Investment Funds (Washington D.C.) Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.cif.org/projects/south-asia-subregional-economic-cooperation-electricity-transmission-and-distribution>

¹⁶⁹⁷ UTILIZATION OF CAP RESOURCES WITHIN THE ADAPTATION FUND AND OPTIONS FOR REVISION, Adaptation Fund (Bonn) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.B.43.14_Utilization-of-cap-resources-withi-the-AF-and-options-for-revision.pdf

the loss and damage fund, pledges to that fund, the GCF, World Bank instruments and the Pacific Resilience Facility and supporting fund disbursements at the Adaptation Fund, GEF, GCF, IFAD, Carbon Fund, CTF and SCF. The US has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through funding pledges, VCMs policy changes, establishing a technical assistance facility for projects applying to climate funds, its involvement in allocating funds to operationalize a Green Bank in Kenya through the CTF and SCF, and its role in investment policy changes at the GCF and IFAD.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital.

On 1 December 2023, the European Union and the other parties at the 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed on a decision to operationalize the new funding arrangements including a fund for loss and damage. The decision includes provisions allowing “all developing countries to directly access resources from the fund.”¹⁶⁹⁸

On 1 December 2023, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced EUR25 million for the loss and damage fund.¹⁶⁹⁹

On 5 December 2023, the EU and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Executive Board approved the request for a USD1,500,000 advance on tranche two of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo. The decision to approve the partial advance aims to prevent further delays in the establishment of 734 hectares of additional wood energy plantations in the first quarter of 2024.¹⁷⁰⁰

On 15 December 2023, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved the Green Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains.” This decision approved USD51,106,348 in project budget allocation.¹⁷⁰¹ The project aims to mobilize private investment to transform livestock, palm oil, soy, rubber, cocoa, and forestry supply chains.¹⁷⁰²

On 9 February 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD600,000 to the United Nations Development Programme. This transfer aimed to support the Central African

¹⁶⁹⁸ Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2023_L1_cma2023_L1_adv.pdf

¹⁶⁹⁹ Statement by President von der Leyen at the COP28 Presidency Global Stocktake Roundtable on means of implementation, European Commission (Dubai) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 5 April 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_6250

¹⁷⁰⁰ Approval of the request for an exceptional advance on tranche 2 of the Project to Strengthen the Potential for Sustainable Wood Energy in the Republic of Congo (PROREP), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.33%20FAO%20Request%20for%20advanced%20payments%20en.pdf>

¹⁷⁰¹ Approval of the Green Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains”, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 29 April 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/EB.2023.35%20Decision_Green%20PRODOC%20approval.pdf

¹⁷⁰² REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME CO-FINANCING - PROGRAMME DOCUMENT, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 23 May 2024. https://mptf.undp.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/00133946_scaling_up_commercial_investment_redacted.pdf

Republic's government in integrating concerns about climate and forestry into the National Development Plan. In the same meeting, the Executive Board also began the process to implement pilot projects aligned with the National Investment Framework, with an extendable budget of USD10,000,000 over 5 years.¹⁷⁰³

On 20 February 2024, the EU Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement to create an EU-wide certification framework for carbon removals. This aims to accelerate the adoption of high-quality carbon removal technologies, promoting a shift to a low-carbon economy by providing clear guidelines and incentives for private investment to enhance transparency and accountability in climate action, thus improving the regulatory environment and making it easier to mobilize private capital for addressing climate change.¹⁷⁰⁴

On 7 March 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD467,836 preparatory grant to map high-value carbon sink forests for protection.¹⁷⁰⁵

On 2 April 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved a USD600,000 grant proposal from the French Development Agency for Equatorial Guinea.¹⁷⁰⁶

On 2 April 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved a request from The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for an additional USD150,000 in funding for the Gabon National Framework Investment.¹⁷⁰⁷

On 5 April 2024, the EU the CAFI Executive Board provided &Green with access to the Central African Forest Initiative Trust Fund. The addition of a targeted recipient fund to CAFI expands access to this multilateral climate fund.¹⁷⁰⁸

On 20 June 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved a transfer of USD47,719,157 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's National Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Fund to finance and support five projects.¹⁷⁰⁹

¹⁷⁰³ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.02. Policy Dialogue and Investments for a Central African Republic and CAFI Partnership, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024.

https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/EB.2024.02_CAR%20Policy%20Dialogue%20Investments_1.pdf

¹⁷⁰⁴ PRESS RELEASE: Climate Action: Council and Parliament agree to establish an EU carbon removals certification framework, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/20/climate-action-council-and-parliament-agree-to-establish-an-eu-carbon-removals-certification-framework>

¹⁷⁰⁵ Approval of preparatory grant to map high value forests, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/EB2024.05%20-%20HIFOR%20prep%20grant.pdf>

¹⁷⁰⁶ Approval of AFD grant for Equatorial Guinea, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024 https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.08%20-%20Equatorial%20Guinea_AFD%20Grant%20Approval.pdf

¹⁷⁰⁷ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.17. Gabon - Approval of an additional budget to UNESCO for the Urban Greening and Outreach Project (CAFI 3) - (00133387), Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 7 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.17_Decision_UNESCO%20Additional%20Cost%20Approval_0.pdf

¹⁷⁰⁸ Authorization of Access to the CAFI Fund to &Green, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/EB.2024.10%20-%20Access%20to%20CAFI%20Fund%20to%20%26Green.pdf>

¹⁷⁰⁹ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.19. Approval of disbursement to DRC National REDD+ Fund 9th sub-tranche, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.19%20-%20FONAREDD%20funding%20allocation%20-%20June%202024.pdf>

On 20 June 2024, the EU and the CAFI Executive Board approved USD51,106,348 for “Scaling-up Commercial investment in Deforestation-Free Central African Commodity Supply Chains.”¹⁷¹⁰ In addition, the board approved the first transfer from the CAFI trust fund of USD43,821,269 to the Stichting andgreen Fund, which aims to viably unlink supply chains from deforestation.¹⁷¹¹

On 20 June 2024, the EU and the Carbon Fund approved USD5.4 million in funding to support emission reductions.¹⁷¹²

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to undertake work to facilitate access to multilateral climate funds and enhance their leverage and ability to mobilize private capital. The EU has taken strong action towards facilitating access to multilateral climate funds by voting to operationalize the loss and damage fund, pledges to that fund, and supporting fund disbursements at CAFI, the Carbon Fund and the EIF. The EU has taken strong actions to improve the ability of multilateral climate funds to enhance their leverage and mobilize private capital through funding pledges, approving CAFI’s funding of projects that seek to mobilize private finance for climate goals and creating a certification framework for carbon removal, and approving projects through the EIF.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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¹⁷¹⁰ Executive Board Decision EB.2024.20. Regional - Approval of the revised Stichting andgreen.fund Project: “Scaling-up commercial investment in deforestation-free Central African commodity supply chains”, Central African Forest Initiative (Geneva) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. https://www.cafi.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/EB.2024.20%20-%20Decision_Approval%20%26Green%20PRODOC.pdf

¹⁷¹¹ The &Green Fund, &Green (Amsterdam) 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.andgreen.fund/>

¹⁷¹² Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF28), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Oslo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/cf28_chair_summary_final.pdf

6. Food and Agriculture: Investing in Food Systems

“Commit to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity...to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India	-1		
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa	-1		
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.55 (78%)	

Background

On 9 September 2023, at the New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders highlighted their commitment to addressing global food security and increasing efforts to create sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture solutions.¹⁷¹³ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations revealed that approximately 2.4 billion people experienced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2022 of which 900 million experienced severe food insecurity.¹⁷¹⁴ Additionally, between 691 and 783 million individuals suffered from hunger in 2022, marking an upsurge of 122 million since 2019. Due to the substantive impact of food insecurity globally, the G20 has addressed food and agriculture at summits since 2008.

In recent summits, G20 leaders have reinforced the foundations laid in the Matera Declaration on Food Security, Nutrition, and Food systems in 2021.¹⁷¹⁵ The Matera Declaration urged accelerated adaption towards sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems, as part of plans to achieve the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goal to eradicate hunger.

¹⁷¹³ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

¹⁷¹⁴ The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 9 February 2024. <https://www.fao.org/3/cc3017en/cc3017en.pdf>

¹⁷¹⁵ Matera Declaration on Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/Matera-Declaration.pdf>

At the 2008 Washington Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged their commitment to addressing multiple “critical challenges” including food insecurity.¹⁷¹⁶

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders called on the World Bank to establish “a multilateral trust fund to scale-up agricultural assistance to low-income countries.”¹⁷¹⁷ G20 leaders also asked the World Bank, regional development banks and international organizations to enhance food security through improved agricultural productivity and access to technologies.

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders recognized the launch of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program to address food security commitments made at the Pittsburgh Summit.¹⁷¹⁸ G20 leaders also vowed to “harness the private sector for agricultural innovation” and reaffirmed their commitment to reform Multilateral Development Banks to address challenges related to food security.

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders committed to five objectives outlined in the June 2011 Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture including increasing agricultural productivity, improving market transparency and strengthening international cooperation.¹⁷¹⁹ G20 leaders also committed to supporting regional initiatives to increase agricultural productivity and innovation in the Horn of Africa.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “fight hunger” through initiatives such as the Tropical Agriculture Platform, the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management, research programs for wheat, rice and corn, regional emergency food reserves and the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.¹⁷²⁰ G20 leaders also encouraged the development of new technologies to improve agricultural productivity and build more sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices.

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards previous food and agriculture commitments made at G20 Summits.¹⁷²¹ They also endorsed the St. Petersburg Development Outlook which included, in part, actions to advance food security and sustainable food production.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders announced the G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework to “[facilitate] responsible investment” and human resource development in food systems and to increase sustainable agricultural productivity.¹⁷²²

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders shared the G20 Action Plan on Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems.¹⁷²³ The Action Plan outlined the G20’s commitment to improve food

¹⁷¹⁶ Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 12 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>

¹⁷¹⁷ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

¹⁷¹⁸ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

¹⁷¹⁹ Cannes Summit Final Declaration - Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

¹⁷²⁰ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

¹⁷²¹ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

¹⁷²² G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 13 February 2024. https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/g20_food_security_nutrition_framework.pdf

¹⁷²³ G20 Action Plan on Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Action-Plan-on-Food-Security-and-Sustainable-Food-Systems.pdf>

security through investment in food systems, sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural development and reducing food loss.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to improve food security and pursue sustainable agricultural development.¹⁷²⁴

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders committed to improving food security and water sustainability through sustainable agricultural production and “[efficient] water and water-related ecosystems.”¹⁷²⁵ G20 leaders also called for increased cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for agriculture.

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing food security challenges and ending world hunger, in part, through sustainable agricultural practices and enhanced cooperation to develop climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture.¹⁷²⁶

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the importance of technologies such as ICT and Artificial Intelligence, alongside enhanced collaboration and training, to develop “sustainable, science-based and resilient agro-food value chains.”¹⁷²⁷

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the G20 Riyadh Statement to Enhance Implementation of Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, reaffirming their commitment to food security, nutrition and agricultural sustainability.¹⁷²⁸

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Matera Declaration on Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems which includes calls to action to invest in sustainable food systems and develop climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.¹⁷²⁹ G20 leaders also encouraged partners to collaborate and join the FAO’s Food Coalition to “to respond to the impacts of Covid-19 on food security and nutrition.”¹⁷³⁰

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to take coordinated action to address food and agriculture-related challenges such as hunger and malnutrition by calling for an “accelerated transformation towards sustainable and resilient agriculture and food systems and supply chains.”¹⁷³¹ G20 leaders also pledged to support investment in research and development and innovation to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability.

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards global food security as part of the G20 Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023. Specifically, they agreed to enhance research on “climate-resilient and nutritious grains” including

¹⁷²⁴ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqué.html>

¹⁷²⁵ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁷²⁶ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁷²⁷ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁷²⁸ Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

¹⁷²⁹ Matera Declaration on Food Security, Nutrition and Food Systems, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) n.d. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/Matera-Declaration.pdf>

¹⁷³⁰ G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 13 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

¹⁷³¹ G20 Bali Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

“millets, quinoa, sorghum, and other traditional crops including rice, wheat and maize” to address food insecurity.¹⁷³² G20 leaders also committed to supporting developing countries to enhance their food security and encouraged investments in “sustainable and resilient agriculture and food systems.”

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity...to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.”¹⁷³³ This commitment can be broken down into two dimensions with two instruments: 1) accelerating innovations and 2) accelerating investment, to achieve two welfare targets: 1) increase agricultural productivity and 2) build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take strong action on both instruments and in a way that meets the two welfare targets.

Definitions and Concepts

“Accelerating” is understood to mean “increasing in speed or rate of occurrence.”¹⁷³⁴

“Innovation” is understood to mean “the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process which derives from creative ideas, technological progress, a new marketing method, a new organizational method in business practices, workplace organization or external relations.”¹⁷³⁵ “Innovation covers a wide range of domains with science and technology as the core.”

“Investment” is understood to mean “the act of putting money, effort, time etc. into something” with the aim of gaining an advantage.¹⁷³⁶

“Increasing” is understood to mean “additional efforts to an old commitment,” in this case pertaining to agricultural productivity.¹⁷³⁷ This “should not be interpreted as adding new efforts in new ways.”

“Agricultural” refers to practices “used for farming or relating to farming.”¹⁷³⁸ “Agriculture” is understood to mean “the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products.”¹⁷³⁹

“Sustainable” is understood to mean practices that cause “little or no damage to the environment and therefore [are] able to continue for a long time.”¹⁷⁴⁰

¹⁷³² G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

¹⁷³³ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

¹⁷³⁴ Accelerating, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerating>

¹⁷³⁵ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁷³⁶ Investment, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/investment>

¹⁷³⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁷³⁸ Agricultural, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/agricultural>

¹⁷³⁹ Agriculture, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/agricultural?q=agricultural+>

¹⁷⁴⁰ Sustainable, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sustainable>

“Climate-resilient” is understood to mean “the capacity of social, economic and ecosystems to cope with a hazardous event or trend or disturbance, responding or reorganising in ways that maintain their essential function, identity and structure.”¹⁷⁴¹

“Food systems” is understood to mean “the elements and activities related to producing and consuming food, and their effects, including economic, health, and environmental outcomes.”¹⁷⁴² “The food system is composed of sub-systems (e.g. farming system, waste management system, input supply system, etc.) and interacts with other key systems (e.g. energy system, trade system, health system, etc.).”¹⁷⁴³ Given this, “structural change in the food system might originate from a change in another system; for example, a policy promoting more biofuel in the energy system will have a significant impact on the food system.”

“Sustainable agriculture” refers to agriculture that “meet the needs of present and future generations, while ensuring profitability, environmental health, and social and economic equity.”¹⁷⁴⁴ Sustainable agriculture also contributes to global food objectives such as Zero Hunger and the Sustainable Development Goals by focusing on “all four pillars of food security – availability, access, utilization and stability – and the dimensions of sustainability (environmental, social and economic).”

“Sustainable food systems” “[deliver] food security and nutrition” in an economically, socially and environmentally friendly way.¹⁷⁴⁵ In this sense, economic impacts include “profits, jobs/incomes, tax revenues [and] job supply,” social impacts include “added value distribution,” culturally aware policies, “nutrition and health, workers rights and safety [and] animal welfare while environmental impacts include carbon and water footprints, animal, planet and soil health, “food loss and waste, biodiversity [and] toxicity.” To be sustainable, food systems must not negatively affect any of the three aforementioned elements.

“Climate-resilient agriculture,” also called “climate-smart agriculture” refers to “an approach that helps guide actions to transform agri-food systems towards green and climate resilient practice.”¹⁷⁴⁶ “It aims to tackle three main objectives: sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes; adapting and building resilience to climate change; and reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emissions, where possible.” Climate-resilient agriculture also contributes to global objectives such as the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement.

“Climate resilient food systems” are centered around many of the same objectives as climate-resilient agriculture focusing on sustainable food production and consumption and building resilience towards climate change.¹⁷⁴⁷ However, unlike climate-resilient agriculture, climate-resilient food systems also consider concurrent issues such as “hunger, ill health linked to diet, food insecurity, threats from new diseases, and antimicrobial resistance.” Thus, climate-resilient food systems rely on research on “planet,

¹⁷⁴¹ Climate Change 2023 Synthesis Report: Summary for Policymakers, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_SYR_SPM.pdf

¹⁷⁴² Making Better Policies for Food Systems, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/ddfba4de-en/index.html?itemId=/content/publication/ddfba4de-en>

¹⁷⁴³ Sustainable food systems, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.fao.org/3/ca2079en/CA2079EN.pdf>

¹⁷⁴⁴ Sustainable Food and Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.fao.org/sustainability/en>

¹⁷⁴⁵ Sustainable food systems, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.fao.org/3/ca2079en/CA2079EN.pdf>

¹⁷⁴⁶ Climate-Smart Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.fao.org/climate-smart-agriculture/en/>

¹⁷⁴⁷ Climate-Resilient Food Systems, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://idrc-crدي.ca/en/program/climate-resilient-food-systems>

human, and animal health alongside environmental, societal, and economic drivers that improve productivity and sustainability, reduce losses and waste, and reduce zoonotic and pandemic threats.”

General Interpretive Guidelines

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members who have taken strong action within the compliance period to increase agricultural productivity through 1. accelerating innovations and investments that build 2) sustainable agriculture and food systems and 3) climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. These two parts can be further divided into the following elements: 1) building sustainable agriculture, 2) building sustainable food systems, 3) building climate-resilient agriculture and 4) building climate-resilient food systems.

In order to achieve full compliance, G20 members must take strong action across most sub-components of both commitment overarching dimensions. There are six sub-parts. Thus, for full compliance members must take strong action in at least four, i.e. over 50% or the majority, of these six sub-parts.

Examples of strong actions include legislation, policy or financial or other incentives, such as public-private partnerships, that facilitate an innovation, such as drought-resistant seed strains, and investment, such as funds for climate-smart agriculture, to increase sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural productivity. Less than strong, or weaker, actions include establishing a working group, attending meetings, verbal declarations of support, taking part in information sharing networks, and the like.

As per the definitions and concepts section, this report distinguishes between “sustainable” and “climate-resilient,” as well as “agriculture” and “food systems.”

Agriculture is understood as the food itself, i.e. maize, wheat, cattle, and efforts to increase the volume or efficiency (productivity) of these foods.

Food systems is understood as the entire network that makes up the sector, i.e. supply chains, labour, waste management, crop rotation management.

Climate-resilient refers to any action that either mitigates emissions or supports adaptation and resilience, i.e. lowering emissions from fertilizers, diversified plant-based crops, researching and using drought, flood or heat resistant strains of seed, measures to decrease emissions from animal agriculture, improving soil health and soil ability to store carbon, “climate-smart” agriculture that addresses the biodiversity-climate-food symbiosis.

Sustainable will include social, economic and environmental factors beyond emissions control and climate resilience, i.e. nutrition, women’s economic autonomy, chemical pollution, controlling the spread of zoonotic diseases, investing in greenhouses, research and use of less environmentally harmful pesticides, developing water-smart technologies that conserve water, food loss and waste.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members who have taken strong action across at least 50 per cent of the commitment criteria. Actions may include at least three strong actions combined with weak actions across a few criteria. Taking weak action across most of the criteria will also constitute partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member has not taken any action within the compliance period to accelerate innovations or investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems or the G20 member has only taken weak action in a few criteria or the G20 member has taken actions explicitly and directly antithetical to the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has NOT taken any action to accelerate innovations or investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems OR has only taken weak action towards three or fewer of the commitment criteria OR has taken actions directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G20 member has taken action across at least 50 per cent of the commitment criteria including at least three strong actions OR the G20 member has taken weak action across most of the commitment criteria.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action across most, at least four, of the criteria of the commitment to accelerate innovations and investment aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 1 December 2023, Argentina endorsed the United Arab Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action at the 28th United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai.¹⁷⁴⁸ The declaration aims to promote sustainable agriculture and food systems and climate-resilient food systems while addressing world hunger.

On 28 December 2023, the National Service of Health and Agri-Food Quality (SENASA) intensified its inspection of poultry farms as part of its efforts to prevent Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.¹⁷⁴⁹ Alongside this, Senasa ordered the depopulation of three poultry establishments as a precautionary measure.

On 29 December 2023, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Fernando Vilella and Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi signed a Memorandum of Understanding to address food security in Argentina.¹⁷⁵⁰ IAEA will coordinate with the Bioeconomy Secretariat and SENASA to facilitate equipment and training to address zoonotic diseases, manage pest control and research “renewable carbon in biobased materials.” Ultimately, this will result in better quality products that are more fit for international export.

On 5 January 2024, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Ministry of Economy authorized the marketing of four genetically modified yeasts with the hopes of improving the

¹⁷⁴⁸ COP28 Presidency Puts Food Systems Transformations on Global Climate Agenda as More Than 130 World Leaders Endorse Food and Agriculture Production, COP28 (Dubai) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.cop28.com/en/news/2023/12/COP28-UAE-Presidency-puts-food-systems-transformation>; COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action, COP28 (Dubai) n.d. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.cop28.com/en/food-and-agriculture>

¹⁷⁴⁹ Influenza aviar: El Senasa profundizó la fiscalización en granjas avícolas, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 28 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/influenza-aviar-el-senasa-profundizo-la-fiscalizacion-en-granjas-avicolas>

¹⁷⁵⁰ Se firmó un Memorandum de entendimiento entre el Secretario Vilella y el Director General del Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica, Rafael Grossi, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 29 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-firmo-un-memorandum-de-entendimiento-entre-el-secretario-vilella-y-el-director-general>

production of bioethanol from grain fermentation.¹⁷⁵¹ This initiative serves as an innovative and sustainable way to improve bioethanol production while minimizing costs and carbon emissions. This initiative is expected to boost the national economy of Argentina.

On 24 January 2024, SENASA implemented the mandatory vaccination against equine encephalomyelitis in the East and West for all horses over two months old, within the framework of the health emergency due to the disease established by Resolution 1219/2023.¹⁷⁵² This policy aims to avoid the negative implications of the virus by promoting animal welfare and reducing agricultural production losses.

On 26 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries approved the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain Fermboost MR through Provision 1/2024.¹⁷⁵³ The newly licensed yeast will be used in the production of bioethanol from the cultivation of maize resulting in increased performance and productivity in the ethanol biosynthesis process.

On 30 January 2024, Secretary Vilella and Undersecretary of Agri-Food Markets and International Negotiations Agustín Tejeda agreed on a long-term agricultural strategy with the United Nations Development Program's Environment and Sustainable Development coordinator María Eugenia Di Paola.¹⁷⁵⁴ This strategy aims to improve land use and the development of good agricultural practices.

On 2 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries approved the mhyosphere PCV ID vaccine which aims to protect pigs against mycoplasma hyopneumoniae and porcine circovirus.¹⁷⁵⁵ This vaccine will allow for the protection of pigs against respiratory issues, growth delays and death. Thus, it serves as an innovative solution to ensure food safety and the well-being of pigs.

On 7 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries authorized the marketing of a new variety of soybeans with genetic modifications.¹⁷⁵⁶ Undersecretary of Food, Bioeconomy and Regional Development Pablo Nardone stated that the permit will allow for increased imports of soybeans from countries like Brazil or Paraguay while enabling Argentina to fully utilize its production capacity. Moreover, the new product allows for protection against lepidoptera insects in-turn reducing the dependence of insecticides.

¹⁷⁵¹ Aprueban la comercialización de las primeras levaduras genéticamente modificadas (GM) para mejorar la producción de bioetanol en la Argentina, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/aprueban-la-comercializacion-de-las-primeras-levaduras-geneticamente-modificadas-gm-para>.

¹⁷⁵² Encefalomielititis equinas: Senasa estableció la vacunación obligatoria en todo el territorio, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 22 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/encefalomielititis-equinas-senasa-establecio-la-vacunacion-obligatoria-en-todo-el-territorio>

¹⁷⁵³ Argentina fortalece la producción de biocombustibles: Nueva levadura autorizada, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-fortalece-la-produccion-de-biocombustibles-nueva-levadura-autorizada>

¹⁷⁵⁴ Vilella acordó estrategia de largo plazo con el Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD), Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 30 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-acordo-estrategia-de-largo-plazo-con-el-programa-de-las-naciones-unidas-para-el>

¹⁷⁵⁵ Avance en la sanidad porcina argentina: Se autoriza la vacuna Mhyosphere, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 2 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/avance-en-la-sanidad-porcina-argentina-se-autoriza-la-vacuna-mhyosphere>

¹⁷⁵⁶ Nueva aprobación comercial de un producto biotecnológico, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 7 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nueva-aprobacion-comercial-de-un-producto-biotecnologico>

On 27 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries approved trials of genetically modified sugar cane which was developed by researchers from the Agroindustrial Experimental Station Bishop Colombres in Tucumán.¹⁷⁵⁷

On 5 March 2024, Secretary Vilella hosted a meeting for the Southern Agricultural Council which brought together ministers from Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil and others.¹⁷⁵⁸ At the meeting, ministers accepted “the Declaration on the Estimation of Greenhouse Gas Measurements” which focuses on joint cooperation to develop sustainable food production practices that take into account greenhouse gas emissions and removals.

On 6 March 2024, Undersecretary Nardone announced the authorization of an innovative soybean variety that is less resistant to herbicides and can be managed with modern herbicides.¹⁷⁵⁹ When combined with other agricultural practices such as crop rotation, this will ensure sustainable production and prevent pests like *Heterodera glycines* from damaging the soybean crops.

On 6 March 2024, the Secretariat of Bioeconomy approved genetically modified yeast to produce bioethanol from corn, “marking the sixth genetically modified microorganism authorized by the Secretariat” in 2024.¹⁷⁶⁰ The approval of this yeast hopes to increase bioethanol production by between 21 and 24 million liters. This is valuable because bioethanol hardly generates net carbon emissions since the carbon released “was previously captured by the plant during photosynthesis.”

On 19 March 2024, Secretary Vilella attended the inauguration of Argentina’s first insect breeding bioplant called Procens.¹⁷⁶¹ Procens will feed food waste to natural flies to accelerate the composting process and produce proteins, quality oils for animal feeds and “to regenerate soils and improve [crop] yields.” Procens will ensure that these products are safe and environmentally friendly.

On 4 October 2024, the National Environment Undersecretariat began its forest management and livestock farming project which is centered around conserving biodiversity through deforestation prevention and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.¹⁷⁶² The project is focused on sustainable livestock farming in Argentina’s Chaco Park and is financed by the Global Environmental Facility and implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

¹⁷⁵⁷ Agricultura aprobó nuevos ensayos de una caña de azúcar genéticamente modificada, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/agricultura-aprobo-nuevos-ensayos-de-una-cana-de-azucar-geneticamente-modificada>

¹⁷⁵⁸ Vilella es el nuevo presidente pro tempore del Consejo Agropecuario del Sur (CAS), Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 5 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vilella-es-el-nuevo-presidente-pro-tempore-del-consejo-agropecuario-del-sur-cas>

¹⁷⁵⁹ Una nueva variedad de soja ha sido autorizada para su comercialización en el país, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/una-nueva-variedad-de-soja-ha-sido-autorizada-para-su-comercializacion-en-el-pais>

¹⁷⁶⁰ Se autorizó la comercialización de una nueva levadura que optimiza la producción de bioethanol, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-autorizo-la-comercializacion-de-una-nueva-levadura-que-optimiza-la-produccion-de>

¹⁷⁶¹ El Gobierno Nacional presente en la inauguración de la primera bioplanta cría insectos del país, Ministerio de Economía and Secretaría de Bioeconomía (Buenos Aires) 19 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-presente-en-la-inauguracion-de-la-primera-bioplanta-cria-insectos-del>

¹⁷⁶² Ambiente promueve el manejo de bosques nativos con ganadería integrada, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 4 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-promueve-el-manejo-de-bosques-nativos-con-ganaderia-integrada>

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Argentina has exhibited various commitments with respect to the approval of vaccines that allow for the improvement of animal welfare and economic activity. In addition, the various developments in the field of biotechnology allow for more climate-friendly agriculture in Argentina. The activity of the Ministry of Agriculture exhibits much dedication to develop enhanced agricultural productivity within the country.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 2 December 2023, Australia announced its endorsement of the United Arab Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action alongside over 130 countries at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.¹⁷⁶³ The declaration commits Parties, including Australia, to integrate food into their climate plans.

On 8 December 2023, Australia announced AUD100 million in funding to enhance climate resilience in the Pacific region.¹⁷⁶⁴ Funding will be provided to the Pacific Resilience Facility to support locally led solutions for climate adaptation.

On 13 December 2023, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water announced the five winners of the Carbon Farming Outreach Program grant.¹⁷⁶⁵ Over AUD17 million in funding will be divided between the winners to enable them to train Australian farmers and land managers about climate-resilient practices to manage greenhouse gas emissions.

On 22 January 2024, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water announced AUD9 million in funding under Round 2 of Stage 3 of the Methane Emissions Reduction in Livestock program.¹⁷⁶⁶ Funding aims to enable developments to reduce methane emissions from grazing livestock.

On 8 February 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry launched the National Biosecurity Strategy Implementation Plan to aid the National Biosecurity Strategy (NBS).¹⁷⁶⁷ The plan

¹⁷⁶³ Australia endorses Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/australia-endorses-emirates-declaration>

¹⁷⁶⁴ COP28: Australia announces support for the Pacific, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/cop28-australia-announces-support-for-pacific>

¹⁷⁶⁵ Carbon Farming Outreach Program grant recipients selected, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) 13 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/carbon-farming-outreach-program-grant-recipients-selected>

¹⁷⁶⁶ Funding available for solutions to reduce livestock emissions, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/funding-available-solutions-reduce-livestock-emissions>

¹⁷⁶⁷ National Biosecurity Strategy Implementation Plan launches, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/national-biosecurity-implementation-plan-launches>

was developed in coordination with the National Biosecurity Strategy Implementation Committee and Working Group which include government representatives, “plant and animal industries, freight and logistics organisations, environmental groups, research organisations” and a First Nations representative body. The plan instructs NBS planning until 2032.

On 26 February 2024, the Cairns Group, chaired by Australia, welcomed Ukraine into the group.¹⁷⁶⁸ The coalition of 20 agricultural fair-trading countries met to discuss priorities in improving long-term global food security and agricultural reform before World Trade Organization’s ministerial conference in Abu Dhabi.

On 26 February 2024, Australia attended the three-day conference of Codex countries in Fiji where members engaged in discussions about improving food control systems in the South-West Pacific.¹⁷⁶⁹ In part, members agreed to improve discussed improving communication networks “linkages in the “regional food regulatory landscape” and “supporting new work on standards develop food safety standards for indigenous foods” with safety concerns where there is an identified food safety or trade need.

On 28 February 2024, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt announced a new Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel to supervise the AUD1 billion Sustainable Biosecurity Funding model to enhance transparency and accountability of Government biosecurity funding and expenditure. The panel builds closer collaboration between Government and key stakeholders, with regular meetings to share insights, discuss biosecurity funding priorities and explain spending decisions of the Australian Government.¹⁷⁷⁰

On 28 February 2024, the Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies Bill 2024, Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Charges Bill 2024 and Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024 were introduced to the Australian House of Representatives.¹⁷⁷¹ In part, the bills will require agricultural and forestry producers to contribute to biosecurity protection. The bills intend to collect approximately AUD50 million annually to ensure sufficient funding for the biosecurity system.

On 4 March 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced AUD45 million in funding for Partnerships and Innovation grants and AUD9 million for capacity building grants for Climate-Smart Agriculture.¹⁷⁷² Funding will support climate-resilient and climate-smart agricultural practices, allow for the development of climate-resilient technologies, support “new practices for sustainable grazing, cropping systems and pasture management” and allow for the protection of natural resources and biodiversity. The grants, as part of the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program aim to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability as well as competitiveness.

¹⁷⁶⁸ Australia welcomes Ukraine to the Cairns Group, Australian Government (Canberra) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/media-release/australia-welcomes-ukraine-cairns-group>

¹⁷⁶⁹ Enhancing food control systems in the South West Pacific, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/enhancing-food-control-systems-south-west-pacific>

¹⁷⁷⁰ New Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel locks in transparency, Australian Government (Canberra) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/sustainable-biosecurity-funding-model>

¹⁷⁷¹ Explanatory Memorandum, The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia (Canberra) n.d. Access Date: 16 March 2024. https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22legislation%2Fems%2Fr7158_ems_974ff256-0770-4a84-922f-1c258263f00d%22

¹⁷⁷² Apply for Climate-Smart Agriculture grants to support Aussie farmers, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/apply-climate-smart-ag-grants>

On 5 March 2024, Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell stated that the Australian government would be investing over AUD19 million in a programme part of the Australia-Southeast Asia Business Exchange at the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit.¹⁷⁷³ The programme is meant to allow for free exchange of technologies and infrastructural knowledge within industries including the agricultural sector.

On 20 March 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry invested an additional AUD1.7 million into the Rural Financial Counselling Service to support agricultural regions affected by critical climatic events.¹⁷⁷⁴ The funding will assist small-scale producers and businesses to rebuild infrastructure with individualized guidance.

On 25 March 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced that Australia will now have increased market access in Pakistan for bovine semen and embryos.¹⁷⁷⁵ This will enable increased agricultural productivity in Pakistan's dairy and beef industries while supporting climate-resilience as the bovine semen and embryos are genetically selected to have a higher heat tolerance.

On 19 April 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation published the Ag2050 Scenarios Report which outlines four potential versions of Australia's agricultural system by 2050.¹⁷⁷⁶ The report explores the trends and challenges which might result in any of the four outcomes while considering ways to ensure a favourable outcome focused on productive, resilient and sustainable agriculture.¹⁷⁷⁷

On 7 May 2024, the government announced AUD519.1 million for the Future Drought Fund to support sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture.¹⁷⁷⁸ In part, funding will support the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs, Climate Services for Agriculture programs and the development of innovative solutions for climate and drought resilience.

On 23 May 2024, the Australian government revealed the details of the AUD63.8 million allocated towards emissions reduction in agriculture and a net-zero economy in 2024-2025 federal Budget.¹⁷⁷⁹ Of this, AUD28.7 million will support increased greenhouse gas accounting over ten years, AUD30.8 million will enable decreased agricultural and land emissions over four years and AUD4.4 million will be distributed over ten years to allow DAFF to become a partner of the Zero Net Emissions Agriculture Cooperative Research Centre.

¹⁷⁷³ ASEAN-Australia Special Summit, keynote address to the CEO Forum, Melbourne, Australian Government (Melbourne) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/don-farrell/speech/asean-australia-special-summit-keynote-address-ceo-forum-melbourne>

¹⁷⁷⁴ Extra funding to support Rural Financial Counselling Service, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/extra-funding-support-rural-financial-counselling-service>

¹⁷⁷⁵ Australian livestock genetics to strengthen Pakistan cattle herds, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/australian-livestock-genetics-pakistan-cattle>

¹⁷⁷⁶ The Ag2050 Scenarios Report is out now, CSIRO (Canberra) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024. <https://research.csiro.au/ag2050/the-ag2050-scenarios-report-is-out-now/>

¹⁷⁷⁷ Ag2050 Scenarios Report, CSIRO (Canberra) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/services/consultancy-strategic-advice-services/CSIRO-futures/Agriculture-and-Food/Ag2050-Scenarios-Reimagining-Australian-Farming-Systems>

¹⁷⁷⁸ Joint media release: \$519 million boost to help farmers mitigate impacts of drought, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/Watt/media-releases/budget-519-million-boost-to-help-farmers-mitigate-impacts-of-drought>

¹⁷⁷⁹ Joint media release: Major funding to help reduce ag emissions, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/Watt/media-releases/major-funding-to-help-reduce-ag-emissions>

On 29 May 2024, the Australian government announced grant applications worth AUD15 million as part of the On Farm Connectivity Program.¹⁷⁸⁰ This action is meant to provide farmers with streamlined agricultural equipment for increased efficiency. This will increase sustainable agriculture by helping farmers to “optimise soil quality and nutrient levels, monitor livestock [and] improve efficiency of water use.”

On 13 June 2024, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry awarded AUD20 million to 17 projects across Australia as part of the National Soil Action Plan.¹⁷⁸¹ The plan contains four priority actions, with ties to the larger National Soil Strategy guide. The projects will help develop soil workforce capabilities, accelerate the adoption of land use and management practices that protect soil, and support the collection and use of soil data to inform best practice management and decision making.

On 20 June 2024, Minister Watt and Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for Manufacturing Tim Ayres announced AUD3.5 million to further strengthen Papua New Guinea’s exotic animal disease detection and surveillance capability.¹⁷⁸² It includes co-designing a three-year biosecurity twinning programme in partnership between Australia’s Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Papua New Guinea’s National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Authority.

On 24 June 2024, Minister for Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek and Minister Watt stated that AUD14.5 million will be allotted to Landscape Australia Limited and the National Landcare Network to manage Australia’s natural resources and support the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices and environmental protection.¹⁷⁸³ Regional Delivery Partners will also receive AUD88.3 million to support operational functions.

On 9 July 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry unveiled AusTreat, a new pre-border biosecurity measure to ensure overseas treatment providers implement proper pest treatment to prevent invasive species from entering the country.¹⁷⁸⁴ This programme will replace the current Offshore BMSB Treatment Provider programme and set conditions for the regulation of pre-border biosecurity treatment providers.

On 10 July 2024, the Australian government announced an AUD6.9 million investment to address possible threats of H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza in poultry and other wildlife.¹⁷⁸⁵ Of this, AUD1.95 million will go towards funding Animal Health Australia to support the national response capability for avian influenza in poultry.

¹⁷⁸⁰ Joint media release: Backing Australian farmers through Round 1 of the On Farm Connectivity Program, Australian Government (Canberra) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/Watt/media-releases/backing-australian-farmers-through-round-one-on-farm-connectivity-program>

¹⁷⁸¹ Albanese Government delivers National Soil Action Plan funding, Australian Government (Canberra) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/albanese-government-delivers-national-soil-action-plan-funding>

¹⁷⁸² Joint media release: Australia invests in Papua New Guinea to protect biosecurity, Australian Government (Canberra) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/joint-media-release-australia-invests-papua-new-guinea-protect-biosecurity>

¹⁷⁸³ Joint media release: Funding to landcare groups to support sustainable agriculture, Australian Government (Canberra) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.dcceew.gov.au/plibersek/media-releases/joint-media-release-funding-landcare-groups-support-sustainable-agriculture>

¹⁷⁸⁴ AusTreat freshens up stink beetle controls, Australian Government (Canberra) 9 July 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/austreat>

¹⁷⁸⁵ Millions invested in national avian influenza preparation, Australian Government (Canberra) 10 July 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/millions-invested-national-avian-influenza-preparation>

On 15 July 2024, the Australian government announced over AUD100 million to the red meat and livestock industry for research development in the 2024-25 financial year to support industry growth.¹⁷⁸⁶

On 16 July 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry reported AUD8.4 million to go toward soil capacity building via the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.¹⁷⁸⁷ AUD6.2 million will be given to universities of grower groups to continue the national network of Regional Soil Coordinators. AUD2.2 million will go to Soil Science Australia to deliver the National Soil's Community of Practice, which facilitates soil extension services and networks.

On 26 July 2024, Deputy Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Policy Matt Lowe stated that AUD40.7 million will be invested into the network of Sustainable Agriculture Facilitators.¹⁷⁸⁸ The network connects with others in the industry and shares information on sustainable agricultural practices.

On 5 August 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced a AUD638,000 grant for the Australian Farm Institute.¹⁷⁸⁹ The grant will support international collaboration on sustainable agriculture and advocacy towards sustainable agriculture trade standards and guidelines development that recognize Australian conditions.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Australia has accelerated innovations and invested in building sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems through funding for the Climate-Smart Agriculture, Carbon Farming Outreach Program, reducing methane emissions and investing in the Pacific Resilience Facility. It has also signed international agreements, supported reduced trade barriers and increased transparency and encouraged biosecurity.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 1 December 2023, Brazil endorsed the United Arab Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action at 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai.¹⁷⁹⁰ The declaration aims to promote

¹⁷⁸⁶ Aussie beef to seize growing trade opportunities, Australian Government (Canberra) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/aussie-beef-trade-opportunities>

¹⁷⁸⁷ Growing soil health through Climate-Smart Agriculture, Australian Government (Canberra) 16 July 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://minister.agriculture.gov.au/watt/media-releases/growing-soil-health-through-climate-smart-agriculture>

¹⁷⁸⁸ A designated point of contact for sustainable agriculture, Australian Government (Canberra) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/sustainable-agriculture-facilitators>

¹⁷⁸⁹ New grant to support sustainable agriculture, Australian Government (Canberra) 5 August 2024. Access Date: 27 August 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/sustainable-agriculture-grant>

¹⁷⁹⁰ COP28 Presidency Puts Food Systems Transformations on Global Climate Agenda as More Than 130 World Leaders Endorse Food and Agriculture Production, COP28 (Dubai) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.cop28.com/en/news/2023/12/COP28-UAE-Presidency-puts-food-systems-transformation>; COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action, COP28 (Dubai) n.d. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.cop28.com/en/food-and-agriculture>

sustainable agriculture and food systems and climate-resilient food systems while addressing world hunger.

On 4 December 2023, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Carlos Fávaro and Minister of Food and Agriculture of Germany Cem Özdemir signed three cooperation agreements for environmental sustainability.¹⁷⁹¹ The partnership will include the exchange of agribusiness information and cooperation for sustainable and resilient agricultural production.

On 4 December 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and German Technical Cooperation Agency announced EUR3 million in funding to address agricultural sustainability in the Amazon region.¹⁷⁹² Focusing on the Madeira-Mamoré Territory region in Rondônia, the partnership will support 520 producers including over 100 women to “adopt practices that enable the improvement of the social, environmental and economic situation of communities and rural landscapes served.”

On 12 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Federal Data Processing Service signed a Technological Cooperation Agreement to establish the “AgroHub Brasil Digital Agricultural Innovation Platform.”¹⁷⁹³ The platform will create a network of industry professionals to develop innovative solutions for sustainable development in agriculture.

On 23 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Brazilian Association of Mineral Supplement Industries signed a Technological Cooperation Agreement to train agricultural professionals in the beef and dairy cattle industries.¹⁷⁹⁴ Training will focus on sustainable development and climate-resilient production with a focus on lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Development of Industry, Commerce and Services and the Ministry of Mines and Energy signed Memorandums of Understanding with Bolivia’s Ministries of Rural Development and Land and Hydrocarbons and Energy.¹⁷⁹⁵ The memorandums focus on sustainable development in agriculture including by increasing fertilizer production.

On 31 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Federal University of Rondônia signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement to support education and research on bioeconomy and

¹⁷⁹¹ Ministro Carlos Fávaro assina acordos bilaterais com a Alemanha, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 4 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/ministro-carlos-favaro-assina-acordos-bilaterais-com-a-alemanha>

¹⁷⁹² Brasil e Alemanha lançam projeto para fomentar a transparência e a sustentabilidade em cadeias produtivas na Amazônia, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 4 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-alemanha-lancam-projeto-para-fomentar-a-transparencia-e-a-sustentabilidade-em-cadeias-produtivas-na-amazonia>

¹⁷⁹³ Mapa e Serpro celebram acordo de cooperação para a criação da Plataforma Digital de Inovação Agropecuária, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 12 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/mapa-e-serpro-celebram-acordo-de-cooperacao-para-a-criacao-da-plataforma-digital-de-inovacao-agropecuaria>

¹⁷⁹⁴ Mapa e Asbram firmam Acordo de Cooperação Técnica para capacitação de profissionais do setor agropecuário, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 23 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/mapa-e-asbram-firmam-acordo-de-cooperacao-tecnica-para-capacitacao-de-profissionais-do-setor-agropecuario-1>

¹⁷⁹⁵ Acordos entre Brasil e Bolívia favorecem avanço tecnológico da agropecuária e produção de fertilizantes, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 30 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/acordos-entre-brasil-e-bolivia-favorecem-avanco-tecnologico-da-agropecuaria-e-producao-de-fertilizantes>

Amazon biodiversity.¹⁷⁹⁶ The partnership aims to support training and increase sustainable production and innovation especially for the cocoa farming.

On 2 February 2024, Minister Fávoro and President of the National Bank for Economic and Social Development Aloizio Mercadante announced an additional BRL6 million in funding for credit lines that support small and medium-sized agricultural producers.¹⁷⁹⁷ This will enable agricultural productivity and sustainable development.

On 4 March 2024, Minister Fávoro inaugurated the Rio Grande do Sul campus of the Atitus Educação Agribusiness School.¹⁷⁹⁸ The campus aims to enhance agricultural innovation and increase productivity through the establishment of Animal Health and Learning centres, an “Innovation Hub, Smart Farm, AgroResearch Center and an Agribusiness Technology Park.” The government will provide BRL100 million in funding for this initiative until 2027.

On 13 March 2024, Minister Fávoro and President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva inaugurated the EuroChem Mining Industrial Complex which aims to produce 1 million tons of phosphate fertilizers annually.¹⁷⁹⁹ This initiative will increase agricultural productivity and competitiveness in Brazil while supporting food security and the economy through increased jobs and opportunities for foreign investment.

On 15 April 2024, a delegation from Cameroon met representatives from the Executive Committee of the Cocoa Farming Plan at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock’s headquarters.¹⁸⁰⁰ They discussed the terms of a possible cooperation agreement for increased sustainable and environmentally friendly production of cocoa in both countries.

On 25 April 2024, President Lula da Silva and Minister Fávoro attended the 51st anniversary of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation’s creation.¹⁸⁰¹ At the event, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Finance Corporation signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding for resilient and climate friendly agricultural development. Brazil also signed a technical cooperation agreement with the Japan

¹⁷⁹⁶ Mapa e Unir firmam cooperação para fortalecer programas de educação e pesquisa sobre bioeconomia e cacauicultura, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 31 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/mapa-e-unir-firmam-cooperacao-para-fortalecer-programas-de-educacao-e-pesquisa-sobre-bioeconomia-e-cacauicultura>

¹⁷⁹⁷ Fávoro e Mercadante anunciam mais de R\$ 6 bilhões em linhas de crédito do BNDES para apoiar setor do agro, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 2 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/favaro-e-mercadante-anunciam-mais-de-r%24-6-bilhoes-em-linhas-de-credito-do-bndes-para-apoiar-setor-do-agro>

¹⁷⁹⁸ No Rio Grande do Sul, ministro Fávoro participa de lançamento de campus com foco na agropecuária, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 5 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/no-rio-grande-do-sul-ministro-favaro-participa-de-lancamento-de-campus-com-foco-na-agropecuaria>

¹⁷⁹⁹ Brasil amplia produção de fertilizantes para a agricultura brasileira com nova fábrica, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 13 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-amplia-producao-de-fertilizantes-para-a-agricultura-brasileira-com-nova-fabrica>

¹⁸⁰⁰ Ceplac recebe comitiva da República dos Camarões para tratar de cooperação para revitalização da cacauicultura, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/ceplac-recebe-comitiva-da-republica-dos-camaroes-para-tratar-de-cooperacao-para-revitalizacao-da-cacauicultura>

¹⁸⁰¹ Lula e Fávoro reforçam compromisso na busca de mais investimentos para a Embrapa, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 25 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/lula-e-favoro-reforcam-compromisso-na-busca-de-mais-investimentos-na-embrapa>

International Cooperation Agency for increased innovation and sustainable development of Brazil's agricultural sector.

On 8 May 2024, Minister Fávoro conducted a meeting with ambassadors from the League of Arab States to present proposals for agricultural and technological cooperation.¹⁸⁰² This meeting was attended by representatives from Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Mauritania, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Syria and Palestine. In the meeting, Minister Fávoro reaffirmed Brazil's commitment to ensuring food security through international partnerships. Foreign investment for Brazil's agricultural sector was also discussed.

On 7 May 2024, Minister Fávoro delivered "26 tractors, 6 motor graders, 3 hydraulic excavators, and 1 backhoe" to the State of Rio Grande do Sul.¹⁸⁰³ These agricultural machines were purchased by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock with the aim of assisting local agriculture. At the same time, the Emergency Agribusiness Reconstruction Program was established in the State to help with the restoration of agricultural activities.

On 10 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock announced the establishment of the Thematic Chamber for Agricultural Risk Management of the National Council for Agricultural Policy, bringing together public and private partners to address environmental, climate change-related and other risks impacting agricultural activity.¹⁸⁰⁴ This initiative aims to develop areas of interest and opportunities to improve agricultural productivity.

On 25 June 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock delivered BRL1 million in agricultural equipment to Nova Prata do Iguaçu.¹⁸⁰⁵ Equipment included two tractors, a trailer and solid organic fertilizer distributor. This initiative aims to improve sustainable development and agricultural production in the region.

On 13 August 2024, Minister Fávoro and Danish Ambassador to Brazil Eva Bisgaard Pedersen signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation "to stimulate the mutual development of agricultural and livestock systems."¹⁸⁰⁶ Development will focus on sustainable agriculture in both countries.

¹⁸⁰² Ministro Fávoro apresenta propostas de cooperação a embaixadores da Liga Árabe, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/ministro-favoro-apresenta-propostas-de-cooperacao-a-embaixadores-da-liga-arabe>

¹⁸⁰³ Fávoro realiza entrega de 36 máquinas agrícolas para o Rio Grande do Sul, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 7 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/favoro-realiza-entrega-de-36-maquinas-agricolas-para-o-rio-grande-do-sul>

¹⁸⁰⁴ Mapa institui Câmara Temática de Gestão de Risco Agropecuário para enfrentar desafios ambientais e climáticos no setor, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 10 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/mapa-institui-camara-tematica-de-gestao-de-risco-agropecuario-para-enfrentar-desafios-ambientais-e-climaticos-no-setor>

¹⁸⁰⁵ Mapa entrega R\$ 1 milhão em equipamentos agrícolas para Nova Prata do Iguaçu (PR), Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 25 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/mapa-entrega-r-1-milhao-em-equipamentos-agricolas-para-nova-prata-do-iguacu-pr>

¹⁸⁰⁶ Brasil e Dinamarca firmam acordo para estimular o desenvolvimento nas áreas dos sistemas alimentares, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 13 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-dinamarca-firmam-acordo-para-estimular-o-desenvolvimento-nas-areas-dos-sistemas-alimentares-1>

On 12 September 2024, Minister Fávoro and Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture of Saudi Arabia Abdulrahman A. Al-Fadley met to discuss various issues including the need for sustainable food production to advance food security.¹⁸⁰⁷

On 13 September 2024, the G20 Agriculture Working Group presented its Ministerial Declaration after a two-day meeting attended by 23 ministers and authorities as well as representatives from almost 50 countries.¹⁸⁰⁸ In the declaration, ministers agreed to implement policies for sustainable food production, support rural producers to increase productivity and move towards a global food system and strengthen multilateral cooperation via the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty started during the Brazilian Presidency at the G20.

On 13 September 2024, Minister Fávoro and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan Tetushi Sakamoto signed a Memorandum of Understanding for increased cooperation in terms of trade and the promotion of sustainable agri-food systems.¹⁸⁰⁹

On 13 September 2024, Minister Fávoro and Minister of Agriculture of Azerbaijan Magnum Mammadov signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation for livestock and animal health.¹⁸¹⁰ The memorandum focuses on promoting horticulture, sustainable agribusiness management, improving agricultural machinery and pest and disease control.

On 19 September 2024, the Government of Brazil established Law No. 14,975 which aims to increase productivity, quality and sustainability in coconut farming.¹⁸¹¹ The law also promotes resource coordination, training, improvement programs and research to improve the competitiveness of Brazil's coconut farming.

On 30 September 2024, President Lula da Silva approved Provisional Measure No. 1,260 to provide BRL1.659 million to the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock, Science, Technology and Innovation, Agrarian Development and Family Farming, Ports and Airports and for Official Credit Operations.¹⁸¹² Of this, BRL25.143 million will go towards the “production and dissemination of meteorological and climatological information” to support sustainable agriculture.

¹⁸⁰⁷ Reunião bilateral com a Arábia Saudita reforça parceria por sustentabilidade, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 12 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/reuniao-bilateral-com-a-arabia-saudita-reforca-parceria-por-sustentabilidade>

¹⁸⁰⁸ Declaração Ministerial do GT Agricultura do G20 destaca sustentabilidade na produção e enfrentamento às mudanças climáticas, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/declaracao-ministerial-do-gt-agricultura-do-g20-destaca-sustentabilidade-na-producao-e-enfrentamento-as-mudancas-climaticas>

¹⁸⁰⁹ Brasil e Japão assinam memorando para fortalecimento da cooperação agrícola, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-japao-assinam-memorando-para-fortalecimento-da-cooperacao-agricola>

¹⁸¹⁰ Brasil e Azerbaijão assinam memorando de entendimento para a pecuária e saúde animal, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-azerbaijao-assinam-memorando-de-entendimento-para-a-pecuaria-e-saude-animal>

¹⁸¹¹ Governo Federal institui a Política de Incentivo à cocoicultura de qualidade, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 19 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/governo-federal-institui-a-politica-de-incentivo-a-cocoicultura-de-qualidade>

¹⁸¹² Governo Federal aprova crédito extraordinário de R\$ 60 milhões para o Mapa, Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (Brasília) 30 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/governo-federal-aprova-credito-extraordinario-de-r-60-milhoes-para-o-mapa>

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. By supporting domestic agriculture through increasing agriculture technologies in areas of less technological advancement, increasing research output and bio-innovation in the cocoa farming sector and stabilising domestic rice prices amid environmental challenges, Brazil has supported domestic food security and agricultural innovation. Additionally, Brazil has also begun forming strategic partnerships with countries to boost agricultural productivity to attain greater food security.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 10 January 2024, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan's Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced a CAD14.7 million budget under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) for crop-related research in 2024.¹⁸¹³ The funding supports 56 Agriculture Development Fund research projects and a Strategic Research Initiative project targeting root rot in peas and lentils aimed at promoting advancements in crop yield, disease resistance, and sustainable farming techniques. This will increase Saskatchewan's competitiveness in the agricultural industry.

On 17 January 2024, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced a joint investment of approximately CAD8 million through the Sustainable CAP. Eligible dairy businesses were invited to apply for funding to adopt modern technologies, supporting the Grow Ontario Strategy objectives.¹⁸¹⁴ The initiative aims to enhance food supply chain efficiencies and safety within the province's dairy sector while mitigating the risk of future distribution disruptions.

On 17 January 2024, Minister MacAulay announced up to CAD9.98 million in funding through the fifth phase of the Local Food Infrastructure Fund.¹⁸¹⁵ The funding aims to address local food security needs and increase access to healthy food by supporting 192 new community-led projects across the country and investing in equipment and infrastructure to enhance the accessibility of nutritious, local food.

On 19 January 2024, the Governments of Canada and Ontario allocated over CAD16 million toward energy-saving projects for food processors through Sustainable CAP.¹⁸¹⁶ The initiative aims to invest

¹⁸¹³ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \$14.7 Million in Crop Research, Government of Saskatchewan (Regina) 10 January 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2024/january/10/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-invest-147-million-in-crop-research>

¹⁸¹⁴ Governments investing up to \$8 million in Ontario's dairy processing sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Toronto) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/01/governments-investing-up-to-8-million-in-ontarios-dairy-processing-sector.html>

¹⁸¹⁵ Minister MacAulay announces nearly \$10 million in funding to strengthen local food security, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (New Hamburg) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/01/minister-macaulay-announces-nearly-10-million-in-funding-to-strengthen-local-food-security.html>

¹⁸¹⁶ Governments helping food processing businesses lower costs, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Toronto) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/01/governments-helping-food-processing-businesses-lower-costs.html>

in new technologies, equipment upgrades and building modifications to enhance competitiveness through sustainable improvements in energy efficiency and lowered operational costs.

On 9 February 2024, Canada announced an investment of approximately CAD11 million to Pulse Canada through the AgriScience Program, recognizing its position as a leading global exporter of pulses.¹⁸¹⁷ The investment aims to enhance pulse production efficiency, increase carbon sequestration, reduce nitrogen fertilizer consumption, and support the development of disease-resistant pulse varieties.

On 27 February 2024, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced significant financial contributions at the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community to support the One Guyana Digital Skills Development Programme, reinforcing Canada's strategic partnership with the region.¹⁸¹⁸ The funding will advance efforts in climate action, biodiversity conservation, food security and climate change adaptation while prioritizing the needs of vulnerable populations.

On 27 February 2024, Minister MacAulay announced a CAD3.1 million allocation to the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute through the AgriAssurance Program.¹⁸¹⁹ The investment aims to enhance the National Index on Agri-Food Performance which will serve as a tool for companies to evaluate and declare the sustainability of their practices, thereby enhancing data accuracy and transparency within Canada's agriculture and food system.

On 7 March 2024, Minister MacAulay unveiled a CAD97 million investment toward the Agricultural Clean Technology Program, supporting 162 projects nationwide.¹⁸²⁰ The investment, showcased through the adoption of solar energy systems at a family-owned dairy farm in Nova Scotia, aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance long-term competitiveness in agriculture by focusing on green energy and energy efficiency, precision agriculture and bioeconomy solutions.

On 22 March 2024, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced CAD16.3 million for 101 agricultural research and innovation projects in Manitoba over the next three years.¹⁸²¹ Projects will focus on increasing sustainability and climate-resilience. Funding will be provided by the federal and Manitoba governments through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

On 5 April 2024, Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke Élisabeth Brière, on behalf of Minister MacAulay, announced up to CAD1 million for the Canadian meat processing and controlled

¹⁸¹⁷ Government of Canada announces funding to strengthen the pulse sector and mitigate climate change, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Winnipeg) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-strengthen-the-pulse-sector-and-mitigate-climate-change.html>

¹⁸¹⁸ Minister Hussen attends 46th CARICOM meeting and announces new funding for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/02/minister-hussen-attends-46th-caricom-meeting-and-announces-new-funding-for-multiple-countries-in-the-caribbean.html>

¹⁸¹⁹ Government of Canada announces funding to improve sustainability benchmark for agri-food, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-improve-sustainability-benchmark-for-agri-food.html>

¹⁸²⁰ Minister MacAulay announces over \$97 million to help Canadian farmers adopt clean technologies, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Debert) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/03/minister-macaulay-announces-over-97-million-to-help-canadian-farmers-adopt-clean-technologies.html>

¹⁸²¹ Supporting research and innovation in agriculture, with funding for 101 new projects, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Winnipeg) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/03/supporting-research-and-innovation-in-agriculture-with-funding-for-101-new-projects.html>

environment agriculture industries.¹⁸²² Funding will support automation and robotic technologies to address “work productivity, labour shortages, and operational efficiency.”

On 8 May 2024, Minister MacAulay and Minister Marit announced a research investment of CAD25 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Agriculture and Bioresources.¹⁸²³ Research will focus on sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural growth through crop improvements and developments for soil and the environment.

On 10 May 2024, Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre Vance Badawey, on behalf of Minister MacAulay, announced that up to CAD1,099,624 through the AgriScience Program will be dedicated to the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers.¹⁸²⁴ The funding aims to help farmers quantify “the impacts of climate-smart management practices,” develop carbon footprint data and increase agricultural resiliency.

On 22 March 2024, the Government of Canada announced that New Brunswick farmers have access to the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program.¹⁸²⁵ This initiative promotes sustainable land use by offering financial support for practices such as reduced tillage, pond and wetland creation and establishing pollinator habitats. These efforts aim to conserve healthy soils, water resources and biodiversity to ensure long-term productivity.

On 13 May 2024, Member of Parliament Lloyd Longfield, on behalf of Minister MacAulay, announced a CAD5.7 million investment in agricultural research to promote diverse crop rotations through the AgriScience Program.¹⁸²⁶ In support of the Canadian Field Crop Research Alliance’s initiative to develop resilient soybean, corn, and oat varieties, the research will aim to mitigate climate risks, enhance profitability and improve sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and optimizing nitrogen use efficiency in farming practices.

On 14 May 2024, Minister MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agricultural Minister David Marit allocated over CAD5 million to the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute over 5 years.¹⁸²⁷ This funding is designated for agricultural “project development, delivery, knowledge transfer, and training” to ensure the institute can continue providing valuable engineering solutions to the sector and advance research that supports Saskatchewan’s agricultural industry.

¹⁸²² Government of Canada announces support for innovative solutions to address labour challenges in the agriculture and agri-food sector, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Sherbrooke) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/04/government-of-canada-announces-support-for-innovative-solutions-to-address-labour-challenges-in-the-agriculture-and-agri-food-sector.html>

¹⁸²³ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan invest \$25 million in agriculture researchers, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Regina) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-invest-25-million-in-agriculture-researchers.html>

¹⁸²⁴ Parliamentary Secretary Badawey announces funding for Ontario Tender Fruit Growers to develop climate resilient fruit varieties, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Vineland Station) 10 May 2024. Access Date: 10 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/parliamentary-secretary-badawey-announces-funding-for-ontario-tender-fruit-growers-to-develop-climate-resilient-fruit-varieties.html>

¹⁸²⁵ New program to benefit agricultural lands, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Fredericton) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/03/new-program-to-benefit-agricultural-lands.html>

¹⁸²⁶ Government of Canada announces investment in research to promote more diverse crop rotations on farms, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Guelph) 13 May 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-announces-investment-in-research-to-promote-more-diverse-crop-rotations-on-farms.html>

¹⁸²⁷ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \$5 Million In Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Regina) 14 May 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-invest-5-million-in-prairie-agricultural-machinery-institute.html>

On 30 May 2024, Minister MacAulay announced up to CAD8,124,319 in funding for Ag-West Bio Inc through the Clusters Component of the AgriScience Program.¹⁸²⁸ Funding will support research to diversify field crops such as flax, mustard and sunflower to improve their climate-resilience and ability to withstand drought, heat and soil nutrient deficiency.

On 12 June 2024, Minister MacAulay announced a federal investment of up to CAD5.2 million in the Canadian Barley Research Coalition through the AgriScience Program.¹⁸²⁹ This funding aims to support research that enhances the resilience of the barley sector in response to climate change. The focus includes improving sustainability through genetic diversity and plant growth regulators, developing climate-resilient barley varieties and improving disease resistance to improve sector resilience and sustainable production.

On 15 July 2024, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced an AgriInsurance program for New Brunswick maple producers to protect against natural disasters.¹⁸³⁰ As part of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the program involves cost-sharing among producers and the government. This initiative ensures financial stability among maple producers, helps manage production and quality losses in the industry and encourages continued investment in their agricultural practices thereby boosting productivity.

On 22 July 2024, Minister MacAulay announced that over CAD8.5 million will be invested into two projects led by Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) “to advance sustainability” in the dairy industry.¹⁸³¹ In these two projects, the DFC aims to help farmers make “environmentally conscious decisions” by assessing their water usage, greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration.

On 25 July 2024, Minister MacAulay and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew announced that over CAD2 million in financial support will be provided to the Enterprise Machine Intelligence and Learning Initiative (EMILI) through the Sustainable CAP.¹⁸³² Funding towards EMILI will support innovation in Manitoba’s agricultural sector helping to decrease costs and improve sustainability and food production.

On 31 July 2024, Member of Parliament for Kingston and the islands Mark Gerretsen, on behalf of Minister MacAulay announced a CAD2 million investment to Performance Plants Inc. to develop climate-resilient soybean varieties.¹⁸³³ As part of the Sustainable CAP, funding will support research

¹⁸²⁸ Minister MacAulay announces investment in crop diversification research, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Saskatoon) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 18 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/minister-macaulay-announces-investment-in-crop-diversification-research.html>

¹⁸²⁹ Minister MacAulay announces \$5.2M federal investment in barley research for a more resilient, sustainable crop, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/06/minister-macaulay-announces-52m-federal-investment-in-barley-research-for-a-more-resilient-sustainable-crop.html>

¹⁸³⁰ New insurance program to help protect and attract maple producers, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Fredericton) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/new-insurance-program-to-help-protect-and-attract-maple-producers.html>

¹⁸³¹ Minister MacAulay announces support for Canadian dairy farmers to improve sustainability and safety, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Ottawa) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/minister-macaulay-announces-support-for-canadian-dairy-farmers-to-improve-sustainability-and-safety.html>

¹⁸³² Governments of Canada and Manitoba supporting farmers and producers, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Grosse Isle) 25 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-supporting-farmers-and-producers.html>

¹⁸³³ Government of Canada announces funding to help soybean farmers manage extreme weather, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Kingston) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/government-of-canada-announces-funding-to-help-soybean-farmers-manage-extreme-weather.html>

and field testing of soybeans that are more tolerant to heat and drought, resistant to herbicides and efficient in water use, while also sequestering carbon.

On 31 July 2024, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada unveiled a CAD1.3 million Agriculture Resiliency Program for Prince Edward Island.¹⁸³⁴ Funded through the Sustainable CAP, it aims to include climate-resilient and optimal farming practice research, extreme weather preparedness and producer wellness initiatives to help farmers adapt to climate challenges and improve the industry's viability.

On 7 August 2024, the Canadian and Ontario Government announced a joint investment of up to CAD5 million through Sustainable CAP towards small businesses in the agriculture and food industry.¹⁸³⁵ The aim of the investment is to help small businesses improve their food safety systems and foster stability within Ontario's agri-food supply chain.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. By making investments in crop-related research, contributing to the modernization of dairy businesses, placing mechanisms to support local food infrastructure, and funding energy-saving projects, Canada has taken strong action to advance sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Chidera Uduji

China: 0

China has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 19 December 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs launched 25 working groups to advise on sustainable food production in light of extreme cold weather.¹⁸³⁶ Based on assessments by the working groups, the ministry encouraged farmers to maintain greenhouses and animal shelters and take protective measures to protect crops.

On 16 January 2024, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ma Youxiang and Vietnam's Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Tran Thanh Nam met in Beijing to discuss agricultural cooperation.¹⁸³⁷ Vice Minister Youxiang discussed China's priorities including rural revitalization, conservation of agricultural resources, green agriculture and resilience. He also reaffirmed China's commitment to work with Vietnam on these issues.

On 20 January 2024, Vice Minister Youxiang held a working meeting with Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany Ophelia Nick to discuss agricultural

¹⁸³⁴ New program to assist Prince Edward Island farmers in building resiliency, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Charlottetown) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 2 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/07/new-program-to-assist-prince-edward-island-farmers-in-building-resiliency.html>

¹⁸³⁵ Governments Investing in Food Safety and Industry Growth, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Cambridge) 7 August 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/08/governments-investing-in-food-safety-and-industry-growth.html>

¹⁸³⁶ China takes great measures to ensure stable agricultural production, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 19 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202312/t20231219_301300.html

¹⁸³⁷ Vice Minister Ma Youxiang Meets with Vietnam's Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 18 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202401/t20240120_301309.html

cooperation.¹⁸³⁸ During the meeting, they signed the 2024-2028 Action Plan on Agricultural Cooperation Between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs which outlines cooperation on rural revitalization, climate-resilience, soil health, animal disease prevention and market access for meat products.

On 19 February 2024, Vice Minister Youxiang spoke at the 37th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific.¹⁸³⁹ During his speech, he recommended that members work together to promote food security by prioritizing development and the resilience of agri-food systems and building the capacity of small-scale farmers.

On 13 March 2024, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs announced a budget of CNY830 million to aid in the spring's farming endeavours.¹⁸⁴⁰ Funding will be used to support agricultural facilities and disaster prevention.

China has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has taken strong action towards the commitment through a cooperation agreement with Germany that outlines cooperation on climate-resilience and sustainable agriculture and food systems. China has also taken weak action through verbal statements and reaffirming cooperation commitments. However, China has not taken strong action across more than 50 per cent of the commitment components.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analysts: Arvind Kumar and Artin Khiabani

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 19 December 2023, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Marc Fesneau presented a new plan supported by up to EUR3 million to prevent African swine fever which affects pigs and has a mortality rate of close to 100 per cent.¹⁸⁴¹ Funding aims to contain the virus, control wild boar populations and monitor their health and improve the biosecurity of farms.

¹⁸³⁸ Vice Minister Ma Youxiang Holds Work Meeting with German Parliamentary State Secretary Nick, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202401/t20240123_301312.html

¹⁸³⁹ The 37th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202402/t20240223_301316.html

¹⁸⁴⁰ China allocates 830 mln yuan to support spring farming, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202404/t20240415_301322.html

¹⁸⁴¹ Un plan national d'action rénové pour prévenir l'introduction et la propagation de la peste porcine africaine (PPA) en France, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 19 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/un-plan-national-daction-renove-pour-prevenir-lintroduction-et-la-propagation-de-la-peste-porcine>

On 21 December 2023, Minister Fesneau introduced seven measures including decarbonisation of agriculture and the forestry sector with EUR1.3 billion in funding.¹⁸⁴² The goal of these measures is to reduce French greenhouse gas emissions and pressures on biodiversity.

On 21 December 2023, Minister Fesneau announced the opening of five funding windows supported by a budget of EUR100 million to allow fruit and vegetable farms to invest in a selection of eighty innovative equipment.¹⁸⁴³ The goal of this measure is to “strengthen food sovereignty by promoting competitiveness, resilience and adaptation of farms producing fruit and vegetables, particularly in the face of climatic and health hazards, as part of the agroecological transition.”

On 23 February 2024, Minister Fesneau presented an action plan to address the beekeeping crisis linked to climatic hazards.¹⁸⁴⁴ This includes temporary aid of EUR5 million to help beekeepers as well as structural measures aimed at supporting the beekeeping sector over the long term for which EUR2.3 million have been allotted.

On 27 February 2024, Minister Fesneau signed the Charter of Commitment for the ‘Regional Vine Demonstrators: Vitilience’ project.¹⁸⁴⁵ This project aims, through the establishment of 20 solution demonstrators, to facilitate the appropriation of wine systems adapted to climate change.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Fesneau committed to supporting a Durum Wheat Sovereignty Plan with a state-funding of EUR11 million likely to be devoted to it.¹⁸⁴⁶ This plan includes genetic and agronomic research of durum wheat areas and reducing carbon footprints in accordance with France’s decarbonization roadmap.

On 29 February 2024, Minister Fesneau signed an agreement with the National Union of Chestnut Producers to establish a chestnut sector coordination unit.¹⁸⁴⁷ The goal of this measure is to revitalize the chestnut sector which has been witnessing a decrease in productivity for several years due to the consequences of climate change and phytosanitary issues.

¹⁸⁴² Planification écologique: 7 mesures concrètes pour accompagner les transitions du secteur Agricole français et conforter notre souveraineté alimentaire, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 21 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/planification-ecologique-7-mesures-concrettes-pour-accompagner-les-transitions-du-secteur-agricole>

¹⁸⁴³ Plan de souveraineté pour la filière fruits et légumes: ouverture de cinq guichets France 2030 de soutien aux investissements des agriculteurs dans des agroéquipements innovants, d’un montant total de 100 millions d’euros, pour la compétitivité et la résilience des filières, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 21 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/plan-de-souverainete-pour-la-filiere-fruits-et-legumes-ouverture-de-cinq-guichets-france-2030-de>

¹⁸⁴⁴ Le Gouvernement annonce la mise en place d’un plan d’actions face à la crise apicole, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 23 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-gouvernement-annonce-la-mise-en-place-dun-plan-dactions-face-la-crise-apicole>

¹⁸⁴⁵ #SIA2024 : le ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire signe les contrats d’objectifs et de performance de l’INAO et de FranceAgrimer et s’engage dans le projet VITILIENCE, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 27 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024.

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¹⁸⁴⁶ #SIA2024 Le ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire s’engage à soutenir la démarche initiée par la filière blé dur et l’interprofession Intercéréales autour d’un Plan de Souveraineté Blé Dur, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/sia2024-le-ministere-de-lagriculture-et-de-la-souverainete-alimentaire-sengage-soutenir-la-demarche>

¹⁸⁴⁷ Soutien à la filière châtaigne : signature d’une convention avec le Syndicat National des Producteurs pour poser les bases du plan national, Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/soutien-la-filiere-chataigne-signature-dune-convention-avec-le-syndicat-national-des-producteurs>

On 1 March 2024, Minister Fesneau, the Minister of Higher Education and Research Sylvie Retailleau and the Secretary General for Investment Bruno Bonnell announced that a funding of EUR 218 million will be catered to research and innovation systems dedicated to agroecological transition.¹⁸⁴⁸

On 12 March 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty announced the launch of a major national experiment aimed at evaluating the health prevention measures implemented in small-scale open-air farms.¹⁸⁴⁹ 92 poultry farms and 54 pig farms will be chosen to be supported in the implementation of biosecurity measures to determine their success and identify any effective or alternative measures.

On 23 April 2024, Minister Fesneau visited Morocco to renew France's agricultural and forestry partnership with Morocco and announced the "inauguration of the 16th edition of the International Food Fair Agriculture."¹⁸⁵⁰ The partnership outlines a collaborative framework to develop resilient, sustainable and productive agricultural and forestry systems and aims to enhance educational and scientific exchanges. The visit also resulted in a financing agreement of EUR72.1 million to combat climate change and enhance food security.

On 23 April 2024, Minister Fesneau announced EUR15 million in funding to support farmers.¹⁸⁵¹ Of this, EUR5 million will go towards farmers impacted by poor weather conditions like the Ciaran and Domingos storms and flooding, EUR4 million will support farmers combatting epizootic hemorrhagic disease, EUR1 million will support the beekeeping industry and EUR5 million will go towards general production needs. This funding aims to support agricultural production in light of climate hazards and other issues.

On 27 April 2024, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal announced measures focused on supporting farmers through sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture.¹⁸⁵² Priority areas include sustainable resource management, support for farmers experiencing climate-related issues and financial support.

On 6 May 2024, the Government of France published the *Écophyto 2030 Strategy*.¹⁸⁵³ The publication consists of strategies and objectives aimed at combating climate change, maintaining crop protection

¹⁸⁴⁸ Recherche et innovation au service des transitions des filières végétales: l'État annonce plus de 218 millions d'euros, pour développer des solutions concrètes pour les agriculteurs, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/recherche-et-innovation-au-service-des-transitions-des-filières-vegetales-letat-annonce-plus-de-218>

¹⁸⁴⁹ Prévention des maladies animales : l'expérimentation sur la biosécurité dans les élevages de plein air en filières avicole et porcine entre en phase opérationnelle, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 12 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/prevention-des-maladies-animales-lexperimentation-sur-la-biosecurite-dans-les-elevages-de-plein-air>

¹⁸⁵⁰ Pour un partenariat agricole et forestier renouvelé entre la France et le Maroc, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2024.

¹⁸⁵¹ Le ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire poursuit, avec la Mutualité Sociale Agricole, son soutien aux agriculteurs en difficulté en déployant une enveloppe de prises en charge de cotisations sociales de 15 millions euros, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-ministere-en-charge-de-lagriculture-poursuit-avec-la-mutualite-sociale-agricole-son-soutien-aux>

¹⁸⁵² Le Premier ministre Gabriel Attal annonce des mesures complémentaires pour soutenir les agriculteurs et renforcer la souveraineté alimentaire française, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 27 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-premier-ministre-gabriel-attal-annonce-des-mesures-complementaires-pour-soutenir-les>

¹⁸⁵³ Planification écologique et agriculture: le Gouvernement publie la stratégie *Écophyto 2030*, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/planification-ecologique-et-agriculture-le-gouvernement-publie-la-strategie-ecophyto-2030>

and supporting the economic and environmental performance of farms. EUR250 million will be allocated to ecological planning in 2024 as part of this strategy.

On 27 May 2024, FranceAgriMer's board of directors approved a budget of EUR291 million to finance ecological planning systems.¹⁸⁵⁴ Investments will be allocated to improving agricultural equipment, support an agroecological transition, improve the energy performance of greenhouses and research plans for plant proteins, fruits and vegetables.

On 24 June 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty called for new projects to work under "Territorial Projects" managed by FranceAgriMer.¹⁸⁵⁵ Funded projects must enhance ecological planning, coordination in developing sustainable food systems at a local level and support sovereignty and transitions in the country's agricultural system. A budget of EUR61.3 million has been allocated towards this initiative.

France has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has taken actions in all the following categories: accelerating innovations and investment to increase agricultural productivity, building more sustainable agriculture and food systems, building more climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has addressed agricultural productivity by investing in prevention of livestock diseases, access to innovative equipment and attracting new labour. It has addressed sustainability by promotion of sustainable products and lobbying against harmful toxins in foodstuffs. It has also addressed climate-resilience by facilitating the adaptation of various sectors to climate-change and decarbonisation efforts.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Hamza Noor

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 8 December 2023, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture released an expert report on due diligence regulations in the agri-food sector.¹⁸⁵⁶ The Ministry supports the introduction of due diligence obligations effectively increasing the responsibility of private companies in addressing sustainability issues in agricultural supply chains.

On 8 December 2023, the Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation expanded their "debt-for-climate" program to Kenya.¹⁸⁵⁷ Rather than repaying debts to Germany, the program encourages climate-vulnerable countries to invest money in climate action, mitigation, and adaptation.

¹⁸⁵⁴ Le conseil d'administration de FranceAgriMer a validé ce jour un budget de 291 M€ qui permettra de financer les dispositifs de la planification écologique qui sont confiés à l'établissement en 2024, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/planification-ecologique-le-conseil-dadministration-de-franceagrimer-valide-un-budget-de-291-meu>

¹⁸⁵⁵ Planification écologique : lancement de l'appel à projets « Projets territoriaux », Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire (Paris) 24 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/planification-ecologique-lancement-de-lappel-projets-projets-territoriaux>

¹⁸⁵⁶ New Due Diligence Obligations for Companies in the Agri-Food Sector: Recommendations on Current Legislative Developments, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/_Ministry/New-due-diligence-obligation-for-companies.html

¹⁸⁵⁷ Debt-for-Climate Swaps, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/issues/climate-change-and-development/climate-financing/debt-for-climate-swaps-195550>

The Kenyan government is investing EUR60 million in projects agreed on with Germany. Implementation of these projects will begin in 2024 and will involve improvements for sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 9 December 2023, the Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation announced that Germany will host the next Desertification and Drought Day on 17 June 2024 in partnership with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.¹⁸⁵⁸ The meet will focus on healthy land, “climate change, biodiversity, food and water security.”

On 19 January 2024, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture published its 2030 Organic Strategy.¹⁸⁵⁹ The report aims to increase the amount of agricultural land under organic farming in Germany to 30 per cent by 2030. The strategy also intends to align the entire agricultural sector to the government’s environmental protection and resource conservation goals.

On 20 January 2024, Berlin hosted the 16th Agriculture Ministers’ Conference.¹⁸⁶⁰ The gathering convened agricultural ministers from 61 countries who expressed their commitment to “foster resilient and sustainable agricultural practices and technologies to enhance sustainable agricultural production and sustainable productivity growth.” The conference also formally endorsed the implementation of the Committee on World Food Security’s Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. The pillars of this agreement advance sustainable production and resilient supply chains and aim to reduce food loss and waste while strengthening vulnerable groups.

On 20 January 2024, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture Ophelia Nick and China’s Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ma Youxiang met in Berlin.¹⁸⁶¹ During their meeting, they signed the 2024-2028 Action Plan on Agricultural Cooperation Between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs which outlines cooperation on rural revitalization, climate-resilience, soil health, animal disease prevention and market access for meat products.

On 29 February 2024, the Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation published its “Core Area Strategy,” offering a guiding vision of “social-ecological transformation of the economy.”¹⁸⁶² The initiative resolves to support German and local businesses, cultivating stronger relationships and cooperation between the government and the private sector. The report elaborates on resolutions aimed at combating international poverty, hunger, and inequality. The strategy calls for labour and market reforms that pursue just development policies and comprehensive approaches that transform infrastructure and agriculture.

On 6 March 2024, Germany and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations offered material support to Ukraine by providing generators to agricultural producers from the eastern and

¹⁸⁵⁸ Germany to Host 2024 Desertification and Drought Day, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 9 December 2023. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-to-host-2024-desertification-and-drought-day-195528>

¹⁸⁵⁹ 2030 Organic Strategy: National Strategy for 30% Organic Food and Farming by 2030, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Publications/2030-organic-strategy.html>

¹⁸⁶⁰ 16th Berlin Agriculture Ministers’ Conference, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 20 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/_International-Affairs/gffa-2024-communicue-en.html

¹⁸⁶¹ Vice Minister Ma Youxiang Holds Work Meeting with German Parliamentary State Secretary Nick, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. http://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202401/t20240123_301312.html

¹⁸⁶² Core Area Strategy: Sustainable Economic Development, Training, and Employment, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.bmz.de/resource/blob/205082/sustainable-economic-development-training-employment.pdf>

southern regions of the state.¹⁸⁶³ The generators have helped mitigate the consequences of electricity outages and maintained a steady agricultural production and output.

On 11 April 2024, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ministry of Finance and east German states agreed to new leasing principles for agricultural land.¹⁸⁶⁴ The principles will consider the sustainability and ecological impact of agricultural practices in addition to financial consideration giving sustainable farms and farmers an upper hand.

On 30 April 2024, Minister Özdemir announced over EUR1.8 million in funding for the toMOORow initiative.¹⁸⁶⁵ Alongside 14 companies, this initiative will rewet moors which are important for climate protection and support climate-friendly agricultural use on rewetted moors.

On 14 May 2024, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture announced EUR1 million for research on climate-friendly tractors.¹⁸⁶⁶ Research will focus on alternative drive technologies, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and renewable fuel sources.

On 23 July 2024, Parliamentary State Secretary Nick announced EUR750,000 in funding for the “Diversified Crop Production for Risk Reduction and Sustainable Climate Adaptation” research project.¹⁸⁶⁷ Funding will support the development of climate-resilient agriculture that ensures stable food production.

On 1 July 2024, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture announced approximately EUR4 million in funding for a number of projects to develop climate-resilient and climate-friendly agriculture.¹⁸⁶⁸ Of this, around EUR600 will go towards the development of an electric tractor that reduces emissions for small and medium-sized businesses, EUR1.5 million will help make organic animal husbandry more climate friendly and EUR1.9 million will support nutrient management systems by increasing nitrogen efficiency, “reduc[ing] nitrate losses and nitrous oxide emissions, increase[ing] soil carbon reserves...and maintain[ing] soil productivity.

On 12 September 2024, Parliamentary State Secretary Nick attended the two-day G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting in Brazil calling for enhanced “multilateral cooperation for sustainable agricultural

¹⁸⁶³ Organic Farmers East and South of Ukraine Receive Generators from FAO and Germany, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (Rome) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://www.fao.org/countryprofiles/news-archive/detail-news/en/c/1678603>

¹⁸⁶⁴ Mehr Nachhaltigkeit bei der Verpachtung von Flächen der BVVG, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 11 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/031-bvvg.html>

¹⁸⁶⁵ Özdemir übergibt 1,8 Millionen Euro Förderung für Wiedervernässung von Mooren, Bundesminister für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 July 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/042-moore.html>

¹⁸⁶⁶ BMEL fördert Forschung zu klimafreundlichen Traktoren mit einer Million Euro, Bundesminister für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 July 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/045-trakzeptanz.html>

¹⁸⁶⁷ BMEL fördert Forschung zur Klimaanpassung im Ackerbau, Bundesminister für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 23 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 August 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/076-foerderung-ackerbau.html>

¹⁸⁶⁸ BMEL fördert Forschung zu Agrarklimaschutz mit rund vier Millionen Euro, Bundesminister für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 1 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 August 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/063-forschung.html>

and food systems.”¹⁸⁶⁹ The Ministerial Declaration from the meeting also outlined the need to address the impacts of climate change on agriculture and develop climate-resilient agriculture.

On 19 September 2024, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture announced over EUR1 million in funding for the MAGIC-KlimaBack project which is developing climate-friendly baking wheat varieties.¹⁸⁷⁰

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Germany has participated in coordinated efforts to address food security challenges in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Africa. The member has also strived toward expanding partnerships and increasing cooperation between the public and private sectors in an effort to mitigate sustainability challenges in the agriculture supply chains. Finally, Germany supports global strides toward initiatives that protect food systems from climate change.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nikita Joshi

India: -1

India has failed to comply with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 15 March 2024, the Central Advisory Committee of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India announced its action plan for anti-microbial resistance.¹⁸⁷¹ The action plan creates awareness and surveillance on the usage of antibiotics in livestock, aquaculture and poultry to promote food safety and sustainability.

India has failed to comply with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. India has announced an action plan to promote food safety and sustainability but it has not announced any investments in the agriculture or food systems sectors. It has also not taken the minimum number of actions necessary to constitute partial compliance.

Thus, India receives a score of -1.¹⁸⁷²

Analysts: Sze Wun Beatrice Ng and Ysabel Atienza

¹⁸⁶⁹ G20-Agrarministerinnen und -minister beraten in Brasilien über Hunger und Armut, Klimakrise und Biodiversitätsverlust, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 15 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/093-G20.html>

¹⁸⁷⁰ BMEL fördert Forschung zu klimafreundlichem Backweizen mit über einer Million Euro, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Berlin) 19 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2024/095-backweizen.html>

¹⁸⁷¹ Central Advisory Committee of FSSAI unveils Action Plan on Anti-Microbial Resistance, Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=2015026>

¹⁸⁷² This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites: <https://www.india.gov.in/>, www.agriculture.gov.in, <http://moes.gov.in/>, <http://chemicals.nic.in/>, <https://consumeraffairs.nic.in/>, <http://moef.gov.in/en/> and <https://rural.nic.in/>.

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 1 December 2023, Indonesia signed the United Arab Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action with 133 other countries at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai.¹⁸⁷³ President Joko Widodo declared his intention to transform food systems within the country by reducing carbon emissions, improving technological infrastructure, supporting small-scale agriculture and efficiently managing land usage.

On 9 January 2024, the Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Standardisation partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Indonesia, signing an Operational Partnership Agreement labelled the “Crop Diversity Conservation for Sustainable Use in Indonesia” project.¹⁸⁷⁴ The agreement tackles key challenges concerning sustainability and conservation in use of plant and crop genetic materials, notably rice, taro, yam, nutmeg, and clove, aiming to enhance capacities of agricultural genetic resources.

On 15 January 2024, the National Food Agency, the Executive Office of the President and the FAO in Indonesia announced their new “Empowering Youth through Capacity Development on Innovative Farming System Programme for Agrifood System Transformation in Indonesia” initiative.¹⁸⁷⁵ The two year project partners with Indonesia’s Ministry of Agriculture to motivate Indonesian youth to join the agricultural sector through a comprehensive educational programme on permaculture.

On 16 January 2024, President Widodo granted Minister of Agriculture Amdri Amran Sulaiman’s request to increase the current budget allocated towards fertilizer subsidization by IDR14 trillion.¹⁸⁷⁶ The additional funding was allotted to make fertilizer distribution more fair and equitable to farmers across Indonesia.

On 16 January 2024, the governments of Indonesia and Timor-Leste promised to renew their cooperation in the Indonesian Seas Large Marine Ecosystem (ISLME) by signing the ISLME Strategic Action Programme (SAP).¹⁸⁷⁷ The SAP addresses five primary environmental concerns in efforts to maintain sustainable fishing, marine biodiversity and conservation efforts. It is estimated to cost approximately USD49 million with 97 joint plans including 63 for Indonesia and 25 for Timor-Leste.

¹⁸⁷³ Indonesia Mendukung Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food System and Climate Action dalam Leader's Event COP28, Kementerian Koordinator Bidang Perekonomian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://ekon.go.id/publikasi/detail/5528/indonesia-mendukung-emirates-declaration-on-sustainable-agriculture-resilient-food-system-and-climate-action-dalam-leaders-event-cop28>

¹⁸⁷⁴ FAO Indonesia and Ministry of Agriculture Ignite A New Partnership to Champion Crop Diversity, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (Jakarta) 9 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1675771/>

¹⁸⁷⁵ FAO, National Food Agency, and KSP Initiate A Collaborative Venture to Empower Youth for Food Systems Transformation, FAO (Jakarta) 15 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1675770/>

¹⁸⁷⁶ Govt Ensures RP14 Trillion Additional Budget for Fertilizer Subsidy, Antara News (Jakarta) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 28 March 2024.

¹⁸⁷⁷ Indonesia and Timor-Leste commit to partnership for the Indonesian Seas sustainability and acceleration of blue economy, FAO (Jakarta) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1676233/>

On 6 February 2024, Minister Sulaiman visited Aceh Province to guide 20,000 farmers to boost rice and corn production.¹⁸⁷⁸ USD170.98 billion in assistance was provided for numerous Indonesian provinces in funding for rice and corn seeds and production facilities.

On 12 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture provided IDR30 billion in emergency relief assistance to Central Java after flooding.¹⁸⁷⁹ 10,000 hectares of rice seeds, pumps and various machinery and fertilizers were given to the local people to accelerate production.

On 24 February 2024, the Bio Input Training for Farmers READSI Program was inaugurated by Deputy Minister of Agriculture Harvick Hasnul Qolbi at the Batangkaluku Agricultural Centre.¹⁸⁸⁰ The programme was developed to educate farmers on sustainable long-term agriculture and reduce reliance on dangerous chemical inputs.

On 25 February 2024, the Government of Indonesia submitted a G-33 ministerial statement on agricultural trade negotiation at MC13.¹⁸⁸¹ The statement discusses the importance of public stockholding for food security purposes and affirms a commitment to correcting inequalities within trade negotiations, particularly addressing challenges least-developed countries and net food-importing countries face.

On 1 March 2024, Minister Sulaiman announced that free seeds, fertilizers, and infrastructure would be provided to Sumber Urip Village, Muara Telang District, Banyuasin Regency and South Sumatra Province.¹⁸⁸² The initiative was made to improve distribution as part of Indonesia's agricultural development.

On 4 March 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture cosigned a memorandum of understanding and cooperation agreement with the Indonesian National Army to optimize swamp land.¹⁸⁸³ The agreement oversees the transformation of swamp land into potential farming land to increase national agricultural productivity and food output.

On 8 March 2024, Minister Sulaiman and Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army Maruli Simanjuntak agreed to expand pumping activities on Java.¹⁸⁸⁴ IDR2 trillion was designated for these efforts to increase the productivity index of national rice planting. This will target 2 million hectares of dry rice fields to be converted through irrigation.

¹⁸⁷⁸ Hadir di Aceh, Mentan Amran Beri Pembinaan 20.000 Petani dan Bantuan Rp 170,98 Miliar, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Aceh) 6 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5943>

¹⁸⁷⁹ Kunjungi Korban Banjir Demak, Mentan Berikan Bantuan Benih 10.000 ha dan 30 Milliar Sarana Pertanian, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Demak) 12 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5954>

¹⁸⁸⁰ Buka Pelatihan Bio Input, Wamentan Dorong Pertanian Ramah Lingkungan, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Gowa) 24 February 2024. Translation by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5968>

¹⁸⁸¹ G-33 Ministerial Statement on Agriculture Trade Negotiations at the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference, World Trade Organization (Abu Dhabi) 25 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/WT/MIN24/16.pdf&Open=True>

¹⁸⁸² Mentan Siapkan Benih, Pupuk Hingga Mekanisasi Untuk Tingkatkan Produksi Petani, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Banyuasin) 1 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5980>

¹⁸⁸³ Andi Amran: Sinergi Kementan-TNI Perkuat Produksi Melalui Optimasi Lahan dan Pompanisasi, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 4 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5981>

¹⁸⁸⁴ Mentan-KSAD Sepakat Perluas Areal Tanam Melalui Pompanisasi, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 8 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=5989>

On 19 March 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture partnered with the FAO to launch the Community African Swine Fever Biosecurity Intervention programme in Indonesia selecting the North Sulawesi province for the location of three pilot project locations: Pinabetengan Village, Paslaten Satu Village and Tiwoho Village.¹⁸⁸⁵ Supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea, the programme aims to mitigate the spread of African Swine Fever by implementation of biosecurity measures.

On 20 March 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture collaborated with the FAO to expedite the vaccination programme for livestock against Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) in eight areas within five provinces.¹⁸⁸⁶ The action strives to protect livestock-dense regions from future FMD outbreaks.

On 21 March 2024, Minister Sulaiman announced the approval of an additional IDR5.83 trillion to be added in anticipation of the food shortages which may occur following the El Niño weather pattern to increase agricultural production.¹⁸⁸⁷ The budget will focus on accelerating rice and corn production and planting new crops.

On 28 March 2024, Minister Sulaiman allocated an additional IDR28 trillion to the subsidized fertilizer budget allowing for 9.55 million tons of fertilizers to be directed towards Indonesian farmers.¹⁸⁸⁸ The minister hopes that this increase in subsidized fertilizers will support planting and domestic production to improve the country's self-sufficiency.

On 14 April 2024, Directorate General of Plantations of the Ministry of Agriculture Andi Nur Alam Syah opened the registration for the 2024 Human Resources Development Scholarship for Palm Oil Plantations in affiliation with the Palm Oil Plantation Fund Management Agency to enable workers to join the palm oil industry.¹⁸⁸⁹ The educational programme will help instruct 3,000 competent workers, by covering costs, training, and certifications, offering opportunities to the next generation of youth to enter the palm oil industry.

On 16 April 2024, Minister Sulaiman instituted rice cultivation on 500 thousand hectares of land in Merauke Regency in South Papua Province.¹⁸⁹⁰ The region holds a large potential to function as a national food farm. The Regent of Merauke Romanus Mbaraka is simultaneously arranging for better irrigation infrastructure and organic farming targets for future development.

On 17 April 2024, Minister Sulaiman announced that 3,700 pump machines were provided to East Java Province after hosting the Agricultural Machinery Equipment Alert Call in Surabaya to increase

¹⁸⁸⁵ MoA, North Sulawesi Provincial Government, and FAO Combat African Swine Fever with Biosecurity Interventions for Pig Farmers in North Sulawesi, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Minahasa) 19 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1679473/>

¹⁸⁸⁶ Ministry of Agriculture & FAO Accelerates Vaccination to Prevent The Re-emergence of FMD Outbreaks, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Jakarta) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1679474/>

¹⁸⁸⁷ Mentan Amran Pastikan Tambahan Anggaran Peningkatan Produksi dan Pupuk Bersubsidi Segera Realisasi, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Grobogan) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6017>

¹⁸⁸⁸ Catatan Sejarah Bagi Pertanian Indonesia, Mentan Amran Serahkan Total Alokasi Pupuk Subsidi 54 Triliun, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Mamuju) 28 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6026>

¹⁸⁸⁹ Kementan Buka Beasiswa SDM Sawit Untuk 3000 Orang, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 14 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6050>

¹⁸⁹⁰ Hari Pertama Kerja, Mentan Tancap Gas Cetak Sawah 500 ribu Ha di Merauke, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Merauke) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6052>

rice production.¹⁸⁹¹ Minister Sulaiman hopes to reach a target of 2 million tons of rice production to increase domestic need and self-sufficiency.

On 23 April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture increased the number of water pump units given to Central Java from its original 4,000 units to 10,000 units to accelerate planting in the area and for national rice production.¹⁸⁹² The pump assistance will assist 35 districts and cities and greatly aid planting activities.

On 29 April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Iran signed an agreement for agricultural technology cooperation between Indonesia and Iran.¹⁸⁹³ In part, the partnership aims to increase sustainable food production and enhance Indonesia's agricultural sector.

On 30 April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture in conjunction with the FAO launched the CABI programme in Potianak City and Landak Regency after its success in North Sulawesi.¹⁸⁹⁴ The biosecurity measures will help prevent the spread of African Swine Fever in Indonesia.

On 7 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman proposed the construction of a 10,000-hectare modern agricultural cluster in West Java.¹⁸⁹⁵ The development will begin in the Bandung Regency with the goal of creating a technologically driven agricultural system to increase crop production in anticipation of El Niño.¹⁸⁹⁶

On 13 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman provided 10 billion seeds to the Government of West Sulawesi to increase its rice, corn, coffee and cocoa production.¹⁸⁹⁷ The Ministry of Agriculture also will provide tractors and other assistance to promote plantation production.

On 14 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman furnished approximately 261 units of machinery tools to Merauke Regency to increase food production.¹⁸⁹⁸ Agricultural tools including pumps, planting, harvesting and fertilization tools and drones were also provided ahead of the long dry season.

On 16 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture in alliance with the Asian Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development implemented the Horticulture Development in

¹⁸⁹¹ Serahkan Ribuan Pompa Air, Mentan Targetkan Produksi Beras Jawa Timur Bertambah Hingga 2 Juta Ton, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Surabaya) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6058>

¹⁸⁹² Dongkrak Produksi Beras Jawa Tengah, Kementan Gelontorkan 10.000 Unit Pompa Air, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Semarang) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6069>

¹⁸⁹³ Indonesia Jalin Kerjasama Teknologi Pertanian dengan Iran, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 29 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6080>

¹⁸⁹⁴ Preventing African Swine Fever in West Kalimantan, Ministry of Agriculture works with West Kalimantan Provincial Government and FAO to launch biosecurity assistance, FAO (Pontianak) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1681514/>

¹⁸⁹⁵ Cara Mentan Amran Gaet Anak Muda Bandung, Bangun Klaster Pertanian Modern, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Bandung) 7 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6094>

¹⁸⁹⁶ Apel Pompanisasi di Bandung, Mentan Amran Jelaskan Pompanisasi Hidupkan Perekonomian Desa, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Bandung) 7 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6092>

¹⁸⁹⁷ Mentan Amran: Sulawesi Barat akan Produksi dan Mensuplai Pangan Penduduk IKN, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6099>

¹⁸⁹⁸ Mentan Amran bersama Wakasal Lepas Brigade Alsintan Menuju Merauke, Papua Selatan, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Surabaya) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6102>

Dryland Areas Project in Surabaya, East Java.¹⁸⁹⁹ The activity demonstrates joint work in transforming 10,000 hectares of dry land across 13 districts and 7 provinces into arable land.

On 19 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Agriculture Cooperation with the Minister of Agriculture of Vietnam.¹⁹⁰⁰ The contents detail plans for agricultural investment and development, removing market barriers and processes for mechanizing and cultivating rice on swamp lands. Cooperation aims to develop environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture.

On 22 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman established an agricultural technology collaboration with the China National Rice Research Institute.¹⁹⁰¹ Key objectives in the cooperation consist of increasing crop yields and productivity, the planting index and reducing production costs through improved technologies.

On 27 May 2024, Minister Sulaiman provided IDR410 billion in relief funding to be put towards agricultural assistance and IDR2.5 trillion in additional subsidized fertilizer.¹⁹⁰² The Ministry of Agriculture provided horticultural seeds, plantations, machines and fertilizers and post-natural disaster assistance for seven districts and cities in South Sulawesi to help restore the region.

On 5 July 2024, Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture Prihasto Setyanto stated that the budget for pump funding in Central Java has been increased and over 7,000 additional water pumps will be provided to farmers in the region to ensure water efficiency amidst climate-related challenges.¹⁹⁰³ This will support rice production in Central Java.

On 13 July 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture initiated the Mass Movement to Install Owl Houses throughout Indonesia during a visit of the owl houses in Neglasari Village.¹⁹⁰⁴ This action will support the use of owl houses called Rubuha on rice fields as a sustainable, symbiotic method to exterminate mice and mitigate pest damage to crops.

On 15 July 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture declared the preparation of an additional 50,000 pump units to be installed across Indonesia.¹⁹⁰⁵ The additional pumps will support farmers during the extended drought period and climate-related challenges, promoting national agricultural production.

¹⁸⁹⁹ Terintegrasi Hulu-Hilir, Kementan Luncurkan Kawasan HDDAP 10.000 hektar di 13 Kabupaten, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Surabaya) 16 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6106>

¹⁹⁰⁰ Mentan RI dan Vietnam Sepakat Kerjasama Teknologi Lahan Rawa, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Hanoi) 19 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6112>

¹⁹⁰¹ Kementan Jalin Kerjasama Teknologi Pertanian Dengan CNRRI, Lembaga Riset Terbesar di China, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Hangzhou) 22 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6116>

¹⁹⁰² Mentan Serahkan Bantuan Pertanian Senilai Rp 410 Miliar untuk Bencana di Sulsel, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Makassar) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 June 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6118>

¹⁹⁰³ Sekjen Kementan Prihasto Apresiasi PAT Jawa Tengah Capai 3 Digit, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Semarang) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 July 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6176>

¹⁹⁰⁴ Kementan Luncurkan Gerakan Massal Pemasangan Rumah Burung Hantu se-Indonesia, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Subang) 13 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6185>

¹⁹⁰⁵ Semua Kepala Daerah Diminta Perkuat Program Pompanisasi, Kementerian Pertanian Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 15 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.pertanian.go.id/home/?show=news&act=view&id=6186>

On 17 July 2024, Deputy for Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources of the Ministry of Planning Vivi Yulaswati announced the Direct Assistance for Farmers programme, set to be implemented in 2026.¹⁹⁰⁶ The programme will streamline and nationalize the fertilizer subsidization process to act as a direct aid mechanism for farmers.

On 2 October 2024, the Executive Office of the President of Indonesia, the Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Indonesia launched its first training activities under the Farmers Regeneration Programme and the World Food Forum Indonesia National Chapter.¹⁹⁰⁷ This initiative aims to encourage youth to join Indonesia's agricultural sector to ensure its future sustainability.

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has taken actions to facilitate agricultural innovation and productivity through infrastructural investment. It has addressed numerous approaches in creating sustainable and climate-resilient food systems and agriculture through international declarations and agreements, funding agricultural genetic research and educational programmes on permaculture and sustainability, partnerships between different branches of government, monetary and infrastructural assistance to crop productions and land optimization by irrigation efforts.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jackson Leung

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 20 January 2024, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests Francesco Lollobrigida outlined a series of actions and policies Italy implemented to promote environmental and economic sustainability in the agricultural sector.¹⁹⁰⁸ Minister Lollobrigida reported that Italy is investing EUR2.5 billion to strengthen the national agricultural model, emphasizing the importance of the cost of environmental impact and focusing on product quality alongside environmental protection.

On 20 January 2024, Minister Lollobrigida announced that the Mattei Plan is working to support regions with vast arable land in developing training programs and providing technological resources to achieve food self-sufficiency, with the goal to respond to demographic growth through sustainable agriculture.¹⁹⁰⁹

¹⁹⁰⁶ Pemerintah targetkan penerapan Bantuan Langsung Petani pada 2026, Antara News (Rabu) 17 July 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2024.

<https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4202346/pemerintah-targetkan-penerapan-bantuan-langsung-petani-pada-2026>

¹⁹⁰⁷ FAO, KSP, and Coordinating Ministry For Economic Affairs Unveil Programme to Revitalize Indonesia's Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Jakarta) 2 October 2024. Access Date: 17 October 2024.

<https://www.fao.org/indonesia/news/detail-events/en/c/1711635/>

¹⁹⁰⁸ Comunicati stampa, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 January 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/gffa-lollobrigida-agricoltura-sostenibile-crescita-demografica>

¹⁹⁰⁹ Comunicati stampa, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 20 January 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/gffa-lollobrigida-agricoltura-sostenibile-crescita-demografica>

On 15 February 2024, Minister Lollobrigida called for proposals for “Fostering Agroecology at farm and landscape levels,” aimed at fostering agroecology and sustainable farming.¹⁹¹⁰

On 11 March 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani allocated USD7 million to support the delivery of food and agriculture inputs into Gaza.¹⁹¹¹ Agriculture inputs include animal fodder to sustain animals and “inputs to support the production of nutritious foods like fish, fruits and vegetables.”

On 13 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry announced that EUR20 billion will be invested into the agricultural and agri-food sector.¹⁹¹² The investment aims to support research for technological innovation, the expansion of agricultural businesses into international markets and the promotion of a circular economy.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with the President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of Algeria at the G7 Summit to discuss the Mattei Plan for Africa.¹⁹¹³ The Mattei Plan includes a sustainable agricultural project that involves a “strategic concession of approximately 36,000 hectares of land to be developed with agro-industrial activities.”

On 28 September 2024, the G7 Agriculture Ministers adopted a communique under the Italian Presidency.¹⁹¹⁴ The communique outlines the need for sustainable food systems and agriculture, climate-resilience in agriculture, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and food security and the importance of involving youth in the agriculture and food sector.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Italy has pursued commitments that target the sustainable aspect of agriculture and food systems, alongside increasing investments in agricultural productivity and innovation.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Wania Gondal

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

¹⁹¹⁰ Bandi internazionali, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 15 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079>

¹⁹¹¹ Statement by QU Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.fao.org/newsroom/detail/statement-by-qu-dongyu--director-general-of-fao/en>

¹⁹¹² Accordo Masaf, Cdp e Intesa Sanpaolo: 20 miliardi di euro per l'agricoltura, settore strategico de Paese (Rome) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2024.

https://www.politicheagricole.it/Accordo_Masaf_Cdp_IntesaSanpaolo

¹⁹¹³ Vertice G7, incontro bilaterale Meloni Tebboune, Governo Italiano (Roma) 15 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-g7-incontro-bilaterale-meloni-tebboune/26013>

¹⁹¹⁴ G7 Agricoltura. Adottato il comunicato dei Ministri sotto la Presidenza italiana, Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 28 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/g7-agricoltura-comunicato-ministri>

On 11 December 2023, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Government of the Kyrgyz Republic signed an agreement for Japan to provide up to JPR1,087 million to improve irrigation systems in the Kyrgyz Republic.¹⁹¹⁵ This will improve sustainable agricultural production.

On 20 January 2024, the Vice Minister for International Affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan Ryosuke Ogawa attended the 16th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference.¹⁹¹⁶ At the conference, he presented Japan's mission to enhance sustainable global agricultural production while reiterating the importance of following the Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems, MIDORI. Conference participants also adopted the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2024 Final Communiqué which outlines commitments towards a One Health approach for sustainable agriculture and food systems.

On 1 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the US Department of Agriculture met for the US Dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture in Tokyo.¹⁹¹⁷ Parties discussed plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve sustainable and climate-smart agriculture.

On 19 February 2024, during the Japan-Ukraine Conference for Economic Growth and Reconstruction, eight memorandums of understanding were signed between Japanese companies and Ukraine's Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food along with Ukrainian businesses and a university to support agricultural productivity in Ukraine.¹⁹¹⁸ The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries noted that it will support these agreements by making us of the Japan-Ukraine Joint Task Force on Agricultural Recovery Strategy.

On 20 February 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Government of India signed several loan agreements for Official Development Assistance from Japan.¹⁹¹⁹ In part, Japan will provide JPR16,215 million for a horticulture project in the state of Haryana that aims to support socioeconomic advancement through crop diversification and development. This project will contribute to Sustainable Development Goals such as no poverty, zero hunger, decent work and economic growth and climate action.

On 4 March 2024, the Japanese Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Tetsushi Sakamoto met with the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry Francesco Lollobrigida.¹⁹²⁰ Minister Sakamoto emphasized the need for continued bilateral cooperation between the members in the agricultural and food sectors.

¹⁹¹⁵ Signing of Grant Agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic: Contributing to the efficient use of water resources through support for the maintenance and management of irrigation canals, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 18 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20231211_30.html

¹⁹¹⁶ The 16th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference (January 20, 2024), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Tokyo) 20 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://www.maff.go.jp/e/policies/inter_relate/jan_20.html

¹⁹¹⁷ First Meeting of Japan – U.S. Dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture (February 1, 2024), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Tokyo) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://www.maff.go.jp/e/policies/inter_relate/feb_1.html

¹⁹¹⁸ Japanese Companies and Ukraine's Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, and Others Signed Memorandum of Understanding for Agricultural Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Tokyo) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. https://www.maff.go.jp/e/policies/inter_relate/jtf/feb_19.html

¹⁹¹⁹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with India: Contributing to the deepening of bilateral relations and mutual development between Japan and India by supporting India's achievement of the SDGs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20240220_31.html

¹⁹²⁰ Minister Sakamoto Meets with Italian Agricultural Minister, Mr. Francesco LOLLOBRIGIDA (March 4, 2024), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Tokyo) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. https://www.maff.go.jp/e/policies/inter_relate/mar_4.html

On 25 April 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Nigeria signed an agreement for Japan to provide JPY15,000 in official development assistance to Nigeria.¹⁹²¹ Funding will go towards improving Nigeria's agricultural sector, supporting increased access to agricultural inputs for small-scale producers and increasing agricultural production.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Japan has invested in developing climate-smart and sustainable agriculture. It has also signed a Communiqué for sustainable agriculture and food systems and engaged in discussions with the US to achieve sustainable and climate-smart agriculture. However, it has not taken strong action to accelerate innovations and investment in at least four commitment components.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Wania Gondal

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 12 January 2024, Deputy Minister for the Agricultural Innovation Policy Office, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Soo-jin Park visited Icheon Bioenergy to share the “2030 Strategic Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Achieve Green Growth in the Livestock Industry”¹⁹²² The plan comes as part of the government's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the livestock industry by 18 per cent from 9.4 million tonnes in 2018 to 7.7 million tonnes. This will support sustainable and climate-smart agriculture.

On 14 February 2024, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Miryung Song visited a smart pig farm in Pyeongtaek where she discussed opportunities for smart farming which aims to improve agricultural production.¹⁹²³

On 19 February 2024, Minister Song attended the three-day virtual 37th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific.¹⁹²⁴ In her keynote address, Minister Song noted that Korea is prioritizing smart farming, expanding food production and developing international agreements to address global food security.

On 26 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Qatar's Ministry of Municipality of the State met in Doha for the first Korea-Qatar Smart Farm Cooperation Committee meeting.¹⁹²⁵ They discussed opportunities for smart agriculture which aims to support climate

¹⁹²¹ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Nigeria: Contributing to food security by supporting the implementation of institutional reforms in the agricultural sector, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 16 May 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240425_21.html

¹⁹²² Low Carbon-Emitting Livestock Industry: Livestock Waste-to-Energy, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.mafra.go.kr/bbs/english/25/569149/artclView.do>

¹⁹²³ Future of Livestock Industry Lies in Smart Livestock Farming, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.mafra.go.kr/bbs/english/25/569465/artclView.do>

¹⁹²⁴ At 37th Session of FAO APRC, Minister Song Expressed ROK's Commitment to Stronger Cooperation with International Community to Overcome Global Food Security Challenges, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.mafra.go.kr/bbs/english/25/569690/artclView.do>

¹⁹²⁵ 1st Meeting of ROK-Qatar Smart Farm Cooperation Committee Boosts Cooperation in Smart Farming, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.mafra.go.kr/bbs/english/25/569561/artclView.do>

resilience, research into smart farming technologies and “an investment proposal for construction of the Korean model of a smart farm innovation industrial complex in Qatar.”

On 3 May 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Kang In-Sun met with Senegalese President Bassirou Faye in Dakar to discuss the leaders’ summit for Korea and African countries which will occur between June 4-5 in Seoul.¹⁹²⁶ Minister Kang expects that bilateral cooperation will be further deepened between the two countries particularly in the agricultural sector.

On 10 September 2024, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Beomsu Park and Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine of Ireland Charlie McConalogue met to discuss agricultural cooperation.¹⁹²⁷ The ministers also signed a Letter of Intent to collaborate on sustainable farming systems and will work towards a Memorandum of Understanding in this respect.

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Korea has taken part in meetings and has verbally affirmed its commitment towards smart agriculture and innovation. However, it has not taken strong action to accelerate innovations and investments for the commitment components.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Amoly Agarwal

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 11 December 2023, Secretary of Agriculture Víctor Villalobos Arámbula and Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates Mariam Bint Mohammed signed a memorandum of understanding with the objective of cooperation in projects and initiatives related to food security and climate change.¹⁹²⁸ The memorandum also aims to carry out research and technological development projects in agriculture, fishing and livestock.

On 20 December 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development announced its plan to work with different avocado producers and packers to form a working commission where they will collaborate with government experts on plant health, soil management, water footprint, sustainable agriculture and efficient water use.¹⁹²⁹ The goal of this measure is to increase the competitiveness and sustainability of the avocado sector.

¹⁹²⁶ Vice FM discusses upcoming Korea-Africa summit with Senegal’s president, The Korea Times (Seoul). 3 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/05/113_374009.html

¹⁹²⁷ S. Korea and Ireland Inked LoI on Cooperation for Transition to Sustainable Farming Systems, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Seoul) 10 September 2024. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.mafr.go.kr/bbs/english/25/571545/artclView.do>

¹⁹²⁸ Suscriben México y Emiratos Árabes Unidos memorándum de entendimiento en materia agroalimentaria en el marco de la COP28, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 11 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/suscriben-mexico-y-emiratos-arabes-unidos-memorandum-de-entendimiento-en-materia-agroalimentaria-en-el-marco-de-la-cop28?idiom=es>

¹⁹²⁹ Fortalecerán Agricultura y aguacateros esquemas fitosanitarios, trazabilidad y sustentables en las regiones productoras , Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 20 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/fortaleceran-agricultura-y-aguacateros-esquemas-fitosanitarios-trazabilidad-y-sustentables-en-las-regiones-productoras?idiom=es>

On 29 December 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development announced an expansion of the current bilateral agreement with Kuwait to strengthen cooperation in promotion of sustainable agricultural crops in arid areas, technological exchange in water management, soil recovery and exchange of researchers.¹⁹³⁰ The overarching goals of this increased cooperation are to increase agricultural yields while adapting to the impacts of climate change to guarantee the food security of both countries.

On 30 December 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development launched solar thermal systems to dehydrate food in the province of Zacatecas.¹⁹³¹ The goal of this technology is to reduce loss and waste from the process of dehydration and add value to agri-food chains in Zacatecas by making dehydration more accessible.

On 27 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development announced its collaboration with the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre to promote the cultivation of pearl millet.¹⁹³² The goal of this initiative is to develop sustainability and climate-resilience since pearl millet is tolerant to drought, has a high water efficiency in irrigation conditions and has a high yield per hectare.

On 3 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development announced its plans to develop conservation protocols for vanilla plant tissue, utilising in vitro cultivation and cryopreservation techniques to safeguard the genetic diversity of vanilla orchids.¹⁹³³ These efforts aim to ensure the long-term sustainability of vanilla cultivation, contributing to biodiversity and maintaining the viability of the vanilla industry for future generations.

On 9 February 2024, Secretary Arámbula announced proposed amendments to Article 27 of the Constitution to ensure that small-scale producers and fishermen receive direct support free fertilizers annually as well as maintaining guaranteed prices for essential foods.¹⁹³⁴ The goal of these amendments is to ensure the well-being of small-scale agricultural producers.

On 10 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development announced its project to establish meadows with buffel grass in northern Coahuila.¹⁹³⁵ This project aims to enhance the

¹⁹³⁰ Ampliarán México y Kuwait cooperación científica-técnica en producción agrícola de zonas áridas e intercambio comercial, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 29 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/ampliaran-mexico-y-kuwait-cooperacion-cientifica-tecnica-en-produccion-agricola-de-zonas-aridas-e-intercambio-comercial?idiom=es>

¹⁹³¹ Tecnología termosolar que reduce pérdidas y desperdicio de productos hortícolas, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 30 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/tecnologia-termsolar-que-reduce-perdidas-y-desperdicio-de-productos-horticolos?idiom=es>

¹⁹³² Promueve Agricultura cultivo de mijo como forraje y para atender la sequía y desertificación, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 27 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/promueve-agricultura-cultivo-de-mijo-como-forraje-y-para-atender-la-sequia-y-desertificacion?idiom=es>

¹⁹³³ Protege Agricultura recursos genéticos de la orquídea de la vainilla; tiene impacto económico, cultural, ecológico y social, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 3 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/protege-agricultura-recursos-geneticos-de-la-orquidea-de-la-vainilla-tiene-impacto-economico-cultural-ecologico-y-social?idiom=es>

¹⁹³⁴ Garantizarán iniciativas de reforma apoyos y bienestar a productores y pescadores, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 9 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/garantizaran-iniciativas-de-reforma-apoyos-y-bienestar-a-productores-y-pescadores?idiom=es>

¹⁹³⁵ Reconversión de pastos, una oportunidad para la ganadería en Coahuila: Agricultura, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 10 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/reconversion-de-pastos-una-oportunidad-para-la-ganaderia-en-coahuila-agricultura?idiom=es>

availability of good quality forage, increase meat production per hectare by up to 300 per cent, improve persistence to prolonged droughts, increase soil coverage and reduce water loss.

On 22 March 2024, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Government of Coahuila and the Antonio Narro Autonomous Agrarian University inaugurated the Research and Technology Transfer Institute for Arid Zones (IITZA).¹⁹³⁶ IITZA will focus its research on sustainable agriculture in arid regions, water management, crop improvement and the development of technologies for environmental conservation.

On 12 April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development placed a limit on the allowable catch for olive ridley curvina fish in the Upper Gulf of California and the Colorado River Delta up to a total weight of 4,113 tons for the 2024 season.¹⁹³⁷ This quota aims to promote sustainable fishing practices.

On 16 April 2024, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development signed a technical cooperation agreement with Palestine's Ministry of Agriculture for increased partnership around agricultural production, plant and animal health, the re-establishment of food systems and trade.¹⁹³⁸

On 20 April 2024, the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research designed a technical guide to enhance the quality and quantity of strawberry production.¹⁹³⁹ The guide establishes fruit management protocols, aiming to align practices with best agricultural standards.

On 15 June 2024, INIFAP and the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University of China signed an agreement to introduce to Mexico to Juncao technology which uses grass to produce mushrooms and fodder for poultry and livestock.¹⁹⁴⁰ This technology can adapt to various climates, promotes soil conservation and has the developmental potential to be used as fertilizer and biomaterial to produce electricity.

On 16 June 2024, INIFAP signed an agreement with Heineken of Mexico to advance development and research of agronomic techniques and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices, particularly

¹⁹³⁶ Unen esfuerzos para impulsar investigación aplicada en el desarrollo agropecuario de zonas áridas y semiáridas del país, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 22 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/unen-esfuerzos-para-impulsar-investigacion-aplicada-en-el-desarrollo-agropecuario-de-zonas-aridas-y-semiaridas-del-pais>

¹⁹³⁷ Establece Agricultura cuota de captura de curvina golfinia en el Alto Golfo de California y Delta del Río Colorado, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 12 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/establece-agricultura-cuota-de-captura-de-curvina-golfina-en-el-alto-golfo-de-california-y-delta-del-rio-colorado?idiom=es>

¹⁹³⁸ México fortalece relaciones de cooperación con la Liga de Estados Árabes, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 16 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/mexico-fortalece-relaciones-de-cooperacion-con-la-liga-de-estados-arabes-362253?idiom=es>

¹⁹³⁹ Diseñan guía técnica para manejo adecuado de plantas de fresa, que contribuye a aumentar la calidad y producción del fruto, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 20 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/diseñan-guia-tecnica-para-manejo-adecuado-de-plantas-de-fresa-que-contribuye-a-aumentar-la-calidad-y-produccion-del-fruto?idiom=es>

¹⁹⁴⁰ Amplía Agricultura investigación en control de erosión del suelo, prevención de desertificación y Desarrollo de forraje y biocombustible, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 15 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/amplia-agricultura-investigacion-en-control-de-erosion-del-suelo-prevencion-de-desertificacion-y-desarrollo-de-forraje-y-biocombustible?idiom=es>

for wheat and barley.¹⁹⁴¹ Joint research programs, technical support, workshops and seminars are included in the agreement to foster the agronomic techniques management and sustainable agricultural practices in different regions in Mexico.

On 22 June 2024, INIFAP launched Calisur, a new variety of chickpea with a substantially “higher yield, size, and tolerance to root diseases” designed specifically to adapt to the effects of climate change.¹⁹⁴² This variety has 3.0 per cent higher yield, producing 3.7 tons per hectare and offers better grain size compared to the two most used varieties by producers in the Santo Domingo Valley and Baja California Sur.

On 22 July 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development together with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply and the Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation announced that “technical and scientific cooperation projects” will be developed to address agricultural issues.¹⁹⁴³ Two projects focusing on biofuels and pest control have been approved to date.

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and building more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has taken actions in all the following categories: accelerating innovations and investment to increase agricultural productivity, building more sustainable agriculture and food systems, and building more climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. It has addressed agricultural productivity by fostering international cooperation to increase productivity and increasing access to fertilisers and technological innovations in agriculture.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Hamza Noor

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity and to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 4 December 2023, Russia announced the allocation of over RUB3 billion in the 2024 budget for “the implementation of new and planned projects regarding the digital transformation of the agro-industrial sector.”¹⁹⁴⁴ Russia also announced the allocation of RUB8.5 billion to improve the efficiency of land reclamation and improve agro-industrial growth. This includes the expansion of research on seed production and breeding practices and setting parameters that promote increased food production and security.

¹⁹⁴¹ Desarrollarán Agricultura e industria cervecera investigación y tecnología en buenas practicas agrícolas y nuevas variedades de gramíneas, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 16 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/desarrollaran-agricultura-e-industria-cervecera-investigacion-y-tecnologia-en-buenas-practicas-agricolas-y-desarrollo-de-variedades-de-gramineas?idiom=es>

¹⁹⁴² Ofrece Agricultura a productores nueva variedad de garbanzo, más tolerante a enfermedades, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 22 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/ofrece-agricultura-a-productores-nueva-variedad-de-garbanzo-mas-tolerante-a-enfermedades?idiom=es>

¹⁹⁴³ México y Brasil impulsarán proyectos científicos y tecnológicos en materia agrícola, Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Mexico City) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/agricultura/prensa/mexico-y-brasil-impulsaran-proyectos-cientificos-y-tecnologicos-en-materia-agricola?idiom=es>

¹⁹⁴⁴ Meeting with Deputy Prime Ministers on Current Issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50309/>

On 8 December 2023, Russia announced that Moscow will host the tenth session of the Russian-Namibian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation in March 2024.¹⁹⁴⁵ The Russian delegation has suggested intensifying cooperation in energy, agriculture, and aquaculture.

On 11 December 2023, Russia introduced a temporary restriction of the export of durum wheat, effective until 31 May 2024.¹⁹⁴⁶ The suspension aims to support domestic food security while maintaining price stability for durum wheat products. The declaration lists several exceptions to the export ban particularly for humanitarian assistance or adhering to international agreements.

On 9 January 2024, Russia announced an allocation of RUB8 billion for subsidies and state assistance for farms.¹⁹⁴⁷ Every region will assess its priorities independently and select qualified expenses for compensation. Of this, a minimum amount of RUB1.5 million has been designated for the recipients of Agro-startup grants.

On 12 February 2024, Russia announced the allocation of RUB20 billion to the Ministry of Agriculture to improve the “the efficiency of state support instruments for the agro-industrial complex, including soft loans.”¹⁹⁴⁸ The funds will provide farms with short-term loans at a reduced rate with flexible implementation options. The financing expands agricultural production and makes major investment projects in the industry possible.

On 15 March 2024, Russia announced the allocation of an additional RUB7 billion to provide subsidies to farmers who grow grain in an effort to increase the volume of the federal agricultural produce fund.¹⁹⁴⁹ This aims to stabilize agricultural produce prices and reduce potential risks for processing companies and consumers.

On 18 June 2024, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced the development of Long and Active Life, a national project that intends to achieve a substantial increase in the life expectancy of Russian citizens.¹⁹⁵⁰ The project emphasizes the role of agricultural production, aiming to scale up yields by 25 percent and increase exports by 50 percent by the year 2030. The project also focuses on agricultural research, funding projects related to hybrid seed development, veterinary drugs, crop protection agents and additives.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Russia has announced investments to increase agricultural productivity and in turn improve sustainable agricultural practices. However, it has not taken action to build more climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

¹⁹⁴⁵ Meeting of the Co-Chairs in the Intergovernmental Russian-Namibian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation Held in Windhoek, The Russian Government (Moscow) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50361/>

¹⁹⁴⁶ Government Introduces Temporary Ban on Durum Grain Exports, The Russian Government (Moscow) 11 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/docs/50384/>

¹⁹⁴⁷ Meeting with Deputy Prime Ministers on Current Issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 9 January 2024. Access Date 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50601/>

¹⁹⁴⁸ Meeting with Deputy Prime Ministers on Current Issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50849/>

¹⁹⁴⁹ Government Meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51110/>

¹⁹⁵⁰ Mikhail Mishustin Chairs Strategic Session on Long and Active Life and Technological Support for Food Security National Projects. The Russian Government (Moscow) 18 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51884/>

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 3 December 2023, Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman Alfadley and Türkiye's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Ibrahim Yumakli signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for agriculture.¹⁹⁵¹ The partnership will focus on agricultural innovations, supporting plant and animal health, climate adaptation and sustainable agriculture.

On 4 December, Deputy Minister for Environment Osama Faqeeha attended the third Saudi Green Initiative Forum.¹⁹⁵² During his speech, he noted that Saudi Arabia aims to reduce food loss and waste by 50 per cent and food supply chain related emissions by 33 per cent to advance environmental objectives.

On 9 May 2024, Minister of Environment, Water, and Agriculture Abdulrahman Alfadley met with the Ivorian Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, and Ivorians Abroad to discuss the enhancement of joint efforts in agricultural investment, livestock and food security.¹⁹⁵³

On 3 July 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture announced the launch of the Kingdom's first AgriFood Tech Alliance which aims to create a platform where AgriFood technological solutions can be shared and implemented among agriculture stakeholders.¹⁹⁵⁴ Vice Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Mansour Al-Mushaiti noted that the platform will help stakeholders who are interested in implementing innovative technologies and will advance goals for sustainable agriculture in the Kingdom.

On 12 September 2024, Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman AlFadley attended the two-day G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting where he called for collaboration to develop sustainable food systems.¹⁹⁵⁵

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Saudi Arabia has taken action towards the commitment through a verbal reaffirmation and memorandum of cooperation. However, it has not taken action across over 50 per cent of the commitment.

¹⁹⁵¹ Memorandum of Understanding between Saudi Arabia and Türkiye in the fields of Agriculture, water management & livestock, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 3 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/engnews2248.aspx>

¹⁹⁵² MEWA: COP16 aims to recognize the phenomenon of drought and promote cooperation in rehabilitating lands, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/engnews2251.aspx>

¹⁹⁵³ MEWA Minister Meets with Ivorian Officials to Boost Investment Opportunities in Agriculture and Livestock, Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9192020.aspx>

¹⁹⁵⁴ MEWA announces the first Saudi AgriFood Tech Alliance, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 3 July 2024. Access Date: 15 July 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News9842020.aspx>

¹⁹⁵⁵ Saudi Arabia Urges Global Cooperation for Sustainable Food Security, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News10312020.aspx>

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.¹⁹⁵⁶

Analyst: Therese Angeline Reyes

South Africa: -1

South Africa has failed to comply with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 25 January 2023, representatives of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development held negotiations with the Eurasian Economic Commission to discuss the field of agriculture, including topics such as the certification of organic products, precision farming and the digitalization of agriculture.¹⁹⁵⁷ Both parties agreed on a mutual exchange of public analytics and the need to study possible mechanisms for increasing the supply of agricultural products.

On 19 March 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa emphasized the government's implementation of various agriculture programs and initiatives, including the signing of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan, focused on supporting the acceleration of land reform and actions for the private sector to support black farmers and small, medium and micro enterprises.¹⁹⁵⁸

South Africa has failed to comply with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. South Africa has taken weak actions to increase agricultural productivity but it has not taken action to accelerate innovations and investments for sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Esther Thomas

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 3 December 2023, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Ibrahim Yumakli and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman Alfadley signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on agricultural cooperation.¹⁹⁵⁹ The partnership will focus on agricultural innovations, supporting plant and animal health, climate adaptation and sustainable agriculture.

¹⁹⁵⁶ This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites:

<https://mewa.gov.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx>, <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/en/ministry/news/Pages/default.aspx>, <https://english.aawsat.com/>, <https://english.alarabiya.net/>, <http://www.daff.gov.za/>, <https://www.timeslive.co.za/>, <https://www.sanews.gov.za/>

¹⁹⁵⁷ EEC and relevant ministries of South Africa discussed prospects for cooperation, Eurasian Economic Commission (Moscow) 26 January 2024, Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://eec.eaunion.org/en/news/EEK-i-profilnye-ministerstva-yuar-obsudili-perspektivy-sotrudnichestva/>

¹⁹⁵⁸ Government harnessing Land Reform to support growth of agriculture and job creation, South African Government News Agency (Pretoria), 19 March 2024, Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/government-harnessing-land-reform-support-growth-agriculture-and-job-creation>

¹⁹⁵⁹ Memorandum of Understanding between Saudi Arabia and Türkiye in the fields of Agriculture, water management & livestock, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (Riyadh) 3 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://mewa.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/engnews2248.aspx>

On 16 January 2024, the government disclosed a budget allocation of TRY101 billion to the agricultural sector.¹⁹⁶⁰ This 132 per cent annual rise in funding signals its effort to accelerate investments in agriculture aimed at strengthening infrastructure and sustainability initiatives within the sector.

On 26 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced its intention to provide 527 water and irrigation facilities in 2024. The emphasis was placed on promoting modern innovations such as pressurized irrigation networks and integrating artificial intelligence into flood detection systems.¹⁹⁶¹ The investment will further enhance Türkiye's sustainable water management efforts and incentivize innovation to combat future flood-related climate disasters.

On 8 February 2024, the General Directorate of Crop Production of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry allocated TRY200 million to activate 11 unused agricultural lands in earthquake-affected provinces centered in Kahramanmaraş.¹⁹⁶² The plan aims to stimulate regional agricultural productivity by targeting idle lands for cultivation and further prioritizes support for producers in earthquake-affected zones.

On 13 February 2024, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Ibrahim Yumakli announced the commencement of the ministry's recruitment of agriculture workers for its provincial organization.¹⁹⁶³ The ministry aims to recruit 1,500 new workers. The hiring initiative is aimed at driving productivity in the agricultural sector by investing in human capital and ensuring the long-term sustainability of agricultural practices.

On 18 February 2024, Minister Yumakli and World Water Council President Loic Fauchon signed a memorandum of understanding at the 86th Governors' Meeting of the World Water Council, outlining Türkiye's commitment to equitable use of water in line with its 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.¹⁹⁶⁴ The agreement promotes ongoing dialogue grounded in the principles of effective water usage, ensuring accountability for Türkiye and neighbouring countries and sets a standard to avoid potential water scarcity post-humanitarian crises.

On 26 February 2024, Minister Yumakli introduced a 10-item Livestock Road Map to be implemented between 2024-2028.¹⁹⁶⁵ The initiative prioritizes animal production planning, provides increased support for livestock enterprises, empowers women and young producers in rural areas and focuses on disease management and genetic improvement programs to improve the quality and productivity of livestock breeds.

¹⁹⁶⁰ Türkiye earmarks over \$35.5B for more than 12,000 projects in 2024, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/economy/turkiye-earmarks-over-355b-for-more-than-12000-projects-in-2024>

¹⁹⁶¹ Bakan Yumakli: "2024'Te 527 Su Ve Sulama Tesisini Hizmete Sunmayı Hedefliyoruz," T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6171/Bakan-Yumakli-2024te-527-Su-Ve-Sulama-Tesisini-Hizmete-Sunmayi-Hedefliyoruz>

¹⁹⁶² Deprem Bölgesindeki Atıl Tarım Arazileri Fide Ve Tohum Desteğiyle Üretime Kazandırılıyor, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 08 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6194/Deprem-Bolgesindeki-Atil-Tarim-Arazileri-Fide-Ve-Tohum-Destegiyle-Uretime-Kazandiriliyor>

¹⁹⁶³ Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı 1.500 Tarım İşçisi İstihdama Sürecini Başlattı, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 13 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6197/Tarim-Ve-Orman-Bakanligi-1-500-Tarim-Iscisi-Istihdami-Surecini-Baslatti>

¹⁹⁶⁴ Türkiye commits to water conservation, makes significant investments, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 18 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/turkiye-commits-to-water-conservation-makes-significant-investments/news>

¹⁹⁶⁵ Bakan Yumakli, 2024-2028 Yillarında Uygulanacak Hayvancılık Yol Haritasını Açıkladı, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 10 March 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6211/Bakan-Yumakli-2024-2028-Yillarinda-Uygulanacak-Hayvancilik-Yol-Haritasini-Acıkladi>

On 18 April 2024, Minister Yumakli and Azerbaijan’s Minister of Agriculture Mecnun Memmedov signed a declaration of intent for cooperation for agricultural research and development.¹⁹⁶⁶ Topics of cooperation will include plant and animal production and irrigation.

On 1 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) implemented Farmer Field Schools (FFS) in Bolu under the “Enhancement of agro-ecological management system through promoting ecosystem-oriented food production” project.¹⁹⁶⁷ With FFS and its emphasis on cultivation techniques based on the “specific climate and phenological characteristics of Bolu,” Türkiye is working towards a climate-resilient food system.

On 7 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and FAO led a workshop in Diyarbakir for the “Integrating Good Agriculture Practices to Ameliorate Agricultural Ecosystems in the Earthquake-affected Region in Türkiye” project.¹⁹⁶⁸ Assistant Representative of FAO-Türkiye Ayşegül Selişik noted that this project aims to promote good agricultural practices while strengthening climate-resilient production in earthquake affected provinces.

On 12 June 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in collaboration with the FAO conducted Farmers Field School activities in the city of Bolu.¹⁹⁶⁹ Activities were organized as part of the “Promoting Ecosystem-Based Food Production through the Development of the Agro-Ecology Management System in Bolu” project. This allowed experts and farmers from the Bolu Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry and the Seben Yeniçağa District Directorates to share knowledge on enhancing the environment for sustainable agricultural ecosystems and effective land management.

On 5 July 2024, Minister Yumakli announced that over TRY1 billion in agricultural support payments will be given to producers and farmers.¹⁹⁷⁰ These payments will support agricultural insurance, rural development investment, certified seed production, grain production, and soil analysis.

On 12 July 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced that over TRY87 million in agricultural support payments will be given to producers and farmers.¹⁹⁷¹ These payments will support grain production, rural development investment, and diesel and fertilizer support.

On 20 July 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced that over TRY119 million in agricultural support payments will be given to producers and farmers.¹⁹⁷² These payments will support

¹⁹⁶⁶ Bakan Yumakli Azerbaycan Tarim Bakani Memmedov ile Bir Araya Geldi, T.C. Tarim Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6264/Bakan-Yumakli-Azerbaycan-Tarim-Bakani-Memmedov-Ile-Bir-Araya-Geldi>

¹⁹⁶⁷ FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry jointly implement Famer Field Schools on agroecology in Bolu, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Ankara) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.fao.org/turkiye/news/detail-news/en/c/1681802/>

¹⁹⁶⁸ FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry launch a new project for earthquake affected region, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Ankara) 7 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.fao.org/turkiye/news/detail-news/en/c/1681807/>

¹⁹⁶⁹ FAO and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry conduct Farmer Field School activity on legumes and forage crops in Bolu, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Ankara) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.fao.org/turkiye/news/detail-news/en/c/1696522/>

¹⁹⁷⁰ Bakan Yumakli: “1 Milyar 879 Milyon 139 Bin Liralik Tarimsal Destekleme Ödemesini Bugün Çiftçilerimizin Hesaplarına Aktarıyoruz”, T.C. Tarim Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6333/Bakan-Yumakli-%e2%80%981-Milyar-879-Milyon-139-Bin-Liralik-Tarimsal-Destekleme-Odemesini-Bugun-Ciftcilerimizin-Hesaplarına-Aktarıyoruz>

¹⁹⁷¹ 87 Milyon Liralik Destekleme Ödemesi Bugün Hesaplara Aktarılıyor, T.C. Tarim Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6339/87-Milyon-Liralik-Tarimsal-Destekleme-Odemesi-Bugun-Hesaplara-Aktariliyor>

¹⁹⁷² 119 Milyon 106 Bin Liralik Tarimsal Destekleme Ödemesi Hesaplara Aktarıldı, T.C. Tarim Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 20 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6346/119-Milyon-106-Bin-Liralik-Tarimsal-Destekleme-Odemesi-Hesaplara-Aktarıldi>

grain production, rural development investment, heifer purchases, oilseed crop production, and soil analysis.

On 26 July 2024, Minister Yumaklı announced that over TRY2 billion in agricultural support payments will be given to producers and farmers.¹⁹⁷³ These payments will support agricultural insurance, compensation for production affected by animal diseases, rural development investment, animal genetic resources, certified seed production, research and development and fuel and fertilizer support.

On 25 September 2024, Minister Yumaklı and Azerbaijan Minister of Agriculture Majnun Mammadov met to discuss agricultural cooperation.¹⁹⁷⁴ The ministers also signed a “Declaration of Intent on Strengthening Cooperation in the Field of Livestock and Animal Health.”

On 27 September 2024, Minister Yumaklı announced TRY2,888,041,394 in agricultural support payments for farmers to support plant produce insurance, rural development investment and individual irrigation grants.¹⁹⁷⁵

Türkiye has fully complied with accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. Actions from Türkiye have employed collaborative measures to improve effective water management through international partnerships. Their initiatives have implemented modern irrigation systems and land activation in disaster-prone regions. The Livestock Road Map and recruitment of skilled labour further demonstrate their commitment to long-term sustainable agricultural practices. They have also facilitated agricultural innovation through government investments, prioritizing food quality standards and providing workshops to local farmers. These actions not only address the country’s pressing challenges of food security and climate disasters but promote shifts towards sustainable water management and agricultural practices.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Chidera Uduji

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 2 December 2023, the Government of the United Kingdom announced GBP100 million in funding to support climate-vulnerable countries.¹⁹⁷⁶ Funding includes up to GBP18 million to strengthen health systems which will in turn support food systems by managing the impacts of climate change, addressing food shortages and waste and water insecurity.

¹⁹⁷³ 2 Milyar 211 Milyon Liralik Destekleme Ödemesi Bugün Hesaplara Aktarılıyor, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6351/2-Milyar-211-Milyon-Liralik-Destekleme-Odemesi-Bugun-Hesaplara-Aktariliyor>

¹⁹⁷⁴ TÜRKİYE VE AZERBAIJAN, HAYVANCILIK ALANINDA İŞ BİRLİĞİNİ GÜÇLENDİRECEK, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 25 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6403/Turkiye-Ve-Azerbaycan-Hayvancilik-Alaninda-Is-Birligini-Guclendirecek>

¹⁹⁷⁵ YAKLAŞIK 2.9 MİLYAR LİRALIK DESTEKLEME ÖDEMESİ HESAPLARA AKTARILYOR, T.C. Tarım Ve Orman Bakanlığı (Ankara) 27 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Haber/6406/Yaklasik-2-9-Milyar-Liralik-Destekleme-Odemesi-Hesaplara-Aktariliyor>

¹⁹⁷⁶ £100 million for vulnerable countries tackling climate change, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Ministry of Defence and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/100m-for-vulnerable-countries-tackling-climate-change>

On 4 December 2023, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced GBP484 million in funding for climate resilience developments in developing countries as part of a GBP1.6 billion climate aid plan.¹⁹⁷⁷ Of this, GBP9 million will go towards the Emerging Markets Climate Action Fund which invests in businesses such as ARCH Cold Chain Solutions East Africa Fund who prioritize food and medication protection in light of climate change.

On 27 December 2023, the Government of the United Kingdom announced GBP66.7 million in funding for the International Fund for Agricultural Development.¹⁹⁷⁸ Funding will support food security, address poverty and promote environmentally friendly and climate-resilient agricultural production and food systems.

On 4 January 2024, Environment Secretary Steve Barclay announced over 50 new actions for which farmers can be paid.¹⁹⁷⁹ Actions include those related to agricultural technology and agroforestry. The goal is to pay farmers for actions already in place to maintain habitats and incentivize them to continue taking related actions.

On 9 January 2024, the Rural Payments Agency announced increased scheme payment rates for existing Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) Pilot and 2023 agreements and new applications received in 2024.¹⁹⁸⁰ Increases in scheme payment rates aim to reflect market conditions and support farm businesses.

On 13 February 2024, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs announced additions to its existing SFI and Countryside Stewardship (CS).¹⁹⁸¹ SFI and CS has now expanded to support more sectors, provide free vet visits and support for endemic disease management. The goal is to help farms protect and enhance the welfare of farm animals.

On 20 February 2024, Prime Minister Sunak announced at the National Farmers Union Conference that the UK government will provide EUR427 million in grants to support farmers in the financial year.¹⁹⁸² Grants will offer funding for technology and productivity schemes, support farmers despite growing inflation and promote innovation in agriculture.

On 20 February 2024, Prime Minister Sunak announced at the National Farmers Union Conference the creation of the annual Food Security Index to monitor levels of food security in the United

¹⁹⁷⁷ UK generates billions in climate finance and first CRDC in Africa, HM Treasury, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Baroness Vere of Norbiton and The Rt Hon Andrew (London) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-generates-billions-in-climate-finance-and-first-crdc-in-africa>

¹⁹⁷⁸ New funding for farmers feeding the world, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (London) 27 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-for-farmers-feeding-the-world>

¹⁹⁷⁹ Biggest Upgrade to UK Farming Schemes Introduced by the Government Since Leaving the EU, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 4 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/biggest-upgrade-to-uk-farming-schemes-introduced-by-the-government-since-leaving-the-eu>

¹⁹⁸⁰ Payment Rates From January 2024: Sustainable Farming Incentive, Rural Payments Agency (London) 9 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/payment-rates-from-january-2024-sustainable-farming-incentive>

¹⁹⁸¹ Spotlight on Updates and Additions to Livestock and Grassland Offer, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 13 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/13/spotlight-on-updates-and-additions-to-livestock-and-grassland-offer/>

¹⁹⁸² NFU24: Prime Minister addresses NFU Conference, National Farmers Union of England and Wales (Warwickshire) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.nfuonline.com/updates-and-information/nfu24-prime-minister-addresses-nfu-conference/>

Kingdom, alongside EUR15 million in funding to reduce food waste from farms.¹⁹⁸³ The aim is to monitor food security more closely in the United Kingdom.

On 14 May 2024, Prime Minister Sunak announced that support will be provided to the domestic food production sector to boost innovation.¹⁹⁸⁴ The plan involves a guaranteed access to affordable and sustainable access to energy and water for the agricultural sector and a potential investment of GBP80 million by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to the horticulture industry. The government will also provide GBP75 million to internal drainage boards to support modernization, farm resilience and recovery from winter storms.

On 21 May 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Farming Minister Mark Spencer announced the improved Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) which will be available to farmers in the UK from July 2024.¹⁹⁸⁵ The new SFI now includes over 20 new actions in addition to its original 102 actions. These new actions, designed in collaboration with the agricultural sector, aim to boost yields and reduce overall input costs.

On 17 September 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs shared that Minister of Food Security and Rural Affairs Daniel Zeichner signed the G20 Agriculture Ministers Declaration.¹⁹⁸⁶ The United Kingdom worked to ensure that the declaration encourages sustainable agriculture and Minister Zeichner reaffirmed the UK's commitment towards sustainable agri-food systems.

On 30 September 2024, the Government of the United Kingdom announced new legislation to reduce costs to farmers, support the growing of drought and disease resistant crops and use “[new] precision breeding technology to increase food production.”¹⁹⁸⁷ These measures will support increased food production and climate-resilient agriculture while reducing pesticide use.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. The United Kingdom has made significant investments in promoting innovation and targeted action in the agriculture industry, supporting farmers by making environmental schemes and regulations more attractive, fair and workable and investing in sustainable food production and animal welfare. The UK has also invested substantially in developing climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems internationally.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Esther Thomas

¹⁹⁸³ NFU24: Prime Minister addresses NFU Conference, National Farmers Union of England and Wales (Warwickshire) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.nfuonline.com/updates-and-information/nfu24-prime-minister-addresses-nfu-conference/>

¹⁹⁸⁴ Government unveils major package of farming and food sector support, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 14 May 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-major-package-of-farming-and-food-sector-support>

¹⁹⁸⁵ Expanded and improved Sustainable Farming Incentive offer for farmers published, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/expanded-and-improved-sustainable-farming-incentive-offer-for-farmers-published>

¹⁹⁸⁶ UK helps secure ambitious declaration to promote sustainable farming and food security, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 17 September 2024. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-helps-secure-ambitious-declaration-to-promote-sustainable-farming-and-food-security>

¹⁹⁸⁷ New legislation to support precision breeding and boost Britain's food security, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 17 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-legislation-to-support-precision-breeding-and-boost-britains-food-security>

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations, and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity, to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 22 January 2024, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced USD207 in funding for clean energy and domestic fertilizer projects.¹⁹⁸⁸ Funding aims to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector, reduce operational costs and ensure agricultural producers benefit from renewable energy.

On 29 January 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced the launch of the Assisting Specialty Crop Exports initiative which will provide USD65 million to help the specialty crop sector increase global exports, expand into new markets and directly benefit the local agricultural sector.¹⁹⁸⁹

On 7 February 2024, the Department of Agriculture awarded USD270 million in cooperative agreements to state departments of agriculture.¹⁹⁹⁰ The funding aims to build stronger ties between food supply chains and strengthen regional food systems.

On 7 February 2024, Secretary Vilsack announced USD270 million for grants to build resilient agriculture and food systems.¹⁹⁹¹

On 12 February 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced that the Working Lands Climate Corps will train young people on climate-smart agricultural practices and solutions.¹⁹⁹² This will address climate related challenges affecting farms in the US while supporting economic growth.

On 13 March 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced USD138 million in aid from the President's Inflation Reduction Act to support the climate-smart conservation of wetlands, grasslands and prime farmlands.¹⁹⁹³ This will support the climate-resilience of agricultural communities in the US.

On 14 March 2024, the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service announced USD40.5 million for 60 projects for producers of organic foods to improve production capacity, access markets and new technologies and purchase technologies as needed.¹⁹⁹⁴ Recipients include Big Sandy

¹⁹⁸⁸ Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$207 Million in Clean Energy and Domestic Fertilizer Projects to Strengthen American Farms and Businesses as part of Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/01/22/biden-harris-administration-invests-207-million-clean-energy-and>

¹⁹⁸⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Investments to Strengthen U.S. Specialty Crops Sector, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/01/29/biden-harris-administration-announces-investments-strengthen-us>

¹⁹⁹⁰ USDA Announces \$270 Million Awarded to Build Food Supply Chain Resiliency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.ams.usda.gov/press-release/usda-announces-270-million-awarded-build-food-supply-chain-resiliency>

¹⁹⁹¹ USDA Announces \$270 Million Awarded to Build Food Supply Chain Resiliency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/02/07/usda-announces-270-million-awarded-build-food-supply-chain>

¹⁹⁹² As part of President Biden's American Climate Corps, USDA Launches New Working Lands Climate Corps to Train Future Conservation and Climate Leaders on Climate-Smart Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture (San Diego) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/02/12/part-president-bidens-american-climate-corps-usda-launches-new>

¹⁹⁹³ Agricultural Producers to Conserve Land through Climate-Smart Easements as part of President's Biden's Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/03/13/agricultural-producers-serve-land-through-climate-smart>

¹⁹⁹⁴ USDA Announces \$40.5 Million in Grant Awards to Support Processing and Promotion of Domestic Organic Products, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Anaheim) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 16 May 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/03/14/usda-announces-405-million-grant-awards-support-processing-and>

Organics, LLC which received a grant to increase the agricultural production of organic grains and pulse crops. Funding for this initiative is provided through the Organic Market Development Grant program.

On 24 April 2024, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced USD180,000 in funding for an Inquiring Systems, Inc. project for research to address responses to extreme weather events like flooding which threaten agricultural production and food supply.¹⁹⁹⁵ Funding will be provided through the “Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agriculture Systems” program.

On 25 April 2024, NIFA and the National Science Foundation announced a joint initiative for research in agricultural robotics.¹⁹⁹⁶ The use of robotics in agricultural practices presents opportunities for increased agricultural production and precision while reducing environmental impacts and improving the resiliency of food systems overall.

On 1 May 2024, NIFA announced USD600,000 in funding to the University of North Carolina and Louisiana State University to research responses to extreme weather events like winter storms which threaten agricultural production.¹⁹⁹⁷ Funding will be provided through the “Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agriculture Systems” program.

On 26 February 2024, the Department of Agriculture and Department of Energy launched the Rural and Agricultural Income and Savings from Renewable Energy (RAISE) initiative.¹⁹⁹⁸ Under the Rural Energy for America Program, RAISE aims to help 400 individual farmers deploy smaller-scale wind projects. This initiative will create long-lasting economic benefits for farmers while supporting a climate-resilient agricultural system.

On 11 June 2024, the Department of Agriculture and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research announced a global innovation challenge to develop climate-smart agriculture, promote equity and improve nutrition security.¹⁹⁹⁹ Successful applicants will receive USD2 million each to support sustainable food production and improve human health amongst other goals.

On 26 June 2024, the Department of Agriculture and Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences hosted a ceremony in the Cornell AgriTech campus for the new National Grape

¹⁹⁹⁵ NIFA Invests \$180K in Response to Extreme Weather Events Across the U.S. (AFRI A1712), National Institute for Food and Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 23 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/announcements/nifa-invests-180k-response-extreme-weather-events-across-us-afri-a1712>

¹⁹⁹⁶ NSF and USDA Join Forces to Boost Innovation in Agricultural Robotics, National Institute for Food and Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/press-releases/nsf-usda-join-forces-boost-innovation-agricultural-robotics>

¹⁹⁹⁷ NIFA Invests \$600K in Response to Extreme Weather Events Across the U.S. (AFRI A1712), National Institute for Food and Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 1 May 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/announcements/nifa-invests-600k-response-extreme-weather-events-across-us-afri-a1712>

¹⁹⁹⁸ Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy Launch Initiative to Help Farmers Reduce Costs with Underutilized Renewable Technologies as part of President Biden’s Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/02/26/department-agriculture-department-energy-launch-initiative-help>

¹⁹⁹⁹ Secretary Vilsack Announces USDA and FFAR Innovation Challenge to Catalyze Agricultural Solutions, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/06/11/secretary-vilsack-announces-usda-and-ffar-innovation-challenge>

Improvement Center.²⁰⁰⁰ The Grape Genetics Research Unit and Plant Genetic Resources Unit in the research facility will improve grape production and enhance climate resilience.

On 24 July 2024, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced USD8 million in investments towards the Sustainable Agroecosystems program within the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.²⁰⁰¹ Research projects under the program aim to improve the health of ecosystems such as croplands and rangelands which are risk due to invasive species or environmental pressures.

On 31 July 2024, NIFA announced USD7.9 million in investments for agricultural microbiome research.²⁰⁰² Supported by the Agricultural Microbiomes in Plant Systems and Natural Resources program, the research aims to improve agricultural productivity, adaptation towards climate change and the sustainability of agricultural ecosystems.

On 7 August 2024, the NIFA announced USD7.4 million in investments for the “intersection between data science/artificial intelligence and agricultural areas.”²⁰⁰³ The investment aims to support the integration of new technologies in the agricultural sector and improve the management of resources.

On 10 September 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced almost USD121 million in funding for research on specialty crops and organic agriculture focused on sustainability and environmental resilience.²⁰⁰⁴ Of this, USD6.7 million will go to Washington State University to develop climate-resilient solutions for apple and pear crops and USD1.9 million will go to Pennsylvania State University to enhance the productivity and climate-resilience of small grains.

On 24 September 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced USD466.5 million in funding for international agricultural projects.²⁰⁰⁵ Of this, Food for Progress projects will focus on climate-smart agriculture and food security in Benin, Cambodia, Madagascar, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Tunisia.

On 30 September 2024, the Department of Agriculture and Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research announced that the Innovation Challenge for Agrifood breakthroughs will fund projects at the Columbia University, the University of British Columbia and From the Land LLC with a total of USD1.15 million.²⁰⁰⁶ In particular, Columbia University’s project will focus on climate-resilience and

²⁰⁰⁰ USDA and Cornell University Break Ground on National Grape Improvement Center in Geneva, New York, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2024/usda-and-cornell-university-break-ground-on-national-grape-improvement-center-in-geneva-new-york/>

²⁰⁰¹ NIFA Invests \$8M in Sustainable Agroecosystems (A1451), U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/announcements/nifa-invests-8m-sustainable-agroecosystems-a1451>

²⁰⁰² NIFA Invests \$7.9M in Agricultural Microbiome Research (A1402), U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/announcements/nifa-invests-79m-agricultural-microbiome-research-a1402>

²⁰⁰³ NIFA Invests \$7.4M in Data Science for Food and Agricultural Systems (A1541), U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 7 August 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/announcements/nifa-invests-74m-data-science-food-agricultural-systems-a1541>

²⁰⁰⁴ USDA Invests Nearly \$121M in Specialty Crops Research and Organic Agriculture Production, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 10 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/09/10/usda-invests-nearly-121m-specialty-crops-research-and-organic>

²⁰⁰⁵ USDA Invests \$466.5 Million in Food Assistance, Agricultural Development Projects Worldwide, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 24 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/09/24/usda-invests-4665-million-food-assistance-agricultural-development>

²⁰⁰⁶ USDA and FFAR Announce Innovation Challenge Projects Aimed at Catalyzing Transformative Research Solutions, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024.

sustainable rice cultivation in Puerto Rico and the University of British Columbia will focus on climate-smart coating to protect fresh produce.

On 2 October 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced up to USD7.7 billion in funding in fiscal year 2025 to support agricultural and forestry conservation.²⁰⁰⁷ Funding will enable practices and innovations for climate-resilience including cover cropping, conservation tillage and nutrient management.

On 4 October 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced USD11.04 million in funding under the Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives grant program to support the development, production and marketing of dairy products.²⁰⁰⁸ Of this, the University of Tennessee will receive USD3.45 million to enable innovative dairy practices and sustainability in farming.

On 9 October 2024, the Department of Agriculture announced USD46 million in funding for projects and grants for veteran, underserved and new farmers and ranchers.²⁰⁰⁹ Amongst these, Nirvanta Tea Inc. in Detroit will provide education and mentorship to underserved beginning farmers focused on sustainable farming and the Florida International University Board of Trustees will teach veterans and youth about climate-smart and sustainable agriculture.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations, and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity, to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. The US has made significant investments to build sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems through the Inflation Reduction Act, grants, cooperative agreements and clean energy and fertilizer projects. It has also established training for climate-smart agricultural practices.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations, and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity, to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems.

On 7 December 2023, the European Commission adopted new guidelines for agricultural sustainability agreements.²⁰¹⁰ In part, guidelines define sustainability objectives such as environmental protection, pesticide reduction, addressing antimicrobial resistance and animal health and welfare to be pursued through the agreements.

²⁰⁰⁷ Biden-Harris Administration Makes up to \$7.7 Billion Available for Climate-Smart Practices on Agricultural Lands as Part of Investing in America Agenda, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 2 October 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/10/02/biden-harris-administration-makes-77-billion-available-climate>

²⁰⁰⁸ USDA Invests more than \$11 Million to Support Resiliency in U.S. Dairy Industry, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 4 October 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/10/04/usda-invests-more-11-million-support-resiliency-us-dairy-industry>

²⁰⁰⁹ USDA Invests More Than \$46 Million for Underserved, Veteran, and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Projects Nationwide, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 9 October 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/10/09/usda-invests-more-46-million-underserved-veteran-and-beginning>

²⁰¹⁰ Commission adopts antitrust Guidelines for sustainability agreements in agriculture, European Commission (Brussels) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6370

On 8 December 2023, the Council of the EU approved a 2024 fishing deal between the EU and UK.²⁰¹¹ The deal determines the EU's fishing rights for the Atlantic and North Sea while prioritizing the long-term sustainability of fishing.

On 17 January 2024, the European Commission approved two plans by Czechia to prevent poultry and pig diseases.²⁰¹² The plans will invest EUR1.46 billion to support farmers in preventing avian influenza, salmonella, porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome and other diseases while enhancing biosecurity. This aims to improve food security and ensure access to safe food.

On 19 January 2024, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) noted that it seeks to establish the foundation for a resilient and sustainable post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that supports both farmers and society.²⁰¹³ The post-2027 CAP will focus on sustainable food production, climate-resilient agriculture, environmental impacts and diverse farming needs.

On 22 February 2024, the European Commission announced over EUR233 million for twelve environment and climate projects across Europe.²⁰¹⁴ Of these, the ACE LIFE project aims to establish carbon neutrality in Finland by 2035, in part through the reduction of agricultural emissions.

On 12 March 2024, the European Commission announced a communication that outlines ways in which the EU can mitigate climate impacts.²⁰¹⁵ This includes enhancing climate resilience through improved governance, structural policies and increased consideration of climate adaptation in natural ecosystems, water, health, food, infrastructure and the economy.

On 14 March 2024, the European Commission announced EUR50 million for small and medium-sized agricultural businesses in Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Portugal.²⁰¹⁶ Funding will be provided through Lithuania's HeavyFinance credit fund which the European Investment Fund has provided with EUR20 million in financing. This will enable agricultural producers to develop sustainable agriculture by reducing carbon emissions through soil-friendly techniques which include reduced fertilizer use and "no-till farming." In turn, this will also contribute to climate resilience and aims to enable growth and new jobs in the sector.

On 17 May 2024, the European Commission launched the Agri Sustainability Compass, an interactive online tool that provides "clear and comprehensible information" on agricultural sustainability.²⁰¹⁷ This tool aims to help farmers understand how the agricultural sector is performing based on the EU's

²⁰¹¹ Council approves EU-UK fishing deal for 2024, Council of the EU (Brussels) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/12/08/council-approves-eu-uk-fishing-deal-for-2024/>

²⁰¹² Commission approves €1.46 billion Czech State aid schemes to support prevention of spread of poultry and pig diseases, European Commission (Brussels) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_223

²⁰¹³ Shaping the future of European agriculture: the EESC calls for resilience and sustainability, European Economic and Social Committee (Brussels) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/shaping-future-european-agriculture-eesc-calls-resilience-and-sustainability>

²⁰¹⁴ Commission invests over €233 million in Strategic Environment and Climate Projects across Europe, European Commission (Brussels) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_949

²⁰¹⁵ Commission sets out key steps for managing climate risks to protect people and prosperity, European Commission (Strasbourg) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1385

²⁰¹⁶ Agricultural SMEs to get €50 million to support decarbonisation as Lithuanian fintech HeavyFinance teams up with EIF and InvestEU, European Commission (Brussels) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1435

²⁰¹⁷ Commission launches new online tool on sustainability in agriculture, European Commission (Brussels) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 7 July 2024. https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-launches-new-online-tool-sustainability-agriculture-2024-05-17_en

sustainability standards and assess which farming practices such as crop diversity and nitrates in groundwater are best suited to their needs.

On 6 September 2024, the European Investment Bank and La Banque Agricole du Sénégal signed a EUR30 million loan agreement for sustainable agricultural value chains in Senegal.²⁰¹⁸ This partnership will enable sustainability of agricultural value chains especially for cereals, horticulture, peanuts and cashews while increasing productivity and developing climate resilient agriculture.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to accelerating innovations, and investment focused on increasing agricultural productivity, to build more sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture and food systems. The EU has invested in projects for climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems to increase agricultural productivity including through funding for small and medium-sized businesses, environment and climate projects, and funding to address animal diseases.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Amoly Agarwal

²⁰¹⁸ Senegal: la Banque Agricole and EIB sign agreement to back food sovereignty with EU support, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 6 September 2024. Access Date: 18 October 2024.
<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-321-la-banque-agricole-et-la-bei-avec-le-soutien-de-l-ue-signent-un-accord-pour-appuyer-la-souverainete-alimentaire-du-senegal>

7. Digital Economy: Artificial Intelligence

“To unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks, we will work together to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI.”

New Delhi G20 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			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00 (100%)		

Background

The G20's human-centred approach to artificial intelligence (AI) started at the 2019 Osaka Summit with the endorsement of the G20 AI Principles for the responsible stewardship of trustworthy AI. During subsequent summits, G20 leaders and digital economy ministers took steps to advance innovation and human-centred AI guided by the principles, while also addressing gaps in the uneven distribution of AI capabilities. Throughout the evolution of this topic within the G20, international cooperation and governance have been key means of furthering the realized benefits, equitable outcomes, and understanding of the risks presented by AI.

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders anticipated that developing technologies would have the potential to transform the future of work, deliver greater economic opportunity and promote higher living standards.²⁰¹⁹ They predicted that new developments would create new challenges for people, governments and businesses, and noted that appropriate policy responses and international cooperation would be required to ensure that benefits from technological advancement would be inclusively shared. G20 leaders committed to support individuals during times of technological

²⁰¹⁹ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 December 2018. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

transition, address distributional challenges, and harness advancing technologies to strengthen growth and productivity.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders recognized the growing potential for AI to advance the SDGs and build sustainable and inclusive societies.²⁰²⁰ G20 leaders also acknowledged potential transition-related societal challenges and reaffirmed the need for the responsible development and use of AI. In order to “foster public trust and confidence in AI technologies and fully realize their potential,” they committed to taking a human-centred approach to AI guided by the non-binding G20 AI Principles.

The G20 AI Principles include inclusive growth, sustainable development and well-being; human-centered values and fairness; transparency and explainability; robustness, security and safety; and accountability.²⁰²¹ G20 digital economy ministers also acknowledged the guidance for policy makers aimed at “maximizing and sharing the benefits from AI, while minimizing the risks and concerns, with special attention to international cooperation and inclusion of developing countries and underrepresented populations” that were presented alongside the principles.

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders committed to continue promoting multi-stakeholder discussions to advance innovation and a human-centered approach to AI.²⁰²² They acknowledged the Examples of National Policies to Advance the G20 AI Principles, which contains national strategies and policy approaches to advance the G20 AI Principles, including investment in research, human capacity, innovation and trustworthiness. G20 digital economy ministers also emphasized the need for multi-stakeholder discussions and sharing of experiences on AI and attended the G20 AI Dialogue in 2020 on trustworthy AI in pandemic response.²⁰²³

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders committed to advance the implementation of the G20 AI Principles while considering the needs of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and start-ups to encourage competition and innovation as well as diversity and inclusion.²⁰²⁴ The benefits of digital transformation were spread unevenly across and within countries, industries, and firms, with MSMEs and larger companies in developing countries lagging.²⁰²⁵ Recognizing the need to strengthen MSMEs AI capabilities, G20 leaders welcomed the G20 Policy Examples on How to Enhance the Adoption of AI by MSMEs and Start-Ups and highlighted the importance of international cooperation through knowledge sharing and mutual learning to promote MSMEs inclusion.²⁰²⁶

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders stated their ambition to leverage AI for the public good by solving challenges in a responsible, inclusive and human-centric manner while protecting people’s rights and safety.²⁰²⁷ G20 leaders noted that to achieve this, various considerations including responsible AI development, deployment and use, human rights, transparency and explainability,

²⁰²⁰ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

²⁰²¹ G20 Ministerial Statement on Trade and Digital Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2019. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-trade.html>

²⁰²² Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

²⁰²³ Ministerial Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 January 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-digital-0722.html>

²⁰²⁴ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

²⁰²⁵ Declaration of G20 Digital Ministers: Leveraging Digitalisation for a Resilient, Strong, Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 August 2021. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/210805-digital.html>

²⁰²⁶ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

²⁰²⁷ G20 New Delhi Leader's Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

fairness, accountability, regulation, safety, human oversight, ethics, biases, privacy, and data protection would have to be addressed. G20 leaders committed “to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks [by working] together to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI.” They also reaffirmed their commitment to the G20 AI Principles and to endeavour to share information on approaches to using AI; committed to pursue a pro-innovation regulatory/governance approach that maximizes the benefits and considers the risk associated with using AI; and committed to promote responsible AI for achieving the SDGs.

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders committed “to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks [by working] together to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI.”²⁰²⁸

Definitions and Concepts

The commitment can be interpreted as having one main target, which is to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks. Compliance action can be broken down into two components: promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Both components must be fulfilled for the G20 member to receive full compliance.

“AI” refers to artificial intelligence and is defined as the study of computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act.²⁰²⁹ AI is applied to build AI systems, which are “machine-based system[s] that for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments. Different AI systems vary in their levels of autonomy and adaptiveness after deployment.”²⁰³⁰ This definition was updated in 2023 to reflect the current scientific consensus given recent technological developments, including generative AI, and may continue to change over time.²⁰³¹

“Unlock the full potential of AI” is understood to mean realizing and maximizing the potential benefits of AI, which include improving the welfare and well-being of people, contributing to positive sustainable global economic activity, increasing innovation and productivity, and helping respond to key global challenges.²⁰³²

“Equitably share [AI-related] benefits” is understood to mean broadly and fairly sharing the improvements in welfare and well-being, contributions to positive sustainable economic activity, increases in innovation and productivity, and other benefits that AI may enable.²⁰³³

²⁰²⁸ G20 New Delhi Leader’s Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 31 January 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁰²⁹ Scoping the OECD AI principles: Deliberations of the Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence at the OECD (AIGO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 15 November 2019. Access Date: 1 February 2024. https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/scoping-the-oecd-ai-principles_d62f618a-en#page1

²⁰³⁰ Updates to the OECD’s definition of an AI system explained, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 29 November 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2024. <https://oecd.ai/en/wonk/ai-system-definition-update>

²⁰³¹ Updates to the OECD’s definition of an AI system explained, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 29 November 2023. Access Date: 1 February 2024. <https://oecd.ai/en/wonk/ai-system-definition-update>

²⁰³² Recommendation of the Council on Artificial Intelligence, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 7 November 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://legalinstruments.oecd.org/en/instruments/OECD-LEGAL-0449>

²⁰³³ Recommendation of the Council on Artificial Intelligence, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 7 November 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://legalinstruments.oecd.org/en/instruments/OECD-LEGAL-0449>

“Mitigate risks” is understood to mean reducing the severity or probability of potential losses.²⁰³⁴ Risks related to AI systems include privacy-, digital security-, safety- and bias-risks. AI may also present societal challenges such as transitions in the labour market, ethical issues and new digital divides.

“Promote” means to support or renew old efforts or create new efforts in the area, to contribute to growth or prosperity of, and to help bring into being.²⁰³⁵ It does not have to be a new initiative.

“Cooperation” is defined as the action or process of working together to the same end so “international cooperation” is understood to mean the action or process of two or more countries working together to the same end.²⁰³⁶

“Further” is defined as to help forward.²⁰³⁷ It is synonymous with “promote.”

“International governance” is “the output of a non-hierarchical network of interlocking international (mostly, but not exclusively, governmental) institutions which regulate the behaviour of states and other international actors in different issue areas of world politics.”²⁰³⁸ States and other intergovernmental institutions are both the addressees and the makers of norms and rules.

General Interpretive Guidelines

Compliance action to promote international cooperation should be first order actions aimed at unlocking the full potential of AI, equitably sharing its benefits and mitigating risks. Actions can include, but are not limited to, verbal reference affirmation and assigned follow-up. For example, using internationally comparable metrics to measure AI research, development and deployment, and gathering the evidence base to assess progress on AI innovation for an international stocktaking initiative are actions that would satisfy this component. International compliance action can include, but is not limited to, international information sharing, international legalization, participation in an international organization, and international financial support. For example, working in the OECD or in other global and regional fora to share AI knowledge and support solutions in the digital economy is a largely international action that would satisfy this component.

Compliance action to further discussions on international governance for AI are a subset of the compliance actions to promote international cooperation as working on international governance is inherently cooperative. As a result, actions will count towards this component if it is directed specifically towards the development or assessment of norms, rules, standards, or some other form of output that will regulate AI-related behavior from states and other international actors. For example, pursuing an international pro-innovation regulatory or governance approach to maximize benefits while taking into accounts the risks associated with the use of AI would satisfy both this component and the previous component on promoting international cooperation.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that took actions to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI.

²⁰³⁴ G20 Ministerial Statement on Trade and Digital Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2019. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-trade.html>

²⁰³⁵ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 1 February 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁰³⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 1 February 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

²⁰³⁷ Further, Merriam-Webster. Access Date: 1 February 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/promote>

²⁰³⁸ Global Governance and the United Nations System, United Nations University Press (Tokyo) 2021. Access Date: 1 February 2024. <https://collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:2414/pdf9789280810752.pdf>

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members that took actions to promote international cooperation but not to promote further discussions on international governance for AI.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member did not take actions to promote international cooperation, including to further discussions on international governance for AI.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has not taken actions to promote international cooperation, including to further discussions on international governance for AI.
0	The G20 member has taken action to promote international cooperation but not to promote further discussions on international governance for AI.
+1	The G20 member has taken action to promote international cooperation and to promote further discussions on international governance for AI.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 20 September 2023, Argentina and the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission of the Organization of American States, organized the third Seminar on Web Accessibility and Artificial Intelligence to discuss the usage of AI and other technologies for “the full and universal participation of all, in an interconnected and digitally accessible world.” The AI panel, which included government representatives from Argentina and Colombia, discussed the potential of AI to create more inclusive experience for people with disabilities as well as the challenges and risks posed by AI and the need to agree on regulatory measures.²⁰³⁹

On 11-12 October 2023, Argentina held the first Regional Conference on Artificial Intelligence and digital sovereignty. The event was a collaboration between various Argentine ministries and organizations and aimed to carry out a comprehensive analysis of digital technologies in South America, as well as the regulatory guidelines for regional regulation of AI and digital platforms.²⁰⁴⁰

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally

²⁰³⁹ Se realizó el tercer Seminario de Accesibilidad Web e Inteligencia Artificial, Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros (Buenos Aires) 20 September 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-el-tercer-seminario-de-accesibilidad-web-e-inteligencia-artificial>

²⁰⁴⁰ Conferencia Regional: Inteligencia Artificial y Soberanía Digital (Buenos Aires) 18 October 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/conferencia-regional-inteligencia-artificial-y-soberania-digital>

interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²⁰⁴¹

On 2 May 2024, Argentina became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²⁰⁴²

On 17 May 2024, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²⁰⁴³

On 13 June 2024, the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina collaborated with the Parliamentary Track of the UN Internet Governance Forum to host the Regional Summit of Parliamentarians on Artificial Intelligence and the Latin American Agenda in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The summit explored concrete steps towards consolidating a common regional position on AI, creating appropriate regulatory frameworks, and promoting responsible innovation through a series of panel discussions.²⁰⁴⁴ Parliamentarians taking part in the summit exchanged best practices on AI legislation and cooperated to produce the “Working Document from the Regional Summit of Parliamentarians.” They recognized “the benefits of AI technologies and their potential” as well as the risk of biased decision-making and discrimination. They also called for a human-centric approach to AI governance by providing an enabling environment for ethical and positive use across borders and affirmed the importance of interoperability to enable effective international exchange and cooperation.²⁰⁴⁵

On 1 July 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/311 “Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence” by consensus. Member states resolved to bridge the gap in AI capabilities between and within countries and to enhance international cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²⁰⁴⁶

²⁰⁴¹ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²⁰⁴² Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²⁰⁴³ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²⁰⁴⁴ Regional Summit of Parliamentarians on Artificial Intelligence and the Latin American Agenda, Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/regional-summit-of-parliamentarians-on-artificial-intelligence-and-the-latin-american>

²⁰⁴⁵ Working Document from the Regional Summit of Parliamentarians on Artificial Intelligence and the Latin American Agenda, Internet Governance Forum (Geneva) 14 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/324/27812

²⁰⁴⁶ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²⁰⁴⁷

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²⁰⁴⁸

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Argentina took strong action to promote international cooperation and international AI governance by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions as well as drafting and signing the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law. Argentina’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 2 November 2023, Australia attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²⁰⁴⁹ At the summit, Australia and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²⁰⁵⁰

On 3 November 2023, Australia joined the Declaration on Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy. The US initiative creates measures to protect how AI is utilized by national militaries and calls for military usage of AI to align with obligations under humanitarian and international law by employing appropriate safeguards and adequate training for officials and other

²⁰⁴⁷ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²⁰⁴⁸ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²⁰⁴⁹ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²⁰⁵⁰ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

members of the military. Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, stated that “Australia recognizes the importance of ensuring AI technologies are developed and used responsibly in a civilian and military context [and] will continue to engage actively in the international agenda towards the responsible research, development, deployment and application of AI.”²⁰⁵¹

On 29 November 2023, Australia and the US launched a joint program known as the “Artificial Intelligence, Human-Machine Teaming, and the Future of Intelligence Analysis” with multiple workshops in Canberra, Australia. The project encouraged collaboration on intelligence approaches and focused on discovering opportunities for AI to improve intelligence analysis and further develop the intelligence business sector. The program developed a list of recommendations for intelligence communities to adopt AI in a quick, safe, and effective manner.²⁰⁵²

On 17 January 2024, Australia published an interim response to its safe and responsible AI consultation that was held in 2023. The response was developed through consultations that sought input from stakeholders including the public, advocacy groups, academic, industry, legal firms, and government agencies. The response acknowledged that AI systems and applications are supporting wellbeing, economic growth, and life quality while also highlighting concerns how regulatory frameworks do not fully address the risks of AI. Australia published policy implications that upheld four key principles, including “collaborating internationally to support safe development and deployment of AI.”²⁰⁵³

On 12 March 2024, the Australian Embassy to Korea jointly organized a symposium on the ethical use of AI to accelerate cooperation on the ethical use of artificial intelligence with the embassies of Canada, Singapore, and the United States, and the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.²⁰⁵⁴

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On 11 April 2024, Head of International, Trade and National Security, of the Department of Industry, Science, and Resources Carolyn Patterson and Director for Core Policy, Delivery and European Region at the Department for Business and Trade Gaynor Jeffery led the inaugural UK-Australia Strategic Innovation Dialogue on 8-9 April 2024. The dialogue aimed to support trade in innovative goods and

²⁰⁵¹ Australia joins declaration on safe and responsible artificial intelligence in the military, Minister for Defense (Canberra) 3 November 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/media-releases/2023-11-03/australia-joins-declaration-safe-and-responsible-artificial-intelligence-military>

²⁰⁵² SCSP and ASPI Launch a New Project on Artificial Intelligence, Human-Machine Teaming, and the Future of Intelligence Analysis, Special Competitive Studies Project (Arlington) 4 December 2023. Access date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.sscp.ai/2023/12/scsp-and-aspi-launch-a-new-project-on-artificial-intelligence-human-machine-teaming-and-the-future-of-intelligence-analysis/>

²⁰⁵³ The Australian Government’s interim response to safe and responsible AI consultation, Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/australian-governments-interim-response-safe-and-responsible-ai-consultation>

²⁰⁵⁴ Canadian Embassy in Seoul hosts symposium to promote AI ethics across Indo-Pacific region, AJU Press (Seoul) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://www.ajupress.com/view/20240312155629846>

²⁰⁵⁵ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

technologies and standards and interoperability of emerging technologies, specifically AI, was a priority area for the discussion. Both countries “reaffirm[ed] the importance of working together toward safe and responsible AI, including in key international forums, to develop the international standards necessary to secure consumer trust and industry confidence in emerging sectors.”²⁰⁵⁶

On 2 May 2024, Australia became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²⁰⁵⁷

On 17 May 2024, the European Union drafted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention) with participation of all observer states and a significant number of non-member states, including Australia. The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²⁰⁵⁸

On 21 May 2024, Australia signed three outcome documents at the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including establishing a global network of AI Safety Institutes and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²⁰⁵⁹

On 12 June 2024, representatives from Australia and the EU met virtually for their second Digital Dialogue to “promote an inclusive digital transformation and foster innovation.” During the dialogue, the partners exchanged information on AI governance including experience in developing and implementing the EU’s AI Act.²⁰⁶⁰

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²⁰⁵⁶ Joint Statement on the UK-Australia Strategic Innovation Dialogue, Australian Government: Department of Industry, Science and Resources (London) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/joint-statement-uk-australia-strategic-innovation-dialogue>

²⁰⁵⁷ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²⁰⁵⁸ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²⁰⁵⁹ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²⁰⁶⁰ The EU and Australia accelerate their digital cooperation, European Commission (Brussels) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/eu-and-australia-accelerate-their-digital-cooperation>

cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²⁰⁶¹

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²⁰⁶²

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²⁰⁶³

On 23 September 2024, Australia signed the Freedom Online Coalition Joint Statement on Responsible Government Practices for AI Technologies.²⁰⁶⁴ This statement calls on governments to develop, use, and procure AI responsibly, including by respecting international obligations and commitments, assessing impacts of AI systems, conducting ongoing monitoring, ensuring adequate human training and assessment, communicating and responding to the public, and providing effective access to remedy.

Australia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Australia took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention and signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. Australia also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI through spearheading bilateral and multilateral AI forums. Australia’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irene Hwang

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

²⁰⁶¹ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²⁰⁶² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²⁰⁶³ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²⁰⁶⁴ Joint Statement on Responsible Government Practices for AI Technologies, Freedom Online Coalition (the Hague) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://freedomonlinecoalition.com/joint-statement-on-responsible-government-practices-for-ai-technologies/>

On 16 September 2023, at the G77 and China summit, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva highlighted the importance of including developing countries in the process of developing rules for the “Fourth Industrial Revolution.” President Lula da Silva said, “Advances such as network computing, artificial intelligence, cutting-edge biotechnology and digitalization bring possibilities that, just a few decades ago, we could not even imagine. The idea of establishing a scientific panel for artificial intelligence is welcome, but it is necessary to ensure the participation of experts from the developing world.”²⁰⁶⁵

On 2 November 2023, Brazil attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²⁰⁶⁶ At the summit, Brazil and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²⁰⁶⁷

On 22 February 2024, President Lula met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who was in Rio de Janeiro for G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting. They discussed issues on the bilateral agenda, the debates that occurred in the G20, and global issues. The president reaffirmed the importance of a new global governance to deal with issues such as AI.²⁰⁶⁸

On 6 March 2024, President Lula welcomed President of Spain Pedro Sánchez during an official visit to Brazil. Speaking on the promotion of labour rights in the context of new technologies, President Lula da Silva said, “We agree on the urgency of promoting a comprehensive debate around the governance of artificial intelligence, in order to minimize risks and distribute benefits equally to all countries.”²⁰⁶⁹

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally

²⁰⁶⁵ Presidente condena embargo a Cuba e reivindica inserção de países em desenvolvimento na Quarta Revolução Industrial, Planalto (Brasília) 16 September 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/acompanhe-o-planalto/noticias/2023/09/presidente-condena-embargo-a-cuba-e-reivindica-insercao-de-paises-em-desenvolvimento-na-quarta-revolucao-industrial>

²⁰⁶⁶ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²⁰⁶⁷ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²⁰⁶⁸ President Lula receives Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Planalto (Brasília) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/president-lula-receives-russian-foreign-minister-sergey-lavrov>

²⁰⁶⁹ “Podemos comprovar a afinidade entre nossos governos”, diz Lula sobre visita do presidente da Espanha, Planalto (Brasília) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/acompanhe-o-planalto/noticias/2024/03/201cpudemos-comprovar-a-afinidade-entre-nossos-governos201d-diz-lula-sobre-visita-do-presidente-da-espanha>

interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²⁰⁷⁰

On 17 April 2024, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Luciano Santos chaired a G20 side event on “Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Social Equity and Sustainable Development,” to address the Digital Economy Working Group’s focus on “Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development and Reduction of Inequality.” The event discussed challenges arising from the uneven global distribution of AI assets and infrastructure and potential solutions.²⁰⁷¹

On 22 April 2024, ministers responsible for trade and commerce from China and Portuguese-speaking countries, including Brazil, met during the sixth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries in Macau to discuss economic and commercial cooperation. In a published action plan, ministers “agreed to support the strengthening of cooperation between participating countries interested in the fields of artificial intelligence... to promote the digital transformation of trade and investment.”²⁰⁷²

On 4 May 2024, President da Silva and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida released a joint statement where they affirmed their commitment to cooperation on AI governance.²⁰⁷³

On 6 June 2024, Vice President Geraldo Alckmin and Chinese Vice President Han Zheng met in Beijing for the Seventh Plenary Session of the High-Level Sino-Brazilian Commission on Consultation and Cooperation (COSBAN). Parties agreed that COSBAN was an opportunity to accelerate cooperation in artificial intelligence.²⁰⁷⁴

On 12 June 2024, the Brazilian National Data Protection Authority (ANPD) held a conference titled “Navigating Data Protection in the G20 Digital Economy Agenda” as a side event to the G20 Digital Economy Working Group’s 3rd meeting. According to ANPD Vice-President Arthur Sabbat, the working group could “ensure that the digital economy continues to grow in a sustainable way, benefiting all citizens and promoting a more informed and protected society.” The event focused on the protection of personal data across the working group four priority areas for the year, including AI. Representatives from Brazil spoke at the Experimental Regulation and Data Governance panel and endorsed “collective regulatory sandboxes” as integral to responsible AI innovation.²⁰⁷⁵

On 14 June 2024, President da Silva participated in the 2024 G7 Summit and spoke at the G7 working session on AI, energy, Africa and the Mediterranean. President Lula underscored ensuring an inclusive

²⁰⁷⁰ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²⁰⁷¹ Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Social Equity and Sustainable Development, G20 Brasil 2024 (Brasília) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/calendar/side-events/harnessing-artificial-intelligence-for-social-equity-and-sustainable-development>

²⁰⁷² VI Conferência Ministerial do Fórum para a Cooperação Económica e Comercial entre a China e os Países de Língua Portuguesa (Macau) Plano de Acção para a Cooperação Económica e Comercial (2024-2027), Secretariado Permanente do Fórum para a Cooperação Económica e Comercial entre a China e os Países de Língua Portuguesa (Macau) 25 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 May 2024. <https://www.forumchinapl.org.mo/pt/meeting/view/7952>

²⁰⁷³ Joint Statement on Further Strengthening the Brazil-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership, Prime Minister’s Office of Japan (Brasília) 4 May 2024. Access Date: 17 July 2024. <https://japan.kantei.go.jp/content/000147987.pdf>

²⁰⁷⁴ Minutes of the Seventh Plenary Session of the High-Level Sino-Brazilian Commission on Consultation and Cooperation (COSBAN), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brasília) 7 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-pequim/VII-COSBAN-Minutes>

²⁰⁷⁵ ANPD holds side-event to the 3rd G20 Digital Economy Working Group Meeting, National Data Protection Authority (Brasília) 14 June 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/anpd/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/anpd-holds-parallel-event-to-the-3rd-g20-digital-economy-working-group-meeting>

digital revolution, citing Brazil as “interested in a safe, transparent and liberating AI—that respects human rights, protects personal data and promotes the integrity of information; that improves the capabilities of States to adopt public policies for the environment and contributes to the energy transition.” He highlighted the importance of AI as a development tool for the Global South and for peace and advocated for international governance of AI.²⁰⁷⁶

On 12 June 2024, Brazilian parliamentarians attended a conference about “Artificial Intelligence in Parliaments” held by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile in Valparaíso, Chile. Attendees held critical discussions regarding potential ethics violations, privacy concerns, and biases that AI could introduce to parliamentary operations and sought “to contribute significantly to the ongoing discussions governance, ethics, and implementation strategies within democratic institutions.” Brazil’s parliamentarians delivered and contributed to presentations regarding AI’s impact on lawmaking; AI’s possible positive and negative effects on public trust in legislative processes; future deployment of AI technologies in parliaments; creating “legislative predictive artificial intelligence suite[s] for parliaments”; and key risks and challenges for implementing AI within parliaments.²⁰⁷⁷

On 1 July 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/311 “Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence” by consensus. Member states resolved to bridge the gap in AI capabilities between and within countries and to enhance international cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²⁰⁷⁸

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Brazil has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Brazil took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions. Brazil also took strong action to further

²⁰⁷⁶ At G7, Lula defends global AI governance, super-rich taxation, Presidency of the Republic (Brasília) 17 June 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/at-g7-lula-defends-global-ai-governance-super-rich-taxation-1>

²⁰⁷⁷ Artificial Intelligence in Parliaments: Shaping the Future of Legislative Power: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Modern Parliaments, Chamber of Deputies of Chile (Valparaíso) n.d. Access Date: 7 August 2024. https://www.camara.cl/conferenciaia/img/docs/PROGRAMME_EN.pdf

²⁰⁷⁸ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²⁰⁷⁹ GG20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²⁰⁸⁰ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

discussions on international governance for AI by organizing events under its G20 presidency and holding bilateral and multilateral dialogues. Brazil's actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²⁰⁸¹ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²⁰⁸²

On 2 November 2023, Canada attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²⁰⁸³ At the summit, Canada and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety recognizing the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighting that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²⁰⁸⁴

On 24 November 2023, following the EU-Canada Summit, the European Union and Canada issued a joint statement emphasizing their enduring partnership in advancing responsible AI development. Both pledged to collaborate on global AI governance based on risk assessment and human rights protection, while also striving to implement accountability measures for enhanced market access and safe commercialization.²⁰⁸⁵

²⁰⁸¹ G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

²⁰⁸² G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²⁰⁸³ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²⁰⁸⁴ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²⁰⁸⁵ EU-Canada Summit 2023 - Joint Statement, European Council (Brussels) 24 November 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2024 <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/11/24/canada-european-union-summit-2023-joint-statement/>

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD's Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI, 2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²⁰⁸⁶

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²⁰⁸⁷

On 31 January 2024, the UK and Canada formalized their cooperation on AI compute through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU outlines four key areas for collaboration: 1) facilitating access to AI computing capacity, 2) promoting sustainability in compute infrastructure, 3) fostering collaborative AI research projects, and 4) advancing AI talent development.²⁰⁸⁸

On 1 February 2024, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne and EU Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry Breton, convened to commence the implementation of the Canada-EU Digital Partnership established during the Canada-European Union Summit 2023. They released a joint statement affirming the partnership's role in addressing digital transformation challenges across various sectors, including AI, and plans to establish communication channels and information exchange mechanisms, with a focus on AI governance and international standards.²⁰⁸⁹

On 12 March 2024, the Canadian Embassy to Korea hosted a symposium on the ethical use of AI to accelerate cooperation on the ethical use of artificial intelligence. The event was jointly organized with the embassies of Australia, Singapore, and the United States, and the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.²⁰⁹⁰

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²⁰⁹¹

²⁰⁸⁶ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²⁰⁸⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²⁰⁸⁸ UK-Canada cooperation in AI compute: memorandum of understanding, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-canada-cooperation-in-ai-compute-memorandum-of-understanding>

²⁰⁸⁹ Canada and EU boost their strategic digital partnership to address new challenges, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2024/02/canada-and-eu-boost-their-strategic-digital-partnership-to-address-new-challenges.html>

²⁰⁹⁰ Canadian Embassy in Seoul hosts symposium to promote AI ethics across Indo-Pacific region, AJU Press (Seoul) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://www.ajupress.com/view/20240312155629846>

²⁰⁹¹ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²⁰⁹²

On 13 April 2024, Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez and the G7 transport ministers released a ministerial declaration following their meeting in Milan, Italy. In the declaration, they highlighted the potential for safe, secure, and trustworthy AI to improve transportation safety, efficiency and equity, planning and operations, predictive infrastructure maintenance, and forecasting of climate hazards and impacts. The ministers also acknowledged the potential risks of increased use of AI in transportation. They committed to “achieving an appropriate balance between fostering innovation and the need for appropriate guardrails as [they] advance [their] collective efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in the transportation sector.”²⁰⁹³

On 19 April 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly and the G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement following their meeting in Capri, Italy. They agreed to continue evaluating the diverse uses of AI to balance benefits and potential risks and acknowledged the importance of advancing efforts to ensure safe, secure and trustworthy AI, including by advancing the outcomes of the Hiroshima AI Process and fostering interoperability between governance frameworks. They also endorsed the UN General Assembly resolution “Seizing the Opportunities for Safe, Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Systems for Sustainable Development.” In addition, G7 foreign ministers acknowledged the link between AI and cybersecurity, committing to mitigate AI-related cybersecurity risks and emphasizing the importance of ensuring the cybersecurity of AI systems.²⁰⁹⁴

On 2 May 2024, Canada became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the OECD.²⁰⁹⁵

On 17 May 2024, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within

²⁰⁹² Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²⁰⁹³ The Future of Mobility: Ensuring Global Connectivity in an Uncertain World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/transport/240413-transport.html>

²⁰⁹⁴ Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

²⁰⁹⁵ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²⁰⁹⁶

On 21 May 2024, Canada signed three outcome documents at the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including operationalizing the Code of Conduct and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²⁰⁹⁷

On 25 May 2024, G7 finance ministers and central bank governors issued a communiqué to discuss multilateral cooperation on sustainable development. G7 ministers and governors committed to exchange experiences to “forge a common G7 view on how to leverage the potential of AI while closely monitoring and mitigating adverse effects and risks.” They also emphasized equipping their respective institutions to deal with AI’s effects on economies and the financial sector, with a shared focus on “macroeconomic impact and scenarios, measurement challenges, impact on fiscal policy and on financial stability, implications on the required skills of the labour force, and environmental sustainability.”²⁰⁹⁸

On 14 June 2024, G7 leaders issued a communiqué at the 2024 G7 Summit held in Apulia, Italy. G7 leaders committed to deepen cooperation to “harness the benefits and manage the risks” of AI. They aimed to achieve these goals through greater coordination on governance and regulatory frameworks to enhance interoperability and between their respective AI institutes to develop a shared understanding of risk management and to advance international standards for AI development and deployment. G7 leaders also announced plans to launch the pilot of a reporting framework around the Code of Conduct to measure progress and foster accountability at a future meeting of industry, tech, and digital ministers. Specifically regarding AI and the world of work, G7 leaders committed to “ensure that AI enables increased productivity, quality jobs, and decent work; empowers workers; fosters inclusiveness and equal opportunities in the world of work; and enhances active labor market policies” and asked labor ministers to develop an action plan to “leverage the potential of AI to enable decent work and workers’ rights, while addressing potential challenges and risks to [their] labor markets.”²⁰⁹⁹

On 1 July 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/311 “Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence” by consensus. Member states resolved to bridge the gap in AI capabilities between and within countries and to enhance international cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building

²⁰⁹⁶ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²⁰⁹⁷ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²⁰⁹⁸ <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html/>

²⁰⁹⁹ Apulia G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communication.html>

cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²¹⁰⁰

On 11 July 2024, G7 Science and Technology Ministers issued a communiqué noting that continued progress on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI required continued strategic focus on AI research, the exchange of best practices, and collaborative efforts among the G7 members. They encouraged collaboration to facilitate the development of AI applications aimed at pressing global challenges and acknowledged the importance of making the benefits of AI available to low- and middle-income countries.²¹⁰¹

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On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²¹⁰³

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Canada took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention and signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. Canada also took strong action to further discussions on international governance by signing organizing an AI symposium and participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process as well as an associated reporting framework and establishing communication channels and information exchange mechanisms. Canada’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 15 November 2023, President Xi Jinping met with US President Joe Biden to discuss US-China relations. President Xi noted that China and the US have broad common interests in a wide range of

²¹⁰⁰ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²¹⁰¹ G7 Technology Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²¹⁰² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²¹⁰³ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

areas, including AI, and that they should jointly advance mutually beneficial cooperation.²¹⁰⁴ President Xi and President Biden agreed to establish bilateral government talks on AI.²¹⁰⁵

On 18 October 2023, President Xi delivered a keynote speech at the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. President Xi said that China is “ready to increase exchanges and dialogue with other countries and jointly promote the sound, orderly and secure AI development in the world” and introduced the Global Initiative for Artificial Intelligence Governance.²¹⁰⁶ The initiative calls on countries to “enhance information exchange and technological cooperation on the governance of AI” and to “work together to prevent risks, and develop AI governance frameworks, norms and standards based on broad consensus, so as to make AI technologies more secure, reliable, controllable, and equitable.”²¹⁰⁷

On 2 November 2023, China attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²¹⁰⁸ At the summit, China and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²¹⁰⁹

On 7 December 2023, President Xi met with President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen at the 24th China-EU Summit. President Xi said that China and the EU “should conduct dialogue and cooperation on artificial intelligence... to contribute to the well-being of humanity and rise to global challenges.”²¹¹⁰

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while

²¹⁰⁴ Xi, Biden talk on strategic issues critical to China-U.S. relations, world, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 16 November 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202311/16/content_WS6555c84ec6d0868f4e8e14ba.html

²¹⁰⁵ Xi, Biden agree to establish China-U.S. gov’t talks on AI, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 16 November 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202311/16/content_WS65556305c6d0868f4e8e145a.html

²¹⁰⁶ Full text of Xi Jinping’s keynote speech at 3rd Belt and Road Forum for Int’l Cooperation, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 18 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202310/18/content_WS652fc328c6d0868f4e8e064e.html

²¹⁰⁷ Global AI Governance Initiative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 20 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

https://www.mfa.gov.cn/eng/wjdt_665385/2649_665393/202310/t20231020_11164834.html

²¹⁰⁸ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²¹⁰⁹ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²¹¹⁰ Xi urges enhanced political mutual trust, dialogue, cooperation with EU, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202312/07/content_WS6571880ac6d0868f4e8e1f78.html

preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²¹¹¹

On 2 April 2024, President Xi Jinping and United States President Joe Biden reviewed and encouraged progress on key issues discussed at the 2023 Woodside summit, including talks to address AI-related risks.²¹¹²

On 3 April 2024, the Cyberspace Administration of China and the Fujian provincial government held the China-Africa Internet Development and Cooperation Forum in Xiamen. Representatives from China and Africa recognized the need to strengthen China-Africa cooperation on AI, calling for stronger dialogue and communication to conduct exchanges on AI policy, technology, industry, application, governance, and best practices. In addition, representatives called for stronger collaboration between China and Africa with multilateral frameworks such as the UN, to enhance the representation of developing countries and support the establishment of an international AI governing institution. Representative also called for the promotion of collaborative technological research, development, transfer, and support for the development of digital infrastructure, the AI industry, and AI capacity building in Africa. Lastly, representatives highlighted the importance of supporting increased cyber and data security through the creation of “auditable, monitorable, traceable and trustworthy AI technologies.” These efforts aim to “jointly build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future in cyberspace and [to] pursue common development and shared prosperity [for] China and Africa.”²¹¹³

On 8 May 2024, President Xi and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic met in Belgrade, Serbia to “build a community with a shared future,” strengthening their preexisting strategic partnership. Serbia and China expressed desires to strengthen their bilateral cooperation on AI through “people-to-people and cultural exchanges.” As such, China agreed to support 50 Serbian scientists embarking on scientific research exchanges to China over the next three years “to ensure humanity properly develops and utilizes AI.”²¹¹⁴

On 14 May 2024, China and the United States held their first intergovernmental dialogue on AI in Geneva, Switzerland. Representatives discussed their views on AI’s risk, AI governance, and promoting socioeconomic development related to AI. China expressed that it “adheres to the concept of putting people first and ensuring that the technology is beneficial, safe and fair” and that it “supports strengthening the global governance of AI, advocates the role of the United Nations as the main channel, and stands ready to strengthen communication and coordination with the international community... to form a global framework and standards for AI governance with broad consensus.”²¹¹⁵

²¹¹¹ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²¹¹² Readout of President Joe Biden’s Call with President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/02/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-call-with-president-xi-jinping-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china/>

²¹¹³ Chair’s Statement on China-Africa Cooperation on AI, Cyberspace Administration of China (Beijing) 3 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. https://www.cac.gov.cn/2024-04/03/c_1713731793842754.htm

²¹¹⁴ China, Serbia decide to build community with shared future, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Belgrade) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/09/content_WS663ba8abc6d0868f4e8e6de8.html

²¹¹⁵ China, U.S. hold first meeting of inter-governmental dialogue on AI, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/16/content_WS664579edc6d0868f4e8e7268.html

On 16 May 2024, President Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a joint statement on deepening partnership and strategic interactions, including on AI. They expressed support for “global efforts for the healthy development of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity” and confirmed their readiness to counter AI-related threats on the internet. The two countries’ leaders agreed to establish a regular consultation mechanism to bolster cooperation in the development of AI technology, to coordinate approaches to AI regulation at international platforms, and to support each other in hosting specialized AI conferences.²¹¹⁶

On 27 May 2024, Premier of the State Council Li Qiang, President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk Yeol, and Prime Minister of Japan Kishida Fumio signed a joint declaration expressing their desire to resume the Trilateral Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting and the Trilateral ICT Ministers’ Meeting to cooperate on AI development and deployment. Additionally, leaders noted the importance of addressing AI’s impacts on people’s daily lives, pointing to multilateral communication through fora such as the AI Seoul Summit as imperative to “ensuring safe, secure, trustworthy, innovative, inclusive, and responsible AI.”²¹¹⁷

On 30 May 2024, President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech at the 10th ministerial conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum. On AI, President Xi pledged to build joint laboratories and to strengthen cooperation with Arab states on AI to “make [AI] empower the real economy and to promote a broad-based global governance system on AI.” More specifically, China and attending Arab nations agreed to build ten joint laboratories, including AI research labs.²¹¹⁸

On 6 June 2024, Vice President Han Zheng and Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin met in Beijing for the Seventh Plenary Session of the High-Level Sino-Brazilian Commission on Consultation and Cooperation (COSBAN). Parties agreed that COSBAN was an opportunity to accelerate cooperation in artificial intelligence.²¹¹⁹

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²¹¹⁶ Совместное заявление Российской Федерации и Китайской Народной Республики об углублении отношений всеобъемлющего партнерства и стратегического взаимодействия, вступающих в новую эпоху, в контексте 75-летия установления дипломатических отношений между двумя странами, President of Russia (Moscow) 16 May 2024. Translation provided Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <http://kremlin.ru/supplement/6132>

²¹¹⁷ Full Text: Joint Declaration of the 9th ROK-Japan-China Trilateral Summit, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Seoul) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/28/content_WS6655237bc6d0868f4e8e78c8.html

²¹¹⁸ Full text: President Xi’s keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 10th ministerial conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/30/content_WS66581116c6d0868f4e8e7a3e.html

²¹¹⁹ Minutes of the Seventh Plenary Session of the High-Level Sino-Brazilian Commission on Consultation and Cooperation (COSBAN), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brasilia) 7 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-pequim/VII-COSBAN-Minutes>

transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²¹²⁰ The resolution was proposed by China.²¹²¹

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China has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. China took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions A/RES/78/265 and A/RES/78/311 which China proposed. China also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by holding bilateral talks and organizing multilateral forums. China’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, particularly with African countries, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²¹²⁴ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy

²¹²⁰ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²¹²¹ UNGA adopts China-proposed resolution to enhance int'l cooperation on AI capacity-building, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 11 August 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/02/content_WS668394a7c6d0868f4e8e8c58.html

²¹²² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²¹²³ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²¹²⁴ G7 Hiroshima Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²¹²⁵

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On 30 October 2023, Germany agreed with France and Italy to enhance their cooperation on AI, aiming to strengthen their industrial collaboration in strategic areas for the European Union. The agreement emphasized promoting a shared vision of AI, advocating for innovation-friendly regulation, and fostering a competitive European AI industry.²¹²⁷

On 2 November 2023, France attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²¹²⁸ At the summit, France and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²¹²⁹

On 18 November 2023, France, Germany, and Italy agreed to propose AI regulation principles for the EU AI Act, supporting mandatory self-regulation for AI foundation models through codes of conduct. The proposal included creating “model cards” for AI transparency and suggested an AI governance body. This agreement highlighted a collaborative European approach to AI regulation.²¹³⁰

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD’s Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI,

²¹²⁵ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²¹²⁶ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²¹²⁷ Italy, Germany and France agree on strengthening their cooperation on Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (Rome) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/italy-germany-and-france-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence>

²¹²⁸ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²¹²⁹ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²¹³⁰ Exclusive: Germany, France and Italy reach agreement on future AI regulation, Reuters (Berlin) 20 November 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/technology/germany-france-italy-reach-agreement-future-ai-regulation-2023-11-18/>

2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²¹³¹

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²¹³²

On 10 December 2023, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna and Minister for Justice Eric Dupond-Moretti organized an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event brought together representatives from France, EU, and international organizations and included a roundtable discussion on new frontiers for rights, including challenges posed by information technology, digital technology, and AI.²¹³³

On 26 January 2024, President Emmanuel Macron and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi held discussions during President Macron's second state visit to India. The two leaders underlined the need for effective multistakeholder collaboration to ensure the development of a safe, trustworthy AI for the benefit of the public and innovation.²¹³⁴

On 29 February 2024, French Minister for Higher Education and Research Sylvie Retailleau and United Kingdom (UK) Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology Michelle Donelan announced a collaboration between France's National Institute for Research in Digital Science and the UK AI Safety Institute to jointly support the development of safe AI technology.²¹³⁵

On 13 March 2024, the French AI Commission submitted a report to President Macron containing 25 recommendations for public authorities to make France take a major player in the AI technological revolution. Within the 25 recommendations, seven were highlighted as priorities "if France wants to lead a dynamic of collective appropriation and deployment of the full potential of AI," including "structuring a coherent and concrete diplomatic initiative aimed at establishing global AI governance."²¹³⁶

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI

²¹³¹ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²¹³² G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²¹³³ 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) n.d. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/human-rights/75th-anniversary-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights/>

²¹³⁴ India - France Joint Statement on the State Visit of H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic, to India (25 - 26 January 2024), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37534/india++france+joint+statement+on+the+state+visit+of+he+mr+emmanuel+macron+president+of+france+republic+to+india+25++26+january+2024>

²¹³⁵ UK and France to deepen research and AI links following Horizon Association, Innovation and Technology (London) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-to-deepen-research-and-ai-links-following-horizon-association>

²¹³⁶ 25 recommandations pour l'IA en France, Service d'Information du Gouvernement (Paris) 13 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/25-recommandations-pour-lia-en-france>

Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²¹³⁷

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On 13 April 2024, Minister Delegate for Transport Patrice Vergiete and the G7 transport ministers released a ministerial declaration following their meeting in Milan, Italy. In the declaration, they highlighted the potential for safe, secure, and trustworthy AI to improve transportation safety, efficiency and equity, planning and operations, predictive infrastructure maintenance, and forecasting of climate hazards and impacts. The ministers also acknowledged the potential risks of increased use of AI in transportation. They committed to “achieving an appropriate balance between fostering innovation and the need for appropriate guardrails as [they] advance [their] collective efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in the transportation sector.”²¹³⁹

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On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²¹⁴⁹

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²¹⁴⁷ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

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On 19 September 2023, at the 78th United Nations General Assembly, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz emphasized AI's potential benefits and risks, highlighting the need for international regulations on generative AI to prevent misuse and address inequality. Chancellor Scholz's speech underscored Germany's active participation in the Global Digital Compact, aimed at fostering international cooperation.²¹⁵¹

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²¹⁵² In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²¹⁵³

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On 30 October 2023, Germany agreed with France and Italy to enhance their cooperation on AI, aiming to strengthen their industrial collaboration in strategic areas for the European Union. The agreement emphasized promoting a shared vision of AI, advocating for innovation-friendly regulation, and fostering a competitive European AI industry.²¹⁵⁵

On 2 November 2023, Germany attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²¹⁵⁶ At the summit, Germany and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing

²¹⁵¹ Speech by Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz at the 78th General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly New York, Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations (New York). <https://new-york-un.diplo.de/un-en/-/2618622>

²¹⁵² G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

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²¹⁵⁵ Italy, Germany and France agree on strengthening their cooperation on Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (Rome) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/italy-germany-and-france-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence>

²¹⁵⁶ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²¹⁵⁷

On 7 November 2023, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research presented a new AI Action Plan that contained policies and projects aimed at expanding the scope of European and international research collaborations in AI, promoting international cooperation, especially in the youth sector, to forge networks at an early stage, and actively shape the European and international dialogue on AI.²¹⁵⁸

On 8 November 2023, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research announced the European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS), as a new platform for networking among young AI researchers in Europe and internationally. This effort is a key part of Germany's AI strategy, emphasizing European cooperation in AI research.²¹⁵⁹

On 18 November 2023, France, Germany, and Italy agreed to propose AI regulation principles for the EU AI Act, supporting mandatory self-regulation for AI foundation models through codes of conduct. The proposal included creating "model cards" for AI transparency and suggested an AI governance body. This agreement highlighted a collaborative European approach to AI regulation.²¹⁶⁰

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD's Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI, 2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²¹⁶¹

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²¹⁶²

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²¹⁵⁸ BMBF-Aktionsplan „Künstliche Intelligenz“, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Berlin) 7 November 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2023.

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²¹⁶⁰ Exclusive: Germany, France and Italy reach agreement on future AI regulation, Reuters (Berlin) 20 November 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/technology/germany-france-italy-reach-agreement-future-ai-regulation-2023-11-18/>

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²¹⁶² G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

Internet Governance, and making AI principles actionable towards achieving the SDGs and strengthening human rights. Participants included policymakers, Foreign Service officials from multilateral organizations, and members from the German and European tech and academic community.²¹⁶³

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On February 7, 2024, the German government announced a comprehensive strategy focusing on international digital policy. The strategy underscores the importance of promoting human-centred and innovation-friendly rules for the digital space by supporting the development of norms, principles, and standards, particularly for new digital technologies such as AI.²¹⁶⁵

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On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²¹⁶⁷

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²¹⁶⁴ ELLIS Board Members discuss the future of AI in Europe at a workshop organized by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in Brussels, European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems 5 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://ellis.eu/news/ellis-board-members-discuss-the-future-of-ai-in-europe-at-a-workshop-organized-by-the-german-federal-ministry-of-education-and-research-bmbf-in-brussels>

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²¹⁷⁰ Die GIZ im Profil: Nachhaltige Entwicklung für eine lebenswerte Zukunft, GIZ. n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. https://www.giz.de/de/ueber_die_giz/1689.html

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²¹⁷⁷ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Communiqué (Stresa) 25 May 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/finance/240525-finance.html>

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On 11 July 2024, G7 Science and Technology Ministers issued a communiqué noting that continued progress on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI required continued strategic focus on AI research, the exchange of best practices, and collaborative efforts among the G7 members. They encouraged collaboration to facilitate the development of AI applications aimed at pressing global challenges and acknowledged the importance of making the benefits of AI available to low- and middle-income countries.²¹⁸⁰

On 12 July 2024, Germany formalized a EUR65,000 contribution to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to support the intergovernmental organization’s upcoming Global Conference on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in advancing the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The conference will bring together scientists, industry, and policymakers to examine the challenges and opportunities posed by AI in chemical disarmament and non-proliferation and “will foster dialogue among experts to ensure [that] AI is used responsibly and [will] contribute positively to global peace and security.”²¹⁸¹

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On 26 July 2024, Minister Wissing visited Slovenia to strengthen cooperation in digital and transport policy. The minister “is convinced that access to cutting-edge AI research is the key to greater competitiveness and a strong digital European internal market.” He visited the International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence and held bilateral talks with Slovenian Minister for Digital

²¹⁷⁸ Apulia G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communication.html>

²¹⁷⁹ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²¹⁸⁰ G7 Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²¹⁸¹ Germany provides €65,000 to support OPCW Conference on role of AI in Chemical Weapons Convention implementation, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (The Hague) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.opcw.org/media-centre/news/2024/07/germany-provides-eu65000-support-opcw-conference-role-ai-chemical-weapons>

²¹⁸² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

Transformation Emilija Stojmenova Duh to discuss the implementation of the AI Act and German AI initiatives.²¹⁸³

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²¹⁸⁴

Germany has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Germany took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention, signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex and Ministerial Statement as well as supporting the development of Kenya's National AI Strategy. Germany also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process, including an associated reporting framework and by funding a conference on AI risk mitigation. Germany's actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Gabriel Marquez

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 2 November 2023, India attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²¹⁸⁵ At the summit, India and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²¹⁸⁶

On 12 December 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi reasserted the necessity of working together to create a global framework for the ethical use of AI.²¹⁸⁷

²¹⁸³ Kooperation bei KI mit Slowenien, Bundesministerium für Digitales und Verkehr (Ljubljana). 26 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/DE/Artikel/K/kooperation-bei-ki-mit-slowenien.html>

²¹⁸⁴ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²¹⁸⁵ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²¹⁸⁶ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²¹⁸⁷ PM inaugurates annual Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit, Prime Minister of India (New Delhi) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-inaugurates-annual-global-partnership-on-artificial-intelligence-gpai-summit/

On 26 January 2024, Prime Minister Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron held discussions during President Macron's second state visit to India. The two leaders underlined the need for effective multistakeholder collaboration to ensure the development of a safe, trustworthy AI for the benefit of the public and innovation.²¹⁸⁸

On 13 February 2024, Prime Minister Modi and the United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held discussions in Abu Dhabi. The two leaders reiterated their continued commitment to cooperate in education and research on AI, advanced technologies, and sustainable energy.²¹⁸⁹

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled "Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development," aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²¹⁹⁰

On 22 March 2024, India and Bhutan released a joint statement following a state visit from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bhutan. They committed "to harness technologies for rapid economic growth and promoting the well-being of the two peoples" through increased engagement in digital sectors including AI.²¹⁹¹

On 2 May 2024, India became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²¹⁹²

On 21 May 2024, India signed the Seoul Ministerial Statement at the the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance that aims to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk

²¹⁸⁸ India - France Joint Statement on the State Visit of H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic, to India (25 - 26 January 2024), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37534/india++france+joint+statement+on+the+state+visit+of+the+mr+emmanuel+macron+president+of+french+republic+to+india+25++26+january+2024>

²¹⁸⁹ Joint Statement: Visit of Prime Minister to the United Arab Emirates (February 13-14, 2024), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37629/Joint_Statement_Visit_of_Prime_Minister_to_the_United_Arab_Emirates__February_1314_2024

²¹⁹⁰ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²¹⁹¹ Joint Statement on the State Visit of Prime Minister of India to Bhutan, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37740/joint+statement+on+the+state+visit+of+prime+minister+of+india+to+bhutan>

²¹⁹² Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

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Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ethan Satoshi Zingariello

Indonesia: +1

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On 2 November 2023, Indonesia attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²¹⁹⁷ At the summit, Indonesia and 27 other

²¹⁹³ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²¹⁹⁴ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²¹⁹⁵ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²¹⁹⁶ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²¹⁹⁷ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

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On 22 November 2023, Indonesian Communication and Informatics Minister Budi Arie Setiadi and Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Secretary of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) He Junke held a bilateral meeting. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration in the digital sector. Minister Setiadi encouraged cooperation between the two countries to include the latest technologies, including the application of AI.²¹⁹⁹

On 1 December 2023, Indonesia announced the launch of the SEA-LION Large Language Model (LLM) joint project with Singapore. Most LLMs are in English, creating a barrier in other language markets and concentrating technological advantages in other English-speaking countries. This project aims to collaboratively develop a language model for Indonesian use-cases and spur the development of an AI ecosystem in Southeast Asia.²²⁰⁰

On 2 February 2024, Indonesia published the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Guide on AI Governance and Ethics alongside 10 other countries. This document is meant to be a practical guide for organizations in Southeast Asia designing, developing, and deploying AI technologies. The guide encourages alignment within ASEAN and alignment with international standards and best practices.²²⁰¹

On 18 March 2024, Foreign Minister Retno Marsui spoke at the Third Democracy Summit about three steps that should be taken to ensure that AI would strengthen democracy: (1) promoting a democratic global digital governance, (2) treating AI as a global digital good that can be accessed equally, fairly, and equitably across countries, and (3) ensuring collective risk mitigation associated with the misuse of AI.²²⁰²

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²¹⁹⁸ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²¹⁹⁹ Indonesia, China intensify cooperation in digital sector, Antara News (Jakarta), 23 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/299280/indonesia-china-intensify-cooperation-in-digital-sector>

²²⁰⁰ SEA- LION Large Language Model (LLM) Project Launching, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia (Singapore) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/singapore/en/news/27333/sea-lion-large-language-model-llm-project-launching>

²²⁰¹ ASEAN Guide on AI Governance and Ethics, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Jakarta) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ASEAN-Guide-on-AI-Governance-and-Ethics_beautified_201223_v2.pdf

²²⁰² Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia: Democracy and Technology must be Forces for Good, KEMLU (Seoul) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5813/berita/foreign-minister-of-the-republic-of-indonesia-democracy-and-technology-must-be-forces-for-good>

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Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Indonesia took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions and signing the Seoul Ministerial Statement and launching an international collaboration to develop a language model. Indonesia also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by promoting governance and risk mitigation at an international summit. Indonesia’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

²²⁰³ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²²⁰⁴ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²²⁰⁵ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²²⁰⁶ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²⁰⁷ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irene Hwang

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 9 September 2023, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni held a bilateral meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the main themes of the G20 agenda and further bilateral relations. Prime Minister Meloni talked about the need to dedicate growing attention to the international regulation of AI, one of the major themes of the future Italian G7 Presidency and Prime Minister Modi agreed that this was an opportunity for G7 and G20 collaboration.²²⁰⁸

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²²⁰⁹ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²²¹⁰

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On 30 October 2023, Germany agreed with France and Italy to enhance their cooperation on AI, aiming to strengthen their industrial collaboration in strategic areas for the European Union. The agreement emphasized promoting a shared vision of AI, advocating for innovation-friendly regulation, and fostering a competitive European AI industry.²²¹²

On 2 November 2023, Italy attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²²¹³ At the summit, Italy and 27 other

²²⁰⁸ Vertice G20, incontro bilaterale con il Primo Ministro dell'India Modi, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri (Roma) 9 September 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 April 2024.

<https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-g20-incontro-bilaterale-con-il-primo-ministro-dell-india-modi/23525>

²²⁰⁹ G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

<https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hirosshima/230520-communication.html>

²²¹⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hirosshima/231030-ai.html>

²²¹¹ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hirosshima/231030-ai.html>

²²¹² Italy, Germany and France agree on strengthening their cooperation on Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (Rome) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024.

<https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/italy-germany-and-france-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence-agree-on-strengthening-their-cooperation-on-artificial-intelligence>

²²¹³ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

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On 18 November 2023, France, Germany, and Italy agreed to propose AI regulation principles for the EU AI Act, supporting mandatory self-regulation for AI foundation models through codes of conduct. The proposal included creating “model cards” for AI transparency and suggested an AI governance body. This agreement highlighted a collaborative European approach to AI regulation.²²¹⁵

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD’s Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI, 2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²²¹⁶

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²²¹⁷

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²²¹⁸

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²²¹⁵ Exclusive: Germany, France and Italy reach agreement on future AI regulation, Reuters (Berlin) 20 November 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/technology/germany-france-italy-reach-agreement-future-ai-regulation-2023-11-18/>

²²¹⁶ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²²¹⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²²¹⁸ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

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²²²⁰ The Future of Mobility: Ensuring Global Connectivity in an Uncertain World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/transport/240413-transport.html>

²²²¹ The G7 Presidency Partners with UNDP Africa to Advance AI for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (Addis Ababa) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/the-g7-presidency-partners-with-undp-africa-to-advance-ai-for-sustainable-development>

²²²² Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

²²²³ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

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²²²⁵ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²²²⁶ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Communiqué (Stresa) 25 May 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/finance/240525-finance.html>

²²²⁷ Apulia G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communique.html>

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Italy has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Italy took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention and signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. Italy also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by organizing events under its G7 presidency and participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process including an associated reporting framework. Italy’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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²²²⁸ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²²²⁹ G7 Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²²³⁰ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²³¹ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

On 8-12 October 2023, Japan hosted the 18th annual meeting of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2023), bringing together various stakeholder groups for discussions on digital public policy. The theme for IGF 2023 was “The Internet We Want - Empowering All People” and the programme was developed around eight sub-themes, including AI & Emerging Technologies.²²³²

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²²³³ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²²³⁴

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On 2 November 2023, Japan attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²²³⁶ At the summit, Japan and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²²³⁷

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD’s Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI,

²²³² IGF 2023, United Nations (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/dashboard/igf-2023>

²²³³ G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

²²³⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²²³⁵ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²²³⁶ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²²³⁷ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²²³⁸

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²²³⁹

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²²⁴⁰

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²²⁴¹

On 10 April 2024, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and United States President Joe Biden released a joint statement where they “committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process and strengthening collaboration between the national AI Safety Institutes.”²²⁴² The leaders also committed to protect against AI risks and harms from synthetic content by authenticating and labeling official government content and to future collaboration on interoperable standards, methods, and evaluations for AI safety.²²⁴³

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²²³⁸ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²²³⁹ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²²⁴⁰ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

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²²⁴² United States-Japan Joint Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/united-states-japan-joint-leaders-statement/>

²²⁴³ FACT SHEET: Japan Official Visit with State Dinner to the United States, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/fact-sheet-japan-official-visit-with-state-dinner-to-the-united-states/>

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On 27 May 2024, Prime Minister Kishida, President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk Yeol and Premier of the State Council Li Qiang signed a joint declaration expressing their desire to resume the Trilateral Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting and the Trilateral ICT Ministers’ Meeting to cooperate on AI development and deployment. Additionally, leaders noted the importance of addressing AI’s impacts on people’s daily lives, pointing to multilateral communication through fora such as the AI Seoul Summit as imperative to “ensuring safe, secure, trustworthy, innovative, inclusive, and responsible AI.”²²⁵²

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²²⁵² Full Text: Joint Declaration of the 9th ROK-Japan-China Trilateral Summit, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Seoul) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024.

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²²⁵⁶ G7 Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²²⁵⁷ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²⁵⁸ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention and signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. Japan also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process, including an associated reporting framework and holding bilateral dialogues. Japan's actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Juhyung Yun

Korea: + 1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 13 September 2023, the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) unveiled the “Nationwide AI Everyday Life Implementation Plan.” The plan allocates KRW909 billion towards implementing and integrating AI in citizens’ everyday lives and across economic sectors. The Ministry also aims to collaborate on AI technological research with top universities in Canada, EU, and US under the plan, opening “gateways for bilateral advancements and knowledge exchange.”²²⁵⁹

On 25 September 2023, MSIT introduced the Digital Bill of Rights. The bill is a charter codifying national-level standards and principles, universal rights of citizens, and responsibilities of different entities regarding a broad range of digital issues, including AI. It states that the international community has a responsibility to establish international digital norms and resolve digital disparities between countries. The bill will serve as the basis for revising existing laws and regulations, as well as guide policy adjustment across relevant ministries.²²⁶⁰

On 2 November 2023, Korea attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²²⁶¹ At the summit, Korea and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²²⁶²

On 4-5 December 2023, Korea and the United Nations held the 22nd Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues. The theme for this conference was “Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Military Domain.” The conference underscored responsible

²²⁵⁹ In the age of digital exploration, South Korea aims to achieve growth surge in hyper-scale AI towards a global model nation, Ministry of Science and ICT (Sejong City) 17 September 2023. Access Date: 6 April 2024.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=7030&type=O>

²²⁶⁰ South Korea presents a new digital order to the world, Ministry of Science and ICT (Sejong) 25 September 2023.

Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.msit.go.kr/eng/bbs/>

[view.do?sCode=eng&mId=4&mPid=2&pageIndex=&bbsSeqNo=42&nttSeqNo=878&searchOpt=ALL&searchTxt=](https://www.msit.go.kr/eng/bbs/view.do?sCode=eng&mId=4&mPid=2&pageIndex=&bbsSeqNo=42&nttSeqNo=878&searchOpt=ALL&searchTxt=)

²²⁶¹ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²²⁶² The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

technological advancement related to maintaining international peace and security, specifically through the “safe and secure design, development and use of military AI tools and applications.”²²⁶³

On 8 December 2023, National Security Advisor Cho Tae-yong and United States National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan convened for the United States-Republic of Korea Next Generation Critical and Emerging Technologies Dialogue. During the dialogue, Korea and the United States agreed to increase cooperation on international governance frameworks for AI. Korea and the United States also launched the AI Working Group, a bilateral initiative aimed at jointly developing international standards, research, and policy interoperability to foster safe and trustworthy AI.²²⁶⁴

On 12 March 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly organized a symposium on the ethical use of AI to accelerate cooperation on the ethical use of artificial intelligence with the embassies to Korea of Australia, Canada, Singapore, and the United States.²²⁶⁵

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²²⁶⁶

On 26 March 2024, Minister of Science Information and Communication Technology Jong-Ho Lee and the European Union Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton held the second meeting of the EU-Republic of Korea Digital Partnership Council. In a joint statement, they reiterated the importance of ongoing communication established under the partnership for enabling common policy frameworks for AI trustworthiness and innovation, including in the field of generative AI. Breton and Lee indicated that they would strive to exchange information on their positions ahead of the next AI Safety Summit and AI Global Forum to facilitate global governance of AI and promote trustworthy AI globally.²²⁶⁷

²²⁶³ UN, Republic of Korea Host Twenty-Second Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Focusing on Military Artificial Intelligence, United Nations (Geneva) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://press.un.org/en/2023/dc3865.doc.htm>

²²⁶⁴ JOINT FACT SHEET: Launching the U.S.-ROK Next Generation Critical and Emerging Technologies Dialogue, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/12/08/joint-fact-sheet-launching-the-u-s-rok-next-generation-critical-and-emerging-technologies-dialogue/>

²²⁶⁵ Canadian Embassy in Seoul hosts symposium to promote AI ethics across Indo-Pacific region, AJU Press (Seoul) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://www.ajupress.com/view/20240312155629846>

²²⁶⁶ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²²⁶⁷ Joint Statement of the second meeting of the European Union-Republic of Korea Digital Partnership Council, European Commission (Brussels) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/joint-statement-second-meeting-european-union-republic-korea-digital-partnership-council>

On 2 May 2024, Korea became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²²⁶⁸

On 21 May 2024, Korea co-hosted the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity, and signed three outcome documents. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including operationalizing the Code of Conduct and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²²⁶⁹

On 22 May 2024, Korea held the AI Global Forum alongside the AI Seoul Summit. The Korean government invited “high-level officials, key industry figures, and academia from various countries” to participate in various high-level roundtables and expert sessions. The forum sought to “present concrete directions for establishing new AI global governance in the future,” citing an “urgent need for an AI governance framework that can manage the risks of AI without undermining innovation and allowing the global community to harness its transformational opportunities.”²²⁷⁰

On 27 May 2024, President Yoon Suk Yeol, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Premier of the State Council Li Qiang signed a joint declaration expressing their desire to resume the Trilateral Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting and the Trilateral ICT Ministers’ Meeting to cooperate on AI development and deployment. Additionally, leaders noted the importance of addressing AI’s impacts on people’s daily lives, pointing to multilateral communication through fora such as the AI Seoul Summit as imperative to “ensuring safe, secure, trustworthy, innovative, inclusive, and responsible AI.”²²⁷¹

On 26 June 2024, Korea, Japan and the United States adopted a joint declaration for trilateral cooperation in supply chains and high-tech sectors during a meeting of commerce and industry ministers in Washington, D.C. The three countries agreed on the need to enhance cooperation to promote the responsible use of AI by their respective private sectors and to deepen discussions on establishing interoperable standards, methods, and evaluations for AI safety.²²⁷²

²²⁶⁸ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²²⁶⁹ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²²⁷⁰ About AI Global Forum, Ministry of Science and ICT and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) n.d. Access Date: 6 July 2024. <https://aiseoulsummit.kr/aigf/overview/>

²²⁷¹ Full Text: Joint Declaration of the 9th ROK-Japan-China Trilateral Summit, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Seoul) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/28/content_WS6655237bc6d0868f4e8e78c8.html

²²⁷² Joint Statement: Japan-Republic of Korea-United States Commerce and Industry Ministerial Meeting, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/06/joint-statement-japan-republic-korea-united-states-commerce-and>

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On 19 July 2024, MSIT established a research collaboration framework on international digital norms with global research institutions from Canada and the UK. “Ensuring safety, trust, and ethics in AI technology,” “responding to fake news using advanced manipulation technologies (Deepfake) based on AI,” and “improving copyright systems related to AI development and utilization are among the key policy tasks of the framework.²²⁷⁴

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²²⁷⁵

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²²⁷⁶

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Korea took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, co-hosting the AI Seoul Summit and signing its outcome documents. Korea also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by, hosting an international conference, and engaging in bilateral dialogues and information sharing initiatives. Korea’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jennifer Thompson Vandespyster

²²⁷³ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²²⁷⁴ MSIT Establishes Research Collaboration Framework to Lead in International Digital Norms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024.

<https://www.msit.go.kr/eng/bbs/view.do?sCode=eng&mPid=2&mId=4&bbsSeqNo=42&nttSeqNo=1023>

²²⁷⁵ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²⁷⁶ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 29 November 2023, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (Amexcid), the German Embassy in Mexico, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the UNESCO Chair of Diplomacy and Scientific Heritage of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (CUDH-UNAM) jointly organized the Third Scientific Diplomacy Symposium. The symposium programme included keynote conferences, a dialogue table, and workshops, and highlighted how technology advancements could revolutionize learning and working, with a special focus on AI.²²⁷⁷

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On 2 May 2024, Mexico became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²²⁷⁹

On 17 May 2024, Mexico, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²²⁸⁰

On 21 May 2024, Mexico signed the Seoul Ministerial Statement at the the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance that aims to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk

²²⁷⁷ Se realiza el Tercer Simposio de Diplomacia Científica México-Alemania, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Ciudad de México) 29 November 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 April 2024.

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/se-realiza-el-tercer-simposio-de-diplomacia-cientifica-mexico-alemania>

²²⁷⁸ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²²⁷⁹ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²²⁸⁰ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²²⁸¹

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Mexico has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Mexico took strong action to promote international cooperation and international AI governance by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting and signing the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law and signing the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Mexico did not take strong action towards furthering discussions on international AI governance. Mexico’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kristine Yang

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 23 November 2023, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko addressed the Sberbank International Conference AI Journey, emphasizing Russia’s aspiration to establish extensive

²²⁸¹ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²²⁸² Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²²⁸³ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²⁸⁴ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

intersectoral cooperation with more than 30 friendly countries by 2030 as part of Russia's updated national AI strategy.²²⁸⁵

On 24 November 2023, during the Journey to the World of Artificial Intelligence Conference, President Vladimir Putin highlighted Russia's focus on bolstering AI collaborations with partners from friendly countries. With the 2024 BRICS presidency serving as a key platform, President Putin discussed Russia's ambition to share its AI innovations, engage in critical ethical dialogues, and strive for uniform regulatory frameworks.²²⁸⁶

On 17 January 2024, President Putin announced a list of directives on AI, with some aimed at enhancing international collaboration and ethical governance in the field. The Russian government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs were tasked with developing frameworks for cooperation between Russian AI software developers and their counterparts in friendly countries. This includes creating access protocols to Russia's advanced generative AI models. Additionally, they were to ensure that topics such as the development of ethical AI standards, balanced regulation, and scientific and technical collaboration would be included on the agenda of the BRICS meetings during Russia's chairmanship in 2024.²²⁸⁷

On 1 February 2024, Russian and Chinese officials met in Beijing to discuss the military use of AI. They exchanged views on AI's role in defence. They agreed on the importance of coordinating efforts, particularly within the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems.²²⁸⁸

On 15 February 2024, President Putin signed Decree No. 124, updating Russia's AI National Strategy to 2030, with policies focusing on expanding international AI cooperation. This revision emphasizes promoting global values that ensure equitable AI development and usage rights, establishing Russia as a unified, trusted AI technology space leader, and fostering equal international trade and scientific partnerships. It seeks to strengthen Russia's role in influencing global AI policies, standards, and ethical norms while enhancing scientific partnerships and promoting Russian AI innovations and sharing best practices internationally. Significant emphasis is placed on fostering collaboration with BRICS countries. Additionally, the strategy aims for Russia to organize annual forums to discuss the ethical aspects of AI.²²⁸⁹

²²⁸⁵ Дмитрий Чернышенко: Сегодня идёт борьба мировых игроков за первенство в технологической гонке, Artificial Intelligence of the Russian Federation (Москва) 23 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://ai.gov.ru/en/mediacenter/dmitriy-chernyshenko-segodnya-idyet-borba-mirovykh-igrokov-za-pervenstvo-v-tehnologicheskoy-gonke/>

²²⁸⁶ Президент принял участие в конференции "Путешествие в мир искусственного интеллекта", Artificial Intelligence of the Russian Federation (Москва) 27 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://ai.gov.ru/en/mediacenter/prezident-prinyal-uchastie-v-konferentsii-puteshestvie-v-mir-iskusstvennogo-intellekta/>

²²⁸⁷ Перечень поручений по итогам конференции «Путешествие в мир искусственного интеллекта», Президент России (Москва) 17 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <http://kremlin.ru/acts/assignments/orders/73282>

²²⁸⁸ On Russian-Chinese consultations regarding the use of AI technologies, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1929203/

²²⁸⁹ Указ Президента Российской Федерации от 15.02.2024 № 124 "О внесении изменений в Указ Президента Российской Федерации от 10 октября 2019 г. № 490 "О развитии искусственного интеллекта в Российской Федерации" и в Национальную стратегию, утвержденную этим Указом", Официальный интернет-портал правовой информации (Москва) 15 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <http://actual.pravo.gov.ru/content/content.html#pnum=0001202402150063>

On 22 February 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov met with Brazilian President Lula da Silva in Rio de Janeiro during the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting. They discussed issues including the importance of a new global governance to deal with issues such as AI.²²⁹⁰

On 28 February 2024, a Memorandum of Cooperation focusing on AI ethics research was signed for the development of AI and robotics technologies between Iran and Russia. This agreement aims to increase technological and cultural collaboration between both countries, emphasizing the critical role of ethical considerations in AI development.²²⁹¹

On 7 March 2024, during a BRICS Contact Group meeting on Trade and Economic Issues, member countries unanimously agreed to enhance cooperation in the utilisation of AI across various trade and investment sectors. Discussions centred around collaboration through free economic zones and reaffirmed the collective readiness to tackle contemporary challenges.²²⁹²

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On 16 May 2024, President Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping issued a joint statement on deepening partnership and strategic interactions, including on AI. They expressed support for "global efforts for the healthy development of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity" and confirmed their readiness to counter AI-related threats on the internet. The two countries' leaders agreed to establish a regular consultation mechanism to bolster cooperation in the development of AI technology, to coordinate approaches to AI regulation at international platforms, and to support each other in hosting specialized AI conferences.²²⁹⁴

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²²⁹⁰ President Lula receives Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Planalto (Brasília) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/president-lula-receives-russian-foreign-minister-sergey-lavrov>

²²⁹¹ В Тегеране был подписан Меморандум о сотрудничестве России с Ираном по исследованию вопросов этики в сфере ИИ, Artificial Intelligence of the Russian Federation (Москва) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://ai.gov.ru/mediacenter/v-tegerane-by-l-podpisan-memorandum-o-sotrudnichestve-rossii-s-iranom-po-issledovaniyu-voprosov-etiki/?pageStart=23>

²²⁹² BRICS Countries Agreed to Draw Special Attention to Protection of Consumer Rights in E Commerce, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. https://en.economy.gov.ru/material/news/brics_countries_agreed_to_draw_special_attention_to_protection_of_consumer_rights_in_e_commerce.html

²²⁹³ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²²⁹⁴ Совместное заявление Российской Федерации и Китайской Народной Республики об углублении отношений всеобъемлющего партнерства и стратегического взаимодействия, вступающих в новую эпоху, в контексте 75-летия установления дипломатических отношений между двумя странами, President of Russia (Moscow) 16 May 2024. Translation provided Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <http://kremlin.ru/supplement/6132>

cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²²⁹⁵

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On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²²⁹⁷

Russia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Russia took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions. Russia also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by holding bilateral dialogues and signing an MoC. Russia’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Gabriel Marquez

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 2 November 2023, Saudi Arabia attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²²⁹⁸ At the summit, Saudi Arabia and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies

²²⁹⁵ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²²⁹⁶ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²²⁹⁷ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²²⁹⁸ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²²⁹⁹

On 31 January 2024, Minister of Communications and Information Technology Abdullah bin Amer Al-Sawaha announced Saudi Arabia's Generative Artificial Intelligence for All program launch for Digital Cooperation Organization members. The program aims to provide research and development support, increase ethical awareness, and develop governance policies for AI.²³⁰⁰ The Digital Cooperation organization, founded by Saudi Arabia, brings together fifteen member states.²³⁰¹

On 31 January 2024, the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority organized and hosted AI workshops with the Arab League and Gulf Cooperation Council.²³⁰² The workshops aimed to bolster ethical practices related to AI, regulate the technology, and contribute to sustainable regional development.²³⁰³

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On 21 May 2024, Saudi Arabia signed the Seoul Ministerial Statement at the the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance that aims to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based

²²⁹⁹ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²³⁰⁰ بالرياض المملكة تطلق مبادرة الذكاء الاصطناعي التوليدي للجميع لأعضاء منظمة التعاون الرقمي تحت، المعلومات وزارة icaire مظلة مركز (Riyadh) 31 January 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 May 2024.

<https://www.mcit.gov.sa/ar/news/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%85%D9%84%D9%83%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B7%D9%84%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B0%D9%83%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B5%D8%B7%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B9%D9%8A-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A-%D9%84%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B9-%D9%84%D8%A3%D8%B9%D8%B6%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B8%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D9%82%D9%85%D9%8A-%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%AA-%D9%85%D8%B8%D9%84%D8%A9-%D9%85%D8%B1%D9%83%D8%B2>

²³⁰¹ Governance, Digital Cooperation Organization (Riyadh) n.d. Access Date: 17 May 2024. <https://dco.org/governance/>

²³⁰² News, Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (Riyadh) n.d. Access Date: 17 May 2024. <https://sdaia.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/default.aspx?CatID=0>

²³⁰³ SDAIA Conducts Workshops on AI Ethics in Collaboration with AL, GCC, and ICAIRE, Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (Riyadh) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 17 May 2024.

²³⁰⁴ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²³⁰⁵

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Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Vivek Sapru

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

²³⁰⁵ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²³⁰⁶ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²³⁰⁷ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²³⁰⁸ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

On 1 March 2024, Premier Alan Winde discussed the importance of AI for job creation in South Africa. Premier Winde encouraged the University of Western Cape's Innovation Hub to partner with youth and develop their innovation skills in using AI.²³⁰⁹

On 5 March 2024, Minister of Transport Sindisiwe Chikunga mentioned the usage of AI to streamline the operations and transparency of international airports within South Africa.²³¹⁰

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On 3 April 2024, Ambassador to China Siyabonga Cyprian Cwele attended the China-Africa Internet Development and Cooperation Forum in Xiamen organized by the Cyberspace Administration of China and the Fujian provincial government.²³¹² Representatives from China and Africa recognized the need to strengthen China-Africa cooperation on AI, calling for stronger dialogue and communication to conduct exchanges on AI policy, technology, industry, application, governance, and best practices. In addition, representatives called for stronger collaboration between China and Africa with multilateral frameworks such as the United Nations, to enhance the representation of developing countries and support the establishment of an international AI governing institution. Representatives also called for the promotion of collaborative technological research, development, transfer, and support for the development of digital infrastructure, the AI industry, and AI capacity building in Africa. Lastly, representatives highlighted the importance of supporting increased cyber and data security through the creation of "auditable, monitorable, traceable and trustworthy AI technologies." These efforts aim to "jointly build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future in cyberspace and [to] pursue common development and shared prosperity [for] China and Africa."²³¹³

On 5 April 2024, Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies Mondli Gungubele hosted the AI Government Summit on behalf of South Africa. The intergovernmental forum brought together ambassadors and high commissioners and leaders from across the world. In his keynote address, Minister Gungubele emphasized harnessing AI for societal well-being and called upon African countries to adopt the International Telecommunications Union's AI for Good principles. As well,

²³⁰⁹ Premier Alan Winde chairs first Premier's Council on Skills, South African Government (Cape Town) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/premier-alan-winde-chairs-first-premier%E2%80%99s-council-skills-01-mar-2024>

²³¹⁰ Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga media briefing providing updates on aviation sector, South African Government (Cape Town) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-sindisiwe-chikunga-media-briefing-providing-updates-aviation-sector>

²³¹¹ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²³¹² 2024 China-Africa Internet Development and Cooperation Forum was Held in Xiamen, Cultural Exchange Organization of Presenting China to the World (Beijing) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. http://en.chinaapw.com/news_detail.php?id=913

²³¹³ Chair's Statement on China-Africa Cooperation on AI, Cyberspace Administration of China (Beijing) 3 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. https://www.cac.gov.cn/2024-04/03/c_1713731793842754.htm

the minister emphasized the need for a human-centred approach, multilateral discussions, an international governance framework, and institutional mechanisms for AI.²³¹⁴

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South Africa has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. South Africa took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions. South Africa took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by organizing an intergovernmental conference on AI. South Africa’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kristine Yang

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 2 November 2023, Türkiye attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and

²³¹⁴ Minister Gungubele’s Keynote Address at the National AI Government Summit 5 April 2024, Communications and Digital Technologies Republic of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 17 May 2024. <https://www.dcdt.gov.za/minister-s-speeches/496-minister-gungubele-s-keynote-address-at-the-national-ai-government-summit-5-april-2024.html>

²³¹⁵ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²³¹⁶ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²³¹⁷ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²³¹⁸ At the summit, Türkiye and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²³¹⁹

On 4 March 2024, Director General for International Agreements and the EU Affairs at the Ministry of Trade Hüsnü Dilemre, United States Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services for Services Neema Singh Guliani and Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the US Embassy Ankara Heather Byrnes led the first in-person meeting of the US-Türkiye Digital Dialogue. Discussions revolved around four main areas, including AI. As a result of the dialogue, Türkiye and the United States agreed to strengthen collaboration on trustworthy AI and hold technical workshops on standards and best practices for AI.²³²⁰

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On 2 May 2024, Türkiye became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.²³²²

On 17 May 2024, Türkiye, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties

²³¹⁸ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²³¹⁹ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²³²⁰ Readout of Meeting of the 2024 U.S.-Türkiye Digital Dialogue, U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Türkiye (Istanbul) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://tr.usembassy.gov/readout-of-meeting-of-the-2024-u-s-turkiye-digital-dialogue-2/>

²³²¹ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development: resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²³²² Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²³²³

On 21 May 2024, Türkiye signed the Seoul Ministerial Statement at the the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance that aims to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²³²⁴

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Türkiye has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. Türkiye took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention and signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. Türkiye also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by holding bilateral dialogues. Türkiye’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

²³²³ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²³²⁴ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²³²⁵ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²³²⁶ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²³²⁷ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

Analyst: Gayatri Varma

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²³²⁸ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²³²⁹

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On 1 November 2023, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly outlined the United Kingdom's "AI for Development" Program, which seeks to empower the use of AI in Africa. The program focuses on five current goals: 1) improving AI accessibility across African languages, 2) making five African countries influential in international debates, 3) scaling up eight African AI university research labs, 4) helping 10 African countries create AI regulatory frameworks, and (5) bringing down barriers for entry from the private sector for African AI innovators.²³³¹ The United Kingdom dedicated GBP38 million to the program.²³³²

On 2 November 2023, the United Kingdom hosted the first global AI Safety Summit to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world. Attendees included other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups.²³³³ At the summit, the United Kingdom and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based

²³²⁸ G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

²³²⁹ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²³³⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²³³¹ UK unites with global partners to accelerate development using AI, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-unites-with-global-partners-to-accelerate-development-using-ai>

²³³² UK unites with global partners to accelerate development using AI, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-unites-with-global-partners-to-accelerate-development-using-ai>

²³³³ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²³³⁴

On 2 November 2023, the United Kingdom launched the AI Safety Institute, reorganising the Frontier AI Taskforce into a permanent group. The institute will test new types of frontier AI before and after they are released to explore a broad range of potential risks and address their potentially harmful capabilities.²³³⁵

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On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²³³⁷

On 31 January 2024, the UK and Canada formalized their cooperation on AI compute through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU outlines four key areas for collaboration: 1) facilitating access to AI computing capacity, 2) promoting sustainability in compute infrastructure, 3) fostering collaborative AI research projects, and 4) advancing AI talent development.²³³⁸

On 29 February 2024, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology Michelle Donelan and French Minister for Higher Education and Research Sylvie Retailleau announced a collaboration between France's National Institute for Research in Digital Science and the UK AI Safety Institute to jointly support the development of safe AI technology.²³³⁹

On 1 February 2024, the UK government revealed the members selected for an Expert Advisory Panel to write an International AI Scientific Report. The report will bring together leading international research on AI safety to inform future AI safety summits.²³⁴⁰

²³³⁴ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²³³⁵ Prime Minister launches new AI Safety Institute, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 2 November 2023. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-new-ai-safety-institute>

²³³⁶ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²³³⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²³³⁸ UK-Canada cooperation in AI compute: memorandum of understanding, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-canada-cooperation-in-ai-compute-memorandum-of-understanding>

²³³⁹ UK and France to deepen research and AI links following Horizon Association, Innovation and Technology (London) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-to-deepen-research-and-ai-links-following-horizon-association>

²³⁴⁰ International expertise to drive International AI Safety Report, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-expertise-to-drive-international-ai-safety-report>

On 6 March 2024, the UK government sponsored the OECD-African Union (AU) AI Governance Dialogue, where members of the AU Commission discussed current gender-related AI risks and potential AI policies that could be used to empower women in Africa.²³⁴¹

On 7 March 2024, Deputy Director of the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office International Technology Department Nicole Gregory helped facilitate the OECD-African Union (AU) AI Governance Dialogue. The dialogue covered how to craft effective governance approaches, build AI capacity, unlock AI's potential benefits, and bridge the gap between applied research and governance.²³⁴²

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²³⁴³

On 18 March 2024, Minister of State in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell announced the publication of a new digital development strategy. The publication outlined four areas in which the United Kingdom plans to maximize digital opportunities while mitigating risks by 2030: (1) supporting 20 other countries to improve technology equality, such as by creating regulatory reforms or improving local organisation capacity, (2) supporting 20 other countries to create national digital services, (3) creating regulatory frameworks for responsible AI, and (4) providing digital training for at least 50 million women. Minister Mitchell stated that “a lot of countries are missing out on the opportunities [technology can] provide” and that the United Kingdom’s development strategy will help “promote affordable connectivity [and] harness the potential of AI for development.”²³⁴⁴

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally

²³⁴¹ Deliberate, inclusive AI policies to empower women in Africa, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Artificial Intelligence Policy Observatory (Paris) 8 March 2024. Assess Date: 18 March 2024. <https://oecd.ai/en/wonk/empowering-women-africa>

²³⁴² Building the foundations for collaboration: The OECD-African Union AI Dialogue, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Artificial Intelligence Policy Observatory (Paris) 12 April 2024. Assess Date: 12 May 2024. <https://oecd.ai/en/wonk/oecd-au-ai-dialogue>

²³⁴³ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

²³⁴⁴ New UK Strategy aims to improve lives through digital technology, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-strategy-aims-to-improve-lives-through-digital-technology>

interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²³⁴⁵

On 2 April 2024, Secretary Donelan and United States (US) Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo formed a partnership on AI safety by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The UK and US AI Safety Institutes plan to collaborate on AI research, safety testing, and guidance by undergoing information sharing and personnel exchanges, following through on commitments made at the AI Safety Summit.²³⁴⁶

On 11 April 2024, Director for Core Policy, Delivery and European Region at Department for Business and Trade Gaynor Jeffery and Australian Head of International, Trade and National Security, of the Department of Industry, Science, and Resources Carolyn Patterson led the inaugural UK-Australia Strategic Innovation Dialogue on 8-9 April 2024. The dialogue aimed to support trade in innovative goods and technologies and standards and interoperability of emerging technologies, specifically AI, was a priority area for the discussion. Both countries “reaffirm[ed] the importance of working together toward safe and responsible AI, including in key international forums, to develop the international standards necessary to secure consumer trust and industry confidence in emerging sectors.”²³⁴⁷

On 13 April 2024, Secretary of State for Transport Mark Harper and the G7 transport ministers released a ministerial declaration following their meeting in Milan, Italy. In the declaration, they highlighted the potential for safe, secure, and trustworthy AI to improve transportation safety, efficiency and equity, planning and operations, predictive infrastructure maintenance, and forecasting of climate hazards and impacts. The ministers also acknowledged the potential risks of increased use of AI in transportation. They committed to “achieving an appropriate balance between fostering innovation and the need for appropriate guardrails as [they] advance [their] collective efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in the transportation sector.”²³⁴⁸

On 19 April 2024, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs David Cameron and the G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement following their meeting in Capri, Italy. They agreed to continue evaluating the diverse uses of AI to balance benefits and potential risks and acknowledged the importance of advancing efforts to ensure safe, secure and trustworthy AI, including by advancing the outcomes of the Hiroshima AI Process and fostering interoperability between governance frameworks. They also endorsed the UN General Assembly resolution “Seizing the Opportunities for Safe, Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Systems for Sustainable Development.” In addition, G7 foreign ministers acknowledged the link between AI and cybersecurity, committing to mitigate AI-related cybersecurity risks and emphasizing the importance of ensuring the cybersecurity of AI systems.²³⁴⁹

On 30 April 2024, UK Spokesperson to the UN Mungo Woodfield spoke at the United Nations’ Committee on Information General Debate. In his statement, Spokesperson Woodfield discussed generative AI’s potential risk of amplifying disinformation and stated that countries must collaborate

²³⁴⁵ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²³⁴⁶ UK & United States announce partnership on science of AI safety, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-united-states-announce-partnership-on-science-of-ai-safety>

²³⁴⁷ Joint Statement on the UK-Australia Strategic Innovation Dialogue, Australian Government: Department of Industry, Science and Resources (London) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/joint-statement-uk-australia-strategic-innovation-dialogue>

²³⁴⁸ The Future of Mobility: Ensuring Global Connectivity in an Uncertain World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/transport/240413-transport.html>

²³⁴⁹ Foreign Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

to mitigate this risk: “Generative artificial intelligence... creates new risks around information manipulation... we will need to cooperate to manage these challenges and it will require an inclusive approach.”²³⁵⁰

On 2 May 2024, the UK became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the OECD.²³⁵¹

On 17 May 2024, the UK, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²³⁵²

On 21 May 2024, the UK co-hosted the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity, and signed three outcome documents. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including operationalizing the Code of Conduct and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²³⁵³

On 25 May 2024, G7 finance ministers and central bank governors issued a communiqué to discuss multilateral cooperation on sustainable development. G7 ministers and governors committed to exchange experiences to “forge a common G7 view on how to leverage the potential of AI while closely monitoring and mitigating adverse effects and risks.” They also emphasized equipping their respective institutions to deal with AI’s effects on economies and the financial sector, with a shared focus on “macroeconomic impact and scenarios, measurement challenges, impact on fiscal policy and on financial stability, implications on the required skills of the labour force, and environmental sustainability.”²³⁵⁴

²³⁵⁰ Technology is rapidly changing how we communicate, and amplifying the spread of mis and disinformation: UK statement at the UN, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/technology-is-rapidly-changing-how-we-communicate-and-amplifying-the-spread-of-mis-and-disinformation-uk-statement-at-the-un>

²³⁵¹ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024.

²³⁵² Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²³⁵³ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²³⁵⁴ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Communiqué (Stresa) 25 May 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/finance/240525-finance.html>

On 14 June 2024, G7 leaders issued a communiqué at the 2024 G7 Summit held in Apulia, Italy. G7 leaders committed to deepen cooperation to “harness the benefits and manage the risks” of AI. They aimed to achieve these goals through greater coordination on governance and regulatory frameworks to enhance interoperability and between their respective AI institutes to develop a shared understanding of risk management and to advance international standards for AI development and deployment. G7 leaders also announced plans to launch the pilot of a reporting framework around the Code of Conduct to measure progress and foster accountability at a future meeting of industry, tech, and digital ministers. Specifically regarding AI and the world of work, G7 leaders committed to “ensure that AI enables increased productivity, quality jobs, and decent work; empowers workers; fosters inclusiveness and equal opportunities in the world of work; and enhances active labor market policies” and asked labor ministers to develop an action plan to “leverage the potential of AI to enable decent work and workers’ rights, while addressing potential challenges and risks to [their] labor markets.”²³⁵⁵

On 1 July 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/311 “Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence” by consensus. Member states resolved to bridge the gap in AI capabilities between and within countries and to enhance international cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²³⁵⁶

On 11 July 2024, G7 Science and Technology Ministers issued a communiqué noting that continued progress on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI required continued strategic focus on AI research, the exchange of best practices, and collaborative efforts among the G7 members. They encouraged collaboration to facilitate the development of AI applications aimed at pressing global challenges and acknowledged the importance of making the benefits of AI available to low- and middle-income countries.²³⁵⁷

On 23 July 2024, the Competition and Markets Authority, European Commission, US Department of Justice and US Federal Trade Commission released a “Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products.” The statement discussed several aspects of fair, open, and competitive markets with respect to AI. They committed to manage risks to competitive markets, as well as other risks that may emerge as AI technology develops, including by sharing an understanding of the issues.²³⁵⁸

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20

²³⁵⁵ Apulia G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communiqué.html>

²³⁵⁶ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²³⁵⁷ G7 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²³⁵⁸ Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products, Directorate-General for Competition (Brussels) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/79948846-4605-4c3a-94a6-044e344acc33_en?filename=20240723_competition_in_generative_AI_joint_statement_COMP-CMA-DOJ-FTC.pdf

AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²³⁵⁹

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²³⁶⁰

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. The United Kingdom took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions, drafting the Framework convention, signing the Seoul Declaration and Annex and Ministerial Statement as well as by developing strategies to help international partners unlock AI benefits. The United Kingdom also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process, including an associated reporting framework and holding bilateral dialogues. The United Kingdom's actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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On 5 October 2023, Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo spoke with UK Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology Michelle Donelan. Secretary Raimondo expressed support for further cooperation between the US and the UK in promoting responsible AI development and emphasized adhering to the highest international standards of AI development and usage.²³⁶¹

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²³⁶² In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy

²³⁵⁹ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²³⁶⁰ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

²³⁶¹ Readout of Secretary Raimondo's Call with UK Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, U.S.

Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 6 October 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2023/10/readout-secretary-raimondos-call-uk-secretary-state-science-innovation>

²³⁶² G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024.

<https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

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On 30 October 2023, President Joe Biden signed Executive Order 14110 on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence. The executive order commits to promoting competition in the AI sector, mitigating threats to personal privacy and national security, and expanding bilateral, multilateral, and multi-stakeholder engagements to collaborate on AI and establish international frameworks for managing the benefits and risks of AI.²³⁶⁵

On 1 November 2023, Vice President Kamala Harris released a statement reaffirming the US' intention to continue working with international allies and partners to apply existing international regulations and norms to AI, while also working to create new regulations and norms. Vice President Harris further announced the establishment of the AI Safety Institute inside the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The AI Safety Institute will create guidelines, tools, and benchmarks to limit the risks of AI, while also increasing collaboration with international peer institutions.²³⁶⁶

On 2 November 2023, the United States attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²³⁶⁷ At the summit, the United States and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²³⁶⁸

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²³⁶³ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²³⁶⁴ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²³⁶⁵ FACT SHEET: President Biden Issues Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/10/30/fact-sheet-president-biden-issues-executive-order-on-safe-secure-and-trustworthy-artificial-intelligence>

²³⁶⁶ Political Declaration on Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy, Bureau of Arms Control, Deterrence, and Stability (Washington D.C.) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.state.gov/political-declaration-on-responsible-military-use-of-artificial-intelligence-and-autonomy/>

²³⁶⁷ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

²³⁶⁸ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

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On 8 December 2023, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and Korean National Security Advisor Cho Tae-yong convened for the US-Korea Next Generation Critical and Emerging Technologies (CET) Dialogue. During the CET Dialogue, the United States and Korea agreed to increase cooperation on international governance frameworks for AI. The United States and Korea also launched a bilateral initiative named AI Working Group, aimed at jointly developing international standards, research, and interoperability of policies to foster safe and trustworthy AI.²³⁷¹

On 30 January 2024, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, Trade Representative Katherine Tai, European Union Executive Vice President of A Europe Fit for a Digital Age and Commissioner for Competition Margrethe Vestager, EU Commissioner for Trade Valdis Dombrovskis, and EU Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton met in Washington D.C. for the fifth ministerial-level meeting of the Trade and Technology Council, a partnership focused on promoting democratic values and human rights through cooperative digital innovation and transformation. At this meeting, the European Union and the United States welcomed the International Guiding Principles of Artificial Intelligence and the G7's Code of Conduct for AI developers, towards cooperative international AI governance.²³⁷²

On 20 February 2024, Secretary Raimondo spoke with UK Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology Michelle Donelan. Secretary Raimondo underscored the importance of continued cooperation between the US and the UK in addressing issues concerning AI and copyright infringements. Secretary Raimondo also highlighted the continued partnership between the AI Safety Institute and 'K's AI Safety Institute.²³⁷³

On 4 March 2024, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services for Services Neema Singh Guliani, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the US Embassy Ankara Heather Byrnes and Turkish Director General for International Agreements and the EU Affairs at the Ministry of Trade Hünsü Dilemre led the first in-person meeting of the US-Türkiye Digital Dialogue. Discussions revolved around four main areas, including AI. As a result of the dialogue, Türkiye and the United States agreed to strengthen

²³⁶⁹ G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²³⁷⁰ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hirosshima/231206-statement.html>

²³⁷¹ JOINT FACT SHEET: Launching the U.S.-ROK Next Generation Critical and Emerging Technologies Dialogue, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/12/08/joint-fact-sheet-launching-the-u-s-rok-next-generation-critical-and-emerging-technologies-dialogue/>

²³⁷² EU and US take stock of trade and technology cooperation, European Commission (Brussels) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_24_575

²³⁷³ Readout of Secretary Raimondo's Meeting with Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology of the United Kingdom Michelle Donelan, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/02/readout-secretary-raimondos-meeting-secretary-state-science-innovation>

collaboration on trustworthy AI and hold technical workshops on standards and best practices for AI.²³⁷⁴

On 12 March 2024, the US Embassy to Korea jointly organized a symposium on the ethical use of AI to accelerate cooperation on the ethical use of artificial intelligence with the embassies of Australia, Canada, and Singapore and the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.²³⁷⁵

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²³⁷⁶

On 18 March 2024, the United States and the Czech Republic held the first bilateral Cyber Dialogue in Prague, Czech Republic. Both sides committed to continue collaboration on promoting responsible AI innovation and to increase cooperation to address the risks posed by AI in the context of cybersecurity.²³⁷⁷

On 21 March 2024, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/78/265 by consensus. The resolution, titled “Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development,” aims to leverage the potential of AI systems towards progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes cooperation to equitably share AI benefits with developing countries, including through capacity building, funding, and other forms of assistance. The resolution also encourages members to foster an enabling environment for AI systems while preventing and mitigating AI risks. It calls for international cooperation to understand and address the potential benefits and risks from AI systems and recommends that members deploy internationally interoperable technical tools, standards and practices that would enable users to identify AI-generated or manipulated content.²³⁷⁸

On 2 April 2024, President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping reviewed and encouraged progress on key issues discussed at the 2023 Woodside summit, including talks to address AI-related risks.²³⁷⁹

On 2 April 2024, Secretary Raimondo and United Kingdom Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology Michelle Donelan formed a partnership on AI safety by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The UK and US AI Safety Institutes plan to collaborate on AI research, safety testing,

²³⁷⁴ Readout of Meeting of the 2024 U.S.-Türkiye Digital Dialogue, U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Türkiye (Istanbul) 4 March 2023. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://tr.usembassy.gov/readout-of-meeting-of-the-2024-u-s-turkiye-digital-dialogue-2/>

²³⁷⁵ Canadian Embassy in Seoul hosts symposium to promote AI ethics across Indo-Pacific region, AJU Press (Seoul) 12 March 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://www.ajupress.com/view/20240312155629846>

²³⁷⁶ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

²³⁷⁷ Joint Statement on the Inaugural United States-Czech Republic Cyber Dialogue, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-inaugural-united-states-czech-republic-cyber-dialogue/>

²³⁷⁸ Seizing the opportunities of safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly, United Nations Digital Library (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4043244?ln=en&v=pdf>

²³⁷⁹ Readout of President Joe Biden’s Call with President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/02/readout-of-president-joe-bidens-call-with-president-xi-jinping-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china/>

and guidance by undergoing information sharing and personnel exchanges, following through on commitments made at the AI Safety Summit.²³⁸⁰

On 5 April 2024, Secretary Blinken, Secretary Raimondo, Trade Representative Tai, Executive Vice-President Vestager, Commissioner Dombrovskis, and Commissioner Breton reaffirmed their “commitment to a risk-based approach to artificial intelligence (AI) and to advancing safe, secure, and trustworthy AI technologies” at the sixth ministerial meeting of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC6) in Leuven, Belgium. They noted advancements “on the promise of AI for sustainable development in [their] bilateral relationship through joint research cooperation... to address global challenges for the public good” and announced a new commitment between the European AI Office and US AI Safety Institute to establish a dialogue to deepen collaboration and foster scientific knowledge exchange. In addition, the US and EU published a second edition of the Joint Roadmap on Evaluation and Measurement Tools for Trustworthy AI and Risk Management at TTC6. The roadmap aims to minimize divergence in their respective AI governance and regulatory systems, and to cooperate on interoperable and international standards. The updated version incorporates findings from stakeholder consultations and a further developed list of key AI terms with mutually accepted definitions. The United States and the European Union stated that the cooperation discussed at TTC6 would contribute to progress with the implementation of the roadmap.²³⁸¹

On 10 April 2024, President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida released a joint statement where they “committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process and strengthening collaboration between the national AI Safety Institutes.”²³⁸² The leaders also committed to protect against AI risks and harms from synthetic content by authenticating and labeling official government content and to future collaboration on interoperable standards, methods, and evaluations for AI safety.²³⁸³

On 11 April 2024, the United States and the Costa Rica released a joint statement that outlined a strategic commitment to support the development of digital infrastructure in Costa Rica at the Regional 5G Workshop. They committed to “develop a governance framework for AI that champions democratic values, human rights, and maintains a competitive, innovation-friendly ecosystem, and respects intellectual property rights, including copyrights.”²³⁸⁴

On 13 April 2024, Secretary of State for Transportation Pete Buttigieg and the G7 transport ministers released a ministerial declaration following their meeting in Milan, Italy. In the declaration, they highlighted the potential for safe, secure, and trustworthy AI to improve transportation safety, efficiency and equity, planning and operations, predictive infrastructure maintenance, and forecasting of climate hazards and impacts. The ministers also acknowledged the potential risks of increased use of AI in transportation. They committed to “achieving an appropriate balance between fostering

²³⁸⁰ UK & United States announce partnership on science of AI safety, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-united-states-announce-partnership-on-science-of-ai-safety>

²³⁸¹ U.S-EU Joint Statement of the Trade and Technology Council, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/05/u-s-eu-joint-statement-of-the-trade-and-technology-council-3/>

²³⁸² United States-Japan Joint Leaders' Statement, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/united-states-japan-joint-leaders-statement/>

²³⁸³ FACT SHEET: Japan Official Visit with State Dinner to the United States, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/10/fact-sheet-japan-official-visit-with-state-dinner-to-the-united-states/>

²³⁸⁴ Joint Statement on Enhancing Digital Economy Cooperation Between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica, US Department of State (Washington D.C) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-enhancing-digital-economy-cooperation-between-the-united-states-of-america-and-the-republic-of-costa-rica/>

innovation and the need for appropriate guardrails as [they] advance [their] collective efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in the transportation sector.”²³⁸⁵

On 19 April 2024, Secretary Blinken and the G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement following their meeting in Capri, Italy. They agreed to continue evaluating the diverse uses of AI to balance benefits and potential risks and acknowledged the importance of advancing efforts to ensure safe, secure and trustworthy AI, including by advancing the outcomes of the Hiroshima AI Process and fostering interoperability between governance frameworks. They also endorsed the UN General Assembly resolution “Seizing the Opportunities for Safe, Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Systems for Sustainable Development.” In addition, G7 foreign ministers acknowledged the link between AI and cybersecurity, committing to mitigate AI-related cybersecurity risks and emphasizing the importance of ensuring the cybersecurity of AI systems.²³⁸⁶

On 19 April 2024, US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs James O’Brien and Slovenian State Secretary Sanja Štiglic led the fourth United States-Slovenia Strategic Dialogue. They discussed the potential misuse of AI in cybersecurity and “concurred on the need for trustworthy, secure, ethical, and safe AI systems.”²³⁸⁷

On 24 April 2024, Secretary Raimondo and Kenyan Cabinet Secretary of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy Eliud Owalo issued a joint statement during the AmCham Business Summit. They acknowledged the transformative potential of AI and “the importance of harnessing the power of AI for good while mitigating its risks.” Both sides committed to identifying areas of alignment between their AI governance frameworks, including potential engagement with the US AI Safety Institute. They also intend to work together to identify opportunities for participating in AI research and international standards development, as well as how AI could help meet the needs of the Kenyan economy and advance shared priorities in key sectors.²³⁸⁸

On 2 May 2024, the United States became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the OECD.²³⁸⁹

On 14 May 2024, the United States and China held their first intergovernmental dialogue on AI in Geneva, Switzerland. Representatives discussed their views on AI risk, AI governance, and promoting socioeconomic development related to AI.²³⁹⁰ The United States reiterated the importance of “harnessing the benefits of AI for sustainable development, for developing and developed countries

²³⁸⁵ The Future of Mobility: Ensuring Global Connectivity in an Uncertain World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/transport/240413-transport.html>

²³⁸⁶ Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

²³⁸⁷ Joint Statement on the Fourth U.S. – Slovenia Strategic Dialogue, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-fourth-u-s-slovenia-strategic-dialogue/>

²³⁸⁸ Joint Statement on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Facilitating Data Flows and Empowering Digital Upskilling Between the United States Department of Commerce and the Kenyan Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 6 Aug 2024. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/04/joint-statement-harnessing-artificial-intelligence-facilitating-data>

²³⁸⁹ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²³⁹⁰ China, U.S. hold first meeting of inter-governmental dialogue on AI, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/16/content_WS664579edc6d0868f4e8e7268.html

alike” and of “ensuring [that] AI systems are safe, secure, and trustworthy in order to realize these benefits.”²³⁹¹

On 17 May 2024, the United States, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, members of the Council of Europe and the European Union adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²³⁹²

On 21 May 2024, the United States signed three outcome documents at the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including operationalizing the Code of Conduct and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²³⁹³

On 25 May 2024, G7 finance ministers and central bank governors issued a communiqué to discuss multilateral cooperation on sustainable development. G7 ministers and governors committed to exchange experiences to “forge a common G7 view on how to leverage the potential of AI while closely monitoring and mitigating adverse effects and risks.” They also emphasized equipping their respective institutions to deal with AI’s effects on economies and the financial sector, with a shared focus on “macroeconomic impact and scenarios, measurement challenges, impact on fiscal policy and on financial stability, implications on the required skills of the labour force, and environmental sustainability.”²³⁹⁴

On 8 June 2024, President Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron held discussions where both sides “recogniz[ed] the importance of promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in line with a risk-based, human-centric and innovation-friendly approach.” They reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate in the G7 to advance the Code of Conduct, including on a reporting framework around the Code of Conduct to measure progress and foster accountability.²³⁹⁵

²³⁹¹ Statement from NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on the U.S.-PRC Talks on AI Risk and Safety, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/05/15/statement-from-nsc-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-the-u-s-prc-talks-on-ai-risk-and-safety-2/>

²³⁹² Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²³⁹³ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

²³⁹⁴ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Communiqué (Stresa) 25 May 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/finance/240525-finance.html>

²³⁹⁵ French-American Roadmap, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/06/08/french-american-roadmap/>

On 14 June 2024, G7 leaders issued a communiqué at the 2024 G7 Summit held in Apulia, Italy. G7 leaders committed to deepen cooperation to “harness the benefits and manage the risks” of AI. They aimed to achieve these goals through greater coordination on governance and regulatory frameworks to enhance interoperability and between their respective AI institutes to develop a shared understanding of risk management and to advance international standards for AI development and deployment. G7 leaders also announced plans to launch the pilot of a reporting framework around the Code of Conduct to measure progress and foster accountability at a future meeting of industry, tech, and digital ministers. Specifically regarding AI and the world of work, G7 leaders committed to “ensure that AI enables increased productivity, quality jobs, and decent work; empowers workers; fosters inclusiveness and equal opportunities in the world of work; and enhances active labor market policies” and asked labor ministers to develop an action plan to “leverage the potential of AI to enable decent work and workers’ rights, while addressing potential challenges and risks to [their] labor markets.”²³⁹⁶

On 26 June 2024, the US, Korea and Japan adopted a joint declaration for trilateral cooperation in supply chains and high-tech sectors during a meeting of commerce and industry ministers in Washington, D.C. The three countries agreed on the need to enhance cooperation to promote the responsible use of AI by their respective private sectors and to deepen discussions on establishing interoperable standards, methods, and evaluations for AI safety.²³⁹⁷

On 1 July 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/78/311 “Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence” by consensus. Member states resolved to bridge the gap in AI capabilities between and within countries and to enhance international cooperation on capacity building in developing countries, “with the aim of harnessing the benefits of artificial intelligence, minimizing its risks, and accelerating innovation and progress toward the achievement of all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.” Increased capacity-building cooperation could take various forms, including policy exchanges, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and international research cooperation through shared laboratories.²³⁹⁸

On 11 July 2024, G7 Science and Technology Ministers issued a communiqué noting that continued progress on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI required continued strategic focus on AI research, the exchange of best practices, and collaborative efforts among the G7 members. They encouraged collaboration to facilitate the development of AI applications aimed at pressing global challenges and acknowledged the importance of making the benefits of AI available to low- and middle-income countries.²³⁹⁹

On 23 July 2024, the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, European Commission and the UK Competition and Markets Authority released a “Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products.” The statement discussed several aspects of fair, open, and competitive markets with respect to AI. They committed to manage risks to competitive markets, as

²³⁹⁶ Apulia G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communiqué.html>

²³⁹⁷ Joint Statement: Japan-Republic of Korea-United States Commerce and Industry Ministerial Meeting, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/06/joint-statement-japan-republic-korea-united-states-commerce-and>

²³⁹⁸ Enhancing international cooperation on capacity-building of artificial intelligence, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/197/26/pdf/n2419726.pdf>

²³⁹⁹ G7 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

well as other risks that may emerge as AI technology develops, including by sharing an understanding of the issues.²⁴⁰⁰

On 25 July 2024, Secretary Raimondo and Nigerian Minister of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy Olatunbosun Tijani issued a joint statement acknowledging the transformative potential of AI and “the importance of harnessing the power of AI for good while mitigating its risks.” Both sides committed to identifying areas of alignment between their AI governance frameworks, including potential engagement with the US AI Safety Institute and the Nigerian Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. They also intend to work together to identify opportunities for participating in AI research and international standards development, as well how AI could help meet the shared needs of their economies and advance shared priorities in key sectors.²⁴⁰¹

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²⁴⁰²

On 1 August 2024, Secretary Blinken and National Security Advisor Sullivan met Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan and Singapore Minister for Digital Development and Information Josephine Teo for the second US-Singapore Critical and Emerging Technology (CET) Dialogue in Singapore. The US and Singapore welcomed the progress that both sides had made in advancing cooperation on AI since the inaugural dialogue held last October. They also announced new plans for AI scientists from both AI Safety Institutes to meet in September 2024 to exchange insights and identify concrete projects on AI testing and evaluation.²⁴⁰³

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²⁴⁰⁴

The United States has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. The United States took strong action to promote international cooperation by agreeing to UN General Assembly resolutions and by working to develop joint initiatives to create or strengthen internationally comparable metrics to measure benefits, risks or potential of AI with the EU. In addition, the US drafted the Framework convention

²⁴⁰⁰ Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products, Directorate-General for Competition (Brussels) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/79948846-4605-4c3a-94a6-044e344acc33_en?filename=20240723_competition_in_generative_AI_joint_statement_COMP-CMA-DOJ-FTC.pdf

²⁴⁰¹ Joint Statement on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Facilitating Data Flows and Empowering Digital Upskilling Between the United States Department of Commerce and the Nigerian Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 25 July 2024. Access Date: 6 Aug 2024. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/07/joint-statement-harnessing-artificial-intelligence-facilitating-data>

²⁴⁰² G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²⁴⁰³ JOINT FACT SHEET: Second U.S.-Singapore Critical and Emerging Technology Dialogue, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/08/01/joint-fact-sheet-second-u-s-singapore-critical-and-emerging-technology-dialogue/>

²⁴⁰⁴ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

and signed the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. The United States also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process, including an associated reporting framework and organizing bilateral and multilateral dialogues. The United States' actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI.

On 30 October 2023, G7 leaders issued a statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, established during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit for discussions on generative AI under the Japanese G7 Presidency and in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).²⁴⁰⁵ In the statement, G7 leaders welcomed two documents developed through the Hiroshima AI Process: the Hiroshima Process International Guiding Principles for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Guiding Principles) and the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (the Code of Conduct). In addition, G7 leaders instructed ministers to accelerate development of the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (the Comprehensive Policy Framework) and called on organizations developing advanced AI systems to commit to the application of the Code of Conduct.²⁴⁰⁶

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On 16-17 November 2023, the European Commission and Spanish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation organized and held the 4th European AI Alliance Assembly. The topic for the Assembly was “Leading Trustworthy AI Globally,” and the event brought together policymakers and stakeholders to further the implementation of the European AI Strategy, including the future adoption of the AI Act and updating the Coordinated Plan on AI.²⁴⁰⁸

On 2 November 2023, the European Union attended the first global AI Safety Summit along with other countries, technology companies, researchers, and civil society groups to accelerate action on the safe and responsible development of frontier AI around the world.²⁴⁰⁹ At the summit, the European Union and 27 other countries signed the Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety. The declaration

²⁴⁰⁵ G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communication.html>

²⁴⁰⁶ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²⁴⁰⁷ G7 Leaders' Statement on the Hiroshima AI Process, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 October 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231030-ai.html>

²⁴⁰⁸ 4th European AI Alliance Assembly: Leading Trustworthy AI Globally, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/events/4th-european-ai-alliance-assembly-leading-trustworthy-ai-globally>

²⁴⁰⁹ AI Safety Summit, UK Government (London) n.d. Access Date: 5 April 2024. <https://www.aisafetysummit.gov.uk/>

recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing AI risks and highlighted that deepening understanding of the risks and potential actions to address the risks from frontier AI systems was especially urgent. Signing countries agreed to an agenda for addressing frontier AI risk that focused on 1) identifying and building a shared understanding of AI safety risks and 2) building risk-based policies in their respective countries, collaborating as appropriate. Signing countries also resolved to continue their cooperation and to broaden it to further countries.²⁴¹⁰

On 24 November 2023, the European Union and Canada jointly launched the EU-Canada Digital Partnership at the EU-Canada Summit 2023. The Digital Partnership “reflects a shared vision for a digital economy and society at the service of people” and advances large cooperative goals such as strengthening international cooperation on AI.²⁴¹¹

On 1 December 2023, G7 digital and tech ministers continued discussions on advanced AI systems, specifically focusing on examining opportunities and challenges throughout the AI lifecycle. G7 ministers published and endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework, an international framework aimed at promoting safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide. Elements in the Comprehensive Policy Framework include 1) the OECD’s Report towards a G7 Common Understanding on Generative AI, 2) the Guiding Principles, 3) the Code of Conduct, and 4) project-based cooperation on AI. G7 ministers also published the Work Plan to advance the Hiroshima AI Process.²⁴¹²

On 6 December 2023, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing international discussions on inclusive AI governance. They endorsed the Comprehensive Policy Framework as well as the Work Plan and reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation with the OECD and the GPAI.²⁴¹³

On 30-31 January 2024, the European Union and the United States met in Washington, DC for the fifth ministerial-level meeting of the Trade and Technology Council, a partnership focused on promoting democratic values and human rights through cooperative digital innovation and transformation. At this meeting, the European Union and the United States welcomed the International Guiding Principles of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the G7’s Code of Conduct for AI developers, towards cooperative international AI governance.²⁴¹⁴

On 1 February 2024, Commissioner Breton and Canadian Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne convened to commence the implementation of the Canada-EU Digital Partnership established during the Canada-EU Summit 2023. They released a joint statement affirming the partnership’s role in addressing digital transformation challenges across various sectors, including AI, and plans to establish communication channels and information exchange mechanisms, including on AI governance and international standards.²⁴¹⁵

²⁴¹⁰ The Bletchley Declaration by Countries Attending the AI Safety Summit, 2 November 2023, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (London) 1 November 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration/the-bletchley-declaration-by-countries-attending-the-ai-safety-summit-1-2-november-2023>

²⁴¹¹ EU and Canada launch Digital Partnership to strengthen strategic cooperation, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_5953

²⁴¹² G7 Hiroshima AI Process: G7 Digital & Tech Ministers' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2023-statement-2.html>

²⁴¹³ G7 Leaders' Statement, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 December 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/231206-statement.html>

²⁴¹⁴ EU-US Trade and Technology Council, European Commission (Brussels) n.d. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/eu-us-trade-and-technology-council_en

²⁴¹⁵ Canada and EU boost their strategic digital partnership to address new challenges, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 6 April 2024.

On 21 February 2024, the Commission Decision Establishing the European AI Office entered into force. The AI Office serves to oversee advancements in AI models, facilitate government interactions with the scientific community, and participate in investigations and testing related to AI, as well as the enforcement of regional and global AI regulations. The Office will fulfill these tasks through contributions to the European Union’s larger strategic international AI initiatives, the Commission’s policy-making processes, and the acceleration of trustworthy AI’s development, administration, and use through public, private, and start-up partnerships.²⁴¹⁶

On 15 March 2024, G7 industry, tech, and digital ministers issued a ministerial declaration. In the declaration, ministers acknowledged the need to promote and support developing countries as key partners in the safe, secure, and trustworthy development, deployment, and use of AI for sustainable development. They shared that under the Italian G7 Presidency, they were gathering ideas and identifying mechanisms, fora, and tools to support multistakeholder collaboration with developing countries, with a focus on Africa. G7 ministers also committed to further advancing the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework by following the Work Plan, including the implementation of the Principles and Code of Conduct.²⁴¹⁷

On 26 March 2024, Commissioner Breton and Korean Minister of Science Information and Communication Technology Jong-Ho Lee held the second meeting of the EU-Republic of Korea Digital Partnership Council. In a joint statement, they reiterated the importance of ongoing communication established under the partnership for enabling common policy frameworks for AI trustworthiness and innovation, including in the field of generative AI. Breton and Lee indicated that they would strive to exchange information on their positions ahead of the next AI Safety Summit and AI Global Forum to facilitate global governance of AI and promote trustworthy AI globally.²⁴¹⁸

On 5 April 2024, Executive Vice-President Vestager, Commissioner Dombrovkis, Commissioner Breton, Secretary Blinken, Secretary Raimondo and Trade Representative Tai reaffirmed their “commitment to a risk-based approach to artificial intelligence (AI) and to advancing safe, secure, and trustworthy AI technologies” at the sixth ministerial meeting of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC6) in Leuven, Belgium. They noted advancements “on the promise of AI for sustainable development in [their] bilateral relationship through joint research cooperation... to address global challenges for the public good” and announced a new commitment between the European AI Office and US AI Safety Institute to establish a dialogue to deepen collaboration and foster scientific knowledge exchange. In addition, the US and EU published a second edition of the Joint Roadmap on Evaluation and Measurement Tools for Trustworthy AI and Risk Management at TTC6. The roadmap aims to minimize divergence in their respective AI governance and regulatory systems, and to cooperate on interoperable and international standards. The updated version incorporates findings from stakeholder consultations and a further developed list of key AI terms with mutually accepted

<https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2024/02/canada-and-eu-boost-their-strategic-digital-partnership-to-address-new-challenges.html>

²⁴¹⁶ Commission Decision Establishing the European Artificial Intelligence Office, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/commission-decision-establishing-european-ai-office>

²⁴¹⁷ G7 Industry, Technology and Digital Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/ict/2024-declaration.html>

²⁴¹⁸ Joint Statement of the second meeting of the European Union-Republic of Korea Digital Partnership Council, European Commission (Brussels) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/joint-statement-second-meeting-european-union-republic-korea-digital-partnership-council>

definitions. The United States and the European Union stated that the cooperation discussed at TTC6 would contribute to progress with the implementation of the roadmap.²⁴¹⁹

On 13 April 2024, Commissioner for Transport Adina Vălean and the G7 transport ministers released a ministerial declaration following their meeting in Milan, Italy. In the declaration, they highlighted the potential for safe, secure, and trustworthy AI to improve transportation safety, efficiency and equity, planning and operations, predictive infrastructure maintenance, and forecasting of climate hazards and impacts. The ministers also acknowledged the potential risks of increased use of AI in transportation. They committed to “achieving an appropriate balance between fostering innovation and the need for appropriate guardrails as [they] advance [their] collective efforts to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI in the transportation sector.”²⁴²⁰

On 15 April 2024, Special Representative to the African Union (AU) Javier Niño Pérez attended a series of high-level meetings organized by the Italian G7 Presidency in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Attendees also included AU senior officials, African Ambassadors to the AU, and stakeholders from the private sector. The discussions provided a platform to exchange innovative strategies and insights on harnessing AI to accelerate sustainable development in Africa, including perspectives and advice from the AU.²⁴²¹

On 19 April 2024, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell and the G7 foreign ministers issued a joint statement following their meeting in Capri, Italy. They agreed to continue evaluating the diverse uses of AI to balance benefits and potential risks and acknowledged the importance of advancing efforts to ensure safe, secure and trustworthy AI, including by advancing the outcomes of the Hiroshima AI Process and fostering interoperability between governance frameworks. They also endorsed the UN General Assembly resolution “Seizing the Opportunities for Safe, Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Systems for Sustainable Development.” In addition, G7 foreign ministers acknowledged the link between AI and cybersecurity, committing to mitigate AI-related cybersecurity risks and emphasizing the importance of ensuring the cybersecurity of AI systems.²⁴²²

On 30 April 2024, Commissioner Breton, Japanese Minister for Digital Transformation Taro Kono, Japanese Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications Takeaki Matsumoto and Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy Trade and Industry Taku Ishii chaired the second meeting of the EU-Japan Digital Partnership Council. Japan and the European Union stressed the importance of furthering the Hiroshima AI Process and its outcomes that promote safe, secure and trustworthy AI and announced their intent to accelerate its outreach beyond the G7. In addition, they committed to share updated information on their respective organisations that would support the Code of Conduct. As a first step, they would share information on the AI Pact initiated by the European Commission and the AI Guidelines for Business developed by Japan. Finally, they committed to future collaboration between the Japan’s AI Safety Institute and the EU AI Office.²⁴²³

²⁴¹⁹ U.S.-EU Joint Statement of the Trade and Technology Council, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2024. Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/04/05/u-s-eu-joint-statement-of-the-trade-and-technology-council-3/>

²⁴²⁰ The Future of Mobility: Ensuring Global Connectivity in an Uncertain World, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/transport/240413-transport.html>

²⁴²¹ The G7 Presidency Partners with UNDP Africa to Advance AI for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (Addis Ababa) 15 April 2024. Access Date: 5 May 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/en/media-tools/news/the-g7-presidency-partners-with-undp-africa-to-advance-ai-for-sustainable-development>

²⁴²² Foreign Ministers' Meeting Communiqué: Addressing Global Challenges, Fostering Partnerships (Capri) 19 April 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 11 May 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240419-global-challenges.html>

²⁴²³ EU and Japan advance joint work on digital identity, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, European Commission (Brussels) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2371

On 2 May 2024, the EU became a member of the AI Process Friends Group, a voluntary set of guiding principles and code of conduct for AI systems, launched at the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level of the OECD.²⁴²⁴

On 17 May 2024, the EU, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, and members of the Council of Europe adopted the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention). The Framework Convention “aims to ensure that activities within the lifecycle of artificial intelligence systems are fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law, while being conducive to technological progress and innovation.” It binds parties within signatory jurisdictions and covers the use of AI systems by public authorities, private actors acting on behalf of public authorities, and private actors.²⁴²⁵

On 21 May 2024, the European Council delivered its final approval of Europe’s Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act), which aims to harmonize AI rules to facilitate safe and trustworthy AI systems innovations, both public and private, throughout the EU single market. The legislation follows a “risk-based” regulation model, which subjects AI systems, including general purpose AI models, to regulation levels proportional to their risk level. Governance bodies such as the AI Office, a scientific panel of independent experts, the AI Board, and an advisory forum for stakeholders will collectively enforce common AI rules across the EU, while also supplying the European Commission with technical expertise for policymaking. Additionally, the Act includes a framework for assigning penalties for AI Act infringements. Public entities must conduct fundamental rights impact assessments prior to high-risk AI systems’ deployment, ensuring transparency regarding AI systems’ development and use and preventing AI Act infringements.²⁴²⁶

On 21 May 2024, the EU signed three outcome documents at the AI Seoul Summit, a forum to advance discussion on AI governance aiming to facilitate AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. The documents include: (1) the Seoul Declaration, (2) the Seoul Statement of Intent toward International Cooperation on AI Safety Science (Annex), and (3) the Seoul Ministerial Statement. Signatories to the Seoul Declaration and Annex committed to foster international cooperation and dialogue on AI, including operationalizing the Code of Conduct and promoting common scientific understanding to align their respective policies. Additionally, they committed to “actively include a wide range of international stakeholders in conversations around AI governance.” Signatories to the Seoul Ministerial Statement agreed to collaborative actions for implementing AI safety, innovation, and inclusivity. These actions include producing evidence-based reports on AI risk and identifying risk thresholds and defining characteristics of risky AI models and systems, with the goal of developing proposals for further discussion.²⁴²⁷

On 25 May 2024, G7 finance ministers and central bank governors issued a communiqué to discuss multilateral cooperation on sustainable development. G7 ministers and governors committed to exchange experiences to “forge a common G7 view on how to leverage the potential of AI while

²⁴²⁴ Shaping Global AI Governance: Enhancements and Next Steps for the G7 Hiroshima AI Process, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 11 November 2024.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/shaping-global-ai-governance-enhancements-and-next-steps-g7-hiroshima-ai-process>

²⁴²⁵ Explanatory Report to the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 17 May 2024 Access Date: 7 July 2024.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intelligence>

²⁴²⁶ Artificial intelligence (AI) act: Council gives final green light, Council of the European Union n.d. (Brussels) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 28 June 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/05/21/artificial-intelligence-ai-act-council-gives-final-green-light-to-the-first-worldwide-rules-on-ai/>

²⁴²⁷ The Seoul Declaration by countries attending the AI Seoul Summit, 21-22 May 2024, Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Canberra) 24 May 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/seoul-declaration-countries-attending-ai-seoul-summit-21-22-may-2024>

closely monitoring and mitigating adverse effects and risks.” They also emphasized equipping their respective institutions to deal with AI’s effects on economies and the financial sector, with a shared focus on “macroeconomic impact and scenarios, measurement challenges, impact on fiscal policy and on financial stability, implications on the required skills of the labour force, and environmental sustainability.”²⁴²⁸

On 29 May 2024, the European Commission unveiled the AI Office, which “aims at enabling the future development, deployment and use of AI in a way that fosters societal and economic benefits and innovation, while mitigating risks.” The AI Office’s main responsibility is ensuring the coherent implementation of the AI Act. To this end, the AI Office will support EU Member States’ AI governance bodies by (1) directly enforcing rules for general AI models; (2) constructing “state-of-the-art codes of practice” for AI; (3) testing and analyzing general-purpose AI models; and (4) applying sanctions, when and where necessary. Additionally, the AI Office will collaborate with Member States through its work with the European Artificial Intelligence Board. The AI Office’s Scientific Panel of independent experts will direct the EU’s partnerships with the scientific community, while the Advisory Forum will act as a dedicated forum for scientific information exchange. The AI Office’s various functions and projects aim to “promote an innovative EU ecosystem for trustworthy AI,” ensuring the coherence of European governance regionally and internationally.²⁴²⁹

On 12 June 2024, representatives from the EU and Australia met virtually for their second Digital Dialogue to “promote an inclusive digital transformation and foster innovation.” During the dialogue, the partners exchanged information on AI governance including experience in developing and implementing the EU’s AI Act.²⁴³⁰

On 14 June 2024, G7 leaders issued a communiqué at the 2024 G7 Summit held in Apulia, Italy. G7 leaders committed to deepen cooperation to “harness the benefits and manage the risks” of AI. They aimed to achieve these goals through greater coordination on governance and regulatory frameworks to enhance interoperability and between their respective AI institutes to develop a shared understanding of risk management and to advance international standards for AI development and deployment. G7 leaders also announced plans to launch the pilot of a reporting framework around the Code of Conduct to measure progress and foster accountability at a future meeting of industry, tech, and digital ministers. Specifically regarding AI and the world of work, G7 leaders committed to “ensure that AI enables increased productivity, quality jobs, and decent work; empowers workers; fosters inclusiveness and equal opportunities in the world of work; and enhances active labor market policies” and asked labor ministers to develop an action plan to “leverage the potential of AI to enable decent work and workers’ rights, while addressing potential challenges and risks to [their] labor markets.”²⁴³¹

On 11 July 2024, G7 Science and Technology Ministers issued a communiqué noting that continued progress on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI required continued strategic focus on AI research, the exchange of best practices, and collaborative efforts among the G7 members. They encouraged collaboration to facilitate the development of AI applications aimed at pressing global challenges and

²⁴²⁸ G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Communiqué (Stresa) 25 May 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/finance/240525-finance.html>

²⁴²⁹ Commission establishes AI Office to strengthen EU leadership in safe and trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, European Commission (Brussels) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2982

²⁴³⁰ The EU and Australia accelerate their digital cooperation, European Commission (Brussels) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/eu-and-australia-accelerate-their-digital-cooperation>

²⁴³¹ Apulia G7 Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 June 2024. Access Date: 4 July 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240614-apulia-communique.html>

acknowledged the importance of making the benefits of AI available to low- and middle-income countries.²⁴³²

On 23 July 2024, the European Commission, UK Competition and Markets Authority, US Department of Justice and US Federal Trade Commission released a “Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products.” The statement discussed several aspects of fair, open, and competitive markets with respect to AI. They committed to manage risks to competitive markets, as well as other risks that may emerge as AI technology develops, including by sharing an understanding of the issues.²⁴³³

On 26 July 2024, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers released a ministerial declaration acknowledging that AI could provide many opportunities to workers, but also could also pose ethical concerns and risks to their rights and well-being. In addition, they noted the risk of exclusion for persons with disabilities. As a result, ministers announced that they would “establish guidelines on the use of safe, secure and trustworthy AI and automation in the workplace, with a focus on preventing algorithmic discrimination and bias.” The guidelines would be developed in accordance with the G20 AI Principles and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.²⁴³⁴

On 1 August 2024, the AI Act entered into force. The AI Act aims to harmonize AI rules to facilitate safe and trustworthy AI systems innovations, both public and private, throughout the EU single market.²⁴³⁵

On 13 September 2024, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to promote the benefits of AI and govern its risks while promoting international dialogue on the subject.²⁴³⁶

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI), equitably share its benefits, and mitigate risks by promoting international cooperation and furthering discussions on international governance for AI. The European Union took strong action to promote international cooperation by working to develop joint initiatives to create or strengthen internationally comparable metrics to measure benefits, risks or potential of AI with the US. In addition, the US drafted the Framework convention and signed the Seoul Declaration and Annex as well as the Ministerial Statement. The European Union also took strong action to further discussions on international governance for AI by participating in G7 efforts to develop global principles and codes through the Hiroshima AI Process, including an associated reporting framework and organizing bilateral and multilateral dialogues. The EU also finalized its AI Act and created an enforcement office to govern AI. The European Union’s actions demonstrated intent to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits, and mitigate its risks.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁴³² G7 Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italia (Bologna and Forli) 11 July 2024. G7 Information Centre (Toronto). Access Date: 17 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/science/2024-science.html>

²⁴³³ Joint Statement on Competition in Generative AI Foundation Models and AI Products, Directorate-General for Competition (Brussels) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/79948846-4605-4c3a-94a6-044e344acc33_en?filename=20240723_competition_in_generative_AI_joint_statement_COMP-CMA-DOJ-FTC.pdf

²⁴³⁴ G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting (Fortaleza) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240726-labour.html>

²⁴³⁵ European Artificial Intelligence Act comes into force, European Commission (Brussels) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 1 August 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_4123

²⁴³⁶ G20 Maceió Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion for All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 19 October 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/240913-digital-ministerial-declaration.html>

8. Macroeconomy: Addressing the Impacts of War

“We will unite in our endeavour to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy.”

G20 New Delhi Leaders Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia		0	
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average	+0.65 (83%)		

Background

Befitting of its inception as a forum for addressing the macroeconomic crises following the 2008 global economic recession, macroeconomic issues have historically been the core agenda item at annual G20 summits. G20 members have made macroeconomic commitments to suit domestic, regional and international trends and challenges. Examples include the 2008-2009 financial crisis, sovereign debt crises such as the Greek debt crisis and the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. In New Delhi, members highlighted the negative economic implications of the war in Ukraine.²⁴³⁷

Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine sustained high inflation rates, especially through increases in the price of energy and food prices.²⁴³⁸ Barriers to trade impacting major Russian and Ukrainian exports, which include corn, grains, oil and gas, account for much of this inflationary pressure. These inflation projections have necessitated actions by the central banks of many G20 members to disincentivize spending, notably by raising interest rates. The World Economic Forum projected in October 2023 that overall global growth would fall to 2.9 per cent, representing a marked deceleration

²⁴³⁷ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁴³⁸ Russia’s war in Ukraine will slow economic growth and increase inflation, says IMF, World Economic Forum (Geneva) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/04/war-dims-global-economic-outlook-as-inflation-accelerates/a>

from the 3.8 per cent historical average.²⁴³⁹ Emerging market and low-income economies continue to suffer disproportionately from the damaged global macroeconomy, and elevated food and fuel prices precipitated by the war exacerbates ongoing cost-of-living crises especially affecting low-income households across the world.²⁴⁴⁰

At the 2008 Washington Summit, G20 members committed to address the underlying catalysts of “serious challenges to the world economy and financial markets.”²⁴⁴¹ They pledged to use monetary and fiscal levers to incentivize spending and jump-start the global economy, directly addressing the 2008 recession. Further, members committed in Washington to accelerate the reform of international financial markets and institutions, setting out immediate and medium-term targets in an “Action Plan to Implement Principles for Reform.”²⁴⁴² These pledges included, inter alia, not to raise tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, to incentivize banks to employ strengthened risk management policies and to forward international financial institution (IFI) reform.

At the 2009 London Summit, G20 members agreed to a “Global Plan for Recovery and Reform” encompassing structural responses to the recessionary economic situation.²⁴⁴³ Members committed to replacing the Financial Stability Forum with the Financial Stability Board (FSB), holding a broader mandate and increased membership. They pledged to introduce over USD1 trillion in new spending for multilateral development banks, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), concessional financing and international reserve assets. They touched upon ongoing domestic efforts to address the recession, including fiscal stimulus packages and expansionary monetary policies from central banks.

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, members recounted the impacts of policies agreed to earlier the same year in London, and announced a new “Framework for Strong, Sustainable, and Balanced Growth” to expand upon coordinated international recovery efforts.²⁴⁴⁴ Provisions included IMF modernization and reform, strengthening financial regulations against high-risk capital flows and facilitating a “green recovery” conscious of climate change and planetary health.

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, members re-committed to the “Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth,” pledging to work towards an economic recovery that responds to the volatility of the 2008 financial crisis.²⁴⁴⁵ Priority commitments included the expansion of free trade, IFI reform and international standards for prudent financial risk management, especially in cooperation with the FSB.

²⁴³⁹ Resilient Global Economy Still Limping Along, With Growing Divergences, International Monetary Fund (Washington) 10 October 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.imf.org/en/Blogs/Articles/2023/10/10/resilient-global-economy-still-limping-along-with-growing-divergences>

²⁴⁴⁰ Resilient Global Economy Still Limping Along, With Growing Divergences, International Monetary Fund (Washington) 10 October 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.imf.org/en/Blogs/Articles/2023/10/10/resilient-global-economy-still-limping-along-with-growing-divergences>

²⁴⁴¹ Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>

²⁴⁴² Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>

²⁴⁴³ Global Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.html>

²⁴⁴⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

²⁴⁴⁵ G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, members announced the Seoul Action Plan to coordinate domestic actions towards shared macroeconomic objectives.²⁴⁴⁶ New initiatives included the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth, a policy initiative promoting global economic rebalancing via stronger economic growth in low-income countries, as well as new mutually agreed financial regulatory standards and a Financial Inclusion Action Plan to strengthen “access to financial services and expanding opportunities for poor households and small and medium enterprises.”²⁴⁴⁷

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, members reckoned with a “weakened” global recovery characterized by “unacceptable levels” of unemployment, persisting disparities in global economic development and risks to the health of financial markets and emerging economies.²⁴⁴⁸ Leaders committed to the “Action plan for Growth and Jobs,” emphasizing stronger social protection and job creation, IFI reform, macroeconomic resilience and pointed to action to prevent financial firms from becoming “too big to fail” and necessitating government bailouts.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 members announced the Los Cabos Growth and Jobs Action Plan, furthering commitments made at previous summits to “support growth and foster financial stability in order to create high quality jobs and opportunities for all of our citizens.”²⁴⁴⁹ The Leader’s Statement further refers to the Greek debt crisis, emphasizing that G20 members who also use the Euro will work with the Greek government to avert financial catastrophe, and will further act domestically to safeguard fiscal sustainability.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 members took material steps to spur on global growth in the context of a “slow, uneven” global recovery process.²⁴⁵⁰ Key policies include endorsing the Global Infrastructure Initiative and committing to develop a Global Infrastructure Hub, committing to release a Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) plan by 2015 in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and further coordinated efforts to facilitate job creation. The IMF and OECD projected that the commitments made in Brisbane, if fully realized, would increase growth beyond the two per cent target rate for G20 gross domestic product growth by 2018.

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 members developed a list of new policies, action plans and international standards to further rectify an imbalanced and laggardly global economic recovery.²⁴⁵¹ Agreements include new Principles on Corporate Governance developed jointly with the OECD and a Framework on Promoting Quality Jobs. G20 members also endorsed the Antalya Action, a three-pronged approach to stronger, sustainable and balanced growth, involving a global monitoring system to ensure commitment compliance, country-specific investment strategies and efforts to rectify both micro- and macroeconomic global inequalities.

²⁴⁴⁶ G20 Seoul Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.html>

²⁴⁴⁷ G20 Seoul Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.html>

²⁴⁴⁸ Cannes Summit Final Declaration – Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

²⁴⁴⁹ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

²⁴⁵⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁴⁵¹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communiqué.html>

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 members introduced the Hangzhou Consensus, a policy package oriented towards “strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.”²⁴⁵² The newly introduced policies engage particularly with “downside risks” of the global economic recovery, and contain four pillars: Vision (focusing on sustainable development and the economic payoffs thereof), Integration (focusing on the interrelations between different economic domains), Openness (the promotion of free and fair trade and rebuke of protectionism) and Inclusiveness (rectifying micro- and macroeconomic disparities, especially those disproportionately affecting marginalized groups worldwide).

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 members discussed the massive economic shocks precipitated by the Covid-19 pandemic.²⁴⁵³ Particularly, in their communiqué, G20 members endorsed actions to suspend bilateral debt servicing payments from developing countries until June 2021, and further committed to facilitate just recoveries for economic sectors that contracted during the pandemic, such as tourism. Given the “role of extensive immunization as a public good,” and further as a facilitator of economic openness and thus recovery, G20 members endorsed improvements to the quality and quantity of Covid-19 treatments and/or vaccines.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders addressed multiple layering economic crises, as the economic shocks from Covid-19 combine with the economic shocks resulting from the war in Ukraine.²⁴⁵⁴ Leaders committed to action targeted towards particular issue areas and industries most affected by this economic crisis, such as food security and energy, with view to achieving their corresponding Sustainable Development Goals.

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 members pledged to “address the adverse effects of the war on the global economy.”²⁴⁵⁵

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi summit, leaders committed to “unite in [their] endeavour to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy.”²⁴⁵⁶

Definitions and Concepts

“To unite” is defined as “to join together as a group.”²⁴⁵⁷ In the context of the commitment, this would be interpreted to mean G20 members cooperating in their actions.

“To endeavour” is defined as “an attempt to do something.”²⁴⁵⁸ In the context of the commitment, this refers to actions undertaken by G20 members.

²⁴⁵² G20 Leader’s Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqué.html>

²⁴⁵³ Leader’s Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access date: 21 November 2020. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

²⁴⁵⁴ G20 Bali Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

²⁴⁵⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 5 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁴⁵⁶ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁴⁵⁷ Unite, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 11 March 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/adverse>

²⁴⁵⁸ Endeavour, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/adverse>

“To address” is defined as to “give attention to or deal with a matter or problem.”²⁴⁵⁹ In the context of the commitment, the matter would be the economic impact of the war in Ukraine.

“Adverse” is defined as “having a negative or harmful effect.”²⁴⁶⁰ In the context of the commitment, adverse impacts refer to any harmful economic impact as a result of the war in Ukraine.

“War” is understood to mean the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukrainian territory.²⁴⁶¹

“Global economy” is defined as “the system of industry and trade around the world.”²⁴⁶² In the context of the commitment, the “global economy” should be thought of as referring to all economic activity that has an international impact.

General Interpretive Guidelines

This commitment has one welfare target, interpreted as aiming to stabilize the global economy, in light of the adverse economic impacts Russia’s war against Ukraine has had on the global economy. The commitment does not identify specific instruments by which G20 members will achieve this goal. Thus, compliant actions are open-ended, so long as they endeavour to address the welfare target. This report applies a breadth and depth analysis whereby G20 members must take several strong actions to achieve a rating for full compliance. Some, but fewer and relatively weaker action, will result in a rating for partial compliance. “Several” is defined as at least four, and “a few” is defined as at least three.

Further, the language of “unite” suggests that the G20 members have agreed to act as a group rather than exclusively unilaterally. And the language of “global economy” indicates an intent to take international action rather than exclusively domestic action. Thus, to satisfy the full compliance criteria, at least one of the actions the G20 member takes, must be collective and global, such as addressing global food or energy prices.

Thus, guided by the leaders New Delhi communiqué, strong action to address adverse impacts of the war on the global economy can include actions that: address global food prices, such as secure supply chains for grains, fertilizers and foodstuffs; address global energy prices, such as by diversifying energy sources; curb domestic inflation and its impact on the global economy; assist developing countries heavily impacted by economic instability; implement appropriate monetary policies; economic sanctions; etc.

Less than strong action includes diplomatic relations or meetings where discussions are held to address the war’s impacts, political speeches and “peer pressure,” reiterations of promises of future actions.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that take strong actions in at least three of the commitment’s dimensions aimed at reducing or mitigating the adverse impact of the war in Ukraine on global food or energy supply chains or work towards tackling inflation or supply aid meant to assist developing countries economically. Strong actions include the purchase of Ukrainian and Russian foodstuffs, increased production of LNGs and/or products such as grain, shifts towards domestic energy sources such as hydro or wind, and investments into the economy of developing countries such as investments in key industries.

²⁴⁵⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 11 March 2024.

²⁴⁶⁰ Adverse, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/adverse>

²⁴⁶¹ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁴⁶² Global Economy, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 2 February 2024. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/fr/dictionnaire/anglais/global-economy>

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members who take strong or moderate actions in the commitment's dimensions aimed at reducing or mitigating the impact of the war in Ukraine on global food or energy supply chains or work towards tackling inflation or supply aid meant to assist developing countries economically. Actions in this area may include verbally agreeing to ensure open trade, signing international declarations without implementation plans, or attending summits aimed at increasing global economic stability.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member takes one or zero actions in the commitment's dimensions aimed at reducing or mitigating the impact of the war in Ukraine on global food OR energy supply chains OR work towards tackling inflation OR supply aid meant to assist developing countries economically OR if they engage in activities antithetical to the commitment such as blockading trade routes or refusing to engage in international trade.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member failed to unite with other countries in an endeavour to address the adverse impact of Russia's war against Ukraine on the global economy.
0	The G20 member took some action to endeavour to address the adverse impact of Russia's war against Ukraine on the global economy, by taking a few strong actions or several less than strong actions
+1	The G20 member took several strong actions to unite to endeavour to address the adverse impact of Russia's war against Ukraine on the global economy.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy.

On 12 December 2023, President Javier Milei announced “a sharp devaluation of its currency and cuts to energy and transportation subsidies” as part of a program of shock measures to deal with the country's struggling economy and reduce domestic inflation rates.²⁴⁶³

On 26 January 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries reported that Argentina is beginning wheat exports to China, supporting food security.²⁴⁶⁴

On 31 January 2024, the Secretary of International Economic Relations Marcelo Cima met with Malaysian Ambassador to Argentina Nur Azman Abdul Rahim to recover the bilateral trade links between the two countries.²⁴⁶⁵ The goal is to expedite negotiations to export Argentinian beef products to Malaysia. Further, the goal is to actualize the potential of “oil companies YPF and Petronas” to “produce and export LNG [liquefied natural gas] from Argentina's unconventional gas fields.”

²⁴⁶³ Argentina sharply devalues its currency and cuts subsidies as part of shock economic measures, AP News (Buenos Aires) 12 December 2023. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://apnews.com/article/argentina-economy-dollar-devaluation-economy-cuts-28089d64ae72bde12d53be59b5bc5a85>

²⁴⁶⁴ Trigo argentino al mundo: por primera vez Argentina puede exportar trigo a China, Ministerio de Economía - Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca (Buenos Aires) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/trigo-argentino-al-mundo-por-primera-vez-argentina-puede-exportar-trigo-china>

²⁴⁶⁵ Reunión del Secretario de Relaciones Económicas Internacionales, embajador Marcelo Cima, con el embajador de Malasia, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-del-secretario-de-relaciones-economicas-internacionales-embajador>

On 5 February 2024, the Argentinian Undersecretary of International Economic Negotiations and Integration met with the Director General of Latin America of the Japanese Foreign Ministry to review bilateral economic links between the two countries.²⁴⁶⁶ The goal is to “expedite negotiations for [Argentinian] access to the Japanese market for beef,” as well as “strengthening cooperation on the energy transition” including “the potential for the production of liquefied natural gas and green hydrogen, for which investments by Japanese companies would be important.”

On 15 February 2024, Foreign Minister Diana Mondino met with Italian Minister of Economy and Finance Giancarlo Giorgetti to increase bilateral trade relations and explained that Argentina is committed to “playing a central role in the current international context” as a “global producer and exporter of high-quality, nutritious foods.”²⁴⁶⁷ Further, the Italian Minister recognized Argentina as having “potential as a reliable energy supplier and partner in the development of value chains,” and highlighted a need for investment in Argentina’s energy sector.²⁴⁶⁸

On 21 February 2024, Minister Mondino signed a memorandum of understanding with the Vice-Chancellor of Singapore.²⁴⁶⁹ The goal is to “increase and balance reciprocal trade” and “allow a greater flow of Singaporean investments, currently focused on logistics (ports), real estate development, mining and energy.”²⁴⁷⁰

On 28 February 2024, Minister Mondino presented the National Plan for the Promotion of Exports and Investments to provincial agencies, business chambers, and private entities.²⁴⁷¹ The goal is to foster cooperation on promoting an export-economy and encouraging foreign investments.

²⁴⁶⁶ Autoridades de la Argentina y Japón repasaron el vínculo económico bilateral, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 31 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/autoridades-de-la-argentina-y-japon-repasaron-el-vinculo-economico-bilateral>

²⁴⁶⁷ Desde Italia, la Canciller Mondino impulsa el rol de la Argentina como proveedora global de alimentos y energía, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 15 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/desde-italia-la-canciller-mondino-impulsa-el-rol-de-la-argentina-como-proveedora>

²⁴⁶⁸ Desde Italia, la Canciller Mondino impulsa el rol de la Argentina como proveedora global de alimentos y energía, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 15 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/desde-italia-la-canciller-mondino-impulsa-el-rol-de-la-argentina-como-proveedora>

²⁴⁶⁹ Cancilleres del G20 en Río de Janeiro: Mondino comenzó su agenda y mantuvo reuniones bilaterales con Brasil, Singapur y Unión Europea, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/presentacion-ante-agencias-provinciales-del-plan-nacional-de-promocion-de-las>

²⁴⁷⁰ Cancilleres del G20 en Río de Janeiro: Mondino comenzó su agenda y mantuvo reuniones bilaterales con Brasil, Singapur y Unión Europea, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/presentacion-ante-agencias-provinciales-del-plan-nacional-de-promocion-de-las>

²⁴⁷¹ Presentación ante Agencias Provinciales del Plan Nacional de Promoción de las Exportaciones y las Inversiones 2024, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/cancilleres-del-g20-en-rio-de-janeiro-mondino-comenzo-su-agenda-y-mantuvo>

On 29 February 2024, Minister Mondino presented the National Plan for the Promotion of Exports and Investments to business chambers and private entities.²⁴⁷² The goal is to foster “improvement, expansion and diversification of Argentine exports.”

On 7 March 2024, Argentina secured USD400 million of credit financing from CAF, the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, to support its Alimentar Program which provides food assistance for socially vulnerable families.²⁴⁷³

On 11 March 2024, Secretary of Energy Rodríguez Chirillo announced plans “regarding renewable energy, the creation of the emissions rights market and the steps to follow to advance in efficiency and energy transition.”²⁴⁷⁴ The goal is to set a cap on emissions domestically to encourage private investment in renewable forms of energy.

On 14 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with the Heads of Mission of the embassies of Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia, which are all members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), to review current cooperative initiatives and diversify trade.²⁴⁷⁵ The goal is to pursue “technical cooperation projects in science and technology, environment, and food security” and to continue to “promote productive investments.”

On 18 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to “deepen the common agenda, increase economic relations and expand cooperation in all areas of bilateral interest.”²⁴⁷⁶ The goal is to diversify Argentinian exports, “resolve the authorizations for the halal import of offal, as well as fruits and vegetables necessary to ensure Malaysia’s food security.” Further, there was discussion encouraging Malaysian foreign investment in the Argentinian economy including the development of liquefied natural gas projects, “which could give new impetus to the announced YPF - Petronas megaproject.”

On 19 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son to “review the extensive bilateral political and economic-trade agenda.”²⁴⁷⁷ The goal is to increase

²⁴⁷² Plan Nacional de Promoción de las Exportaciones y las Inversiones 2024: Presentación ante cámaras empresariales y entidades privadas, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/plan-nacional-de-promocion-de-las-exportaciones-y-las-inversiones-2024>

²⁴⁷³ CAF supports food assistance program in Argentina (Punta Cana) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.caf.com/en/currently/news/2024/03/caf-supports-food-assistance-program-in-argentina>

²⁴⁷⁴ Rodríguez Chirillo difundió el plan del Gobierno para las energías renovables, Ministerio de Economía - Energía (Buenos Aires) 11 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/rodriguez-chirillo-difundio-el-plan-del-gobierno-para-las-energias-renovables>

²⁴⁷⁵ Argentina y la Asociación de Naciones del Sudeste Asiático (ASEAN) buscan incrementar el comercio bilateral y la cooperación técnica, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 14 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024.

²⁴⁷⁶ En Kuala Lumpur, Mondino inició su gira por Asia: Fue recibida por el Primer Ministro de Malasia, su Canciller, Ministro de Agricultura, Viceministro de Inversión, Comercio e Industria y encabezó una reunión con empresarios y fondos de inversión, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/en-kuala-lumpur-mondino-inicio-su-gira-por-asia-fue-recibida-por-el-primer>

²⁴⁷⁷ Canciller Mondino en Vietnam: Reunión con el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores vietnamita para incrementar el comercio y las inversiones, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 19 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/canciller-mondino-en-vietnam-reunion-con-el-ministro-de-relaciones-exteriores>

Argentinian exports of food, such as meat, and explore the potential of “satellite cooperation, for the use of images in rice cultivation” to enhance the agro-industrial sector.

On 21 March 2024, an Argentinian delegation headed by Secretary of National Strategy Jorge Jesús Antelo participated in the Nuclear Energy Summit and recognized the “role of nuclear energy in energy transition and security, and economic development.”²⁴⁷⁸ The goal is to “support the role of nuclear energy as a key component in clean energy and decarbonization strategies and strengthening energy security and economic development.”²⁴⁷⁹

On 23 March 2024, Undersecretary of Promotion of Exports, Investments, Education, Science and Culture Ramiro Velloso spoke to representatives from 27 Binational Chambers of Commerce about strengthening bilateral economic ties according to the Trade Promotion, Investment and Development of External Markets Plan 2024 which is aimed at expanding Argentinian exports.²⁴⁸⁰ Further, Argentina aims to boost meat sector exports to ASEAN countries.

On 23 March 2024, Minister Mondino spoke at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry forum to encourage Japanese companies to invest in the Argentinian economy and explore bilateral economic relations.²⁴⁸¹ In particular, the Minister emphasized “existing opportunities in energy projects, both in oil and gas” as well as in renewable energies. The Minister “witnessed the signing of a Representation Agreement between INVAP and Chiyoda Technol Corporation.” The goal is to allow INVAP, an Argentinian company, to expand its reach into Japan’s nuclear energy sector.

On 25 March 2024, Minister Mondino met with the Armenian Foreign Minister, Ararat Mirzoyan, to discuss financial and technical cooperation in the agricultural field, specifically with reference to Argentine investments in Armenia.²⁴⁸²

On 4 April 2024, Argentina secured USD200 million of financing from FONPLATA, a development bank, to support its Alimentar Program.²⁴⁸³ The project ensures access to basic food for people in “situations of social vulnerability” in Argentina which amounts to over 2.5 million direct beneficiaries.

²⁴⁷⁸ Argentina participó de la Cumbre de Energía Nuclear en Bruselas, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/argentina-participo-de-la-cumbre-de-energia-nuclear-en-bruselas>

²⁴⁷⁹ Argentina participó de la Cumbre de Energía Nuclear en Bruselas, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/argentina-participo-de-la-cumbre-de-energia-nuclear-en-bruselas>

²⁴⁸⁰ Encuentro con Cámaras Binacionales para fortalecer las relaciones comerciales bilaterales, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 23 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/encuentro-con-camaras-binacionales-para-fortalecer-las-relaciones-comerciales>

²⁴⁸¹ Segundo día de Mondino en Tokio: reuniones con empresas japonesas y acuerdo de cooperación en energía nuclear, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores Comercio Internacional y Culto Argentina (Buenos Aires) 23 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/segundo-dia-de-mondino-en-tokio-reuniones-con-empresas-japonesas-y-acuerdo-de>

²⁴⁸² Argentina - Armenia: Reunión de Cancilleres en el Palacio San Martín, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 25 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/argentina-armenia-reunion-de-cancilleres-en-el-palacio-san-martin>

²⁴⁸³ FONPLATA aprobó financiamiento por USD 200 millones para impulsar el Plan Alimentar, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 4 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/fonplata-aprobo-financiamiento-por-usd-200-millones-para-impulsar-el-plan-alimentar>

On 5 April 2024, Argentina expanded its exports of Kosher beef and lamb meats to Israel after receiving authorization.²⁴⁸⁴

On 8 April 2024, Ambassador Gabriel Martínez of the Foreign Ministry participated in a meeting between MERCOSUR and Japan on behalf of Argentina.²⁴⁸⁵ The meeting focused on increasing trade relations, specifically on expanding the market access of agricultural products, encouraging trade and investment, and securing supply chains.

On 9 April 2024, Minister Mondino met with Ambassadors of the Group of African Countries to discuss possibilities for cooperation in the fields of energy, agriculture and food security.²⁴⁸⁶

On 9 April 2024, the Bioeconomy Secretariat announced several actions being taken to combat the spread of diseases causing losses in Argentinian corn yield.²⁴⁸⁷ In particular, approval times for the use of insecticides would be expedited and public and private actors would be consulted to review and improve management surrounding the issue.²⁴⁸⁸

On 11 April 2024, Secretary of Bioeconomy Fernando Vilella participated in an international animal health seminar in Paraguay.²⁴⁸⁹ The goal is to discuss matters related to animal health and food security.

On 12 April 2024, Minister Mondino met with Ambassador of Portugal, José Viola de Drummond Ludovice, to evaluate existing projects and discuss the potential for cooperation regarding renewable energies.²⁴⁹⁰

On 15 April 2024, Ambassador Gabriel Martínez of the Foreign Ministry headed the Argentine delegation to coordinate negotiations between MERCOSUR and the ETFA bloc to establish a free-trade agreement.²⁴⁹¹

²⁴⁸⁴ Nuevo mercado para la exportación de carne bovina y ovina Kosher con hueso, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nuevo-mercado-para-la-exportacion-de-carne-bovina-y-ovina-kosher-con-hueso>

²⁴⁸⁵ El MERCOSUR y Japón profundizan su relacionamiento económico, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 8 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/el-mercosur-y-japon-profundizan-su-relacionamiento-economico>

²⁴⁸⁶ Reunión con Embajadores del Grupo de Países Africanos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-con-embajadores-del-grupo-de-paises-africanos>

²⁴⁸⁷ El Gobierno avanza en combatir la enfermedad de la "chicharrita" que afecta al maíz argentino, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-avanza-en-combatir-la-enfermedad-de-la-chicharrita-que-afecta-al-maiz-argentino>

²⁴⁸⁸ El Gobierno avanza en combatir la enfermedad de la "chicharrita" que afecta al maíz argentino, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 9 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

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²⁴⁸⁹ Seminario Internacional de Salud Animal en Paraguay: Argentina expone su visión, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 12 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/seminario-internacional-de-salud-animal-en-paraguay-argentina-expone-su-vision>

²⁴⁹⁰ La Canciller Mondino recibió al Embajador de Portugal, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 12 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-canciller-mondino-recibio-al-embajador-de-portugal>

²⁴⁹¹ MERCOSUR y EFTA relanzan las negociaciones de libre comercio en Buenos Aires, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 15 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate.

Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mercosur-y-efta-relanzan-las-negociaciones-de-libre-comercio-en-buenos-aires>

On 15 April 2024, Minister Mondino met with the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mauro Luiz Iecker Vieira, and the Brazilian Vice President, Geraldo Alckmin, to discuss trade relations between the two countries and highlight the possibilities for cooperation in the fields of “physical and energy infrastructure.”²⁴⁹² Specifically, they discussed “the depletion of regional gas reserves” and institutions that guarantee “confidence in matters of safeguards” for nuclear energy usage.

On 24 April 2024, Secretary Vilella and National Director of Agriculture Nicolás Bronzovich convened the second meeting of a technical crisis committee formed to combat corn stunting.²⁴⁹³ The group was formed on 19 April 2024 and aims to monitor progress and evaluate tools to combat the disease in coordination with private sector stakeholders.

On 24 April 2024, Undersecretary of Transition and Energy Planning Mariela Beljansky and Undersecretary of Liquid Fuels Luis de Ridder participated in a Binational Trade and Investment Commission focused on Argentina-Chile relations.²⁴⁹⁴ Specifically, they discussed the current state of exports of gas and oil and highlighted investment opportunities for Chile in Argentina’s Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sector.

On 25 April 2024, Minister of Economy Luis Caputo held a meeting with gas producers and electricity generators of Argentina to announce the cancellation of acquired debts from the previous administration through the “delivery of public securities.”²⁴⁹⁵ The goal of resolving debt is to ensure the energy sector can regain stability and predictability.

On 26 April 2024, Secretary Fernando Vilella met with a German delegation led by Federal Vice Minister of Goods and Agriculture Claudia Müller to discuss cooperation on bioeconomic development.²⁴⁹⁶ Specifically, they discussed collaborations that would “accelerate production processes” to advance Argentina’s agricultural sector.

On 26 April 2024, Argentina’s Secretary of Bioeconomy reported that the National Agri-Food Health and Quality Service (Senasa) had expedited and finalized the approval of three insecticides to control diseases that cause corn stunting.²⁴⁹⁷ The goal is to improve corn yield and ensure predictability and security in the food sector.

²⁴⁹² Canciller Mondino en Brasil: Reunión con su par, Mauro Vieira y el Vicepresidente Geraldo Alckmin para fortalecer la relación bilateral, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 15 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/canciller-mondino-en-brasil-reunion-con-su-par-mauro-vieira-y-el-vicepresidente>

²⁴⁹³ El Gobierno Nacional convocó a la mesa técnica para coordinar esfuerzos en la lucha contra el achaparramiento del maíz, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-conformo-junto-las-entidades-agropecuarias-un-comite-de-crisis-para>

²⁴⁹⁴ Argentina y Chile avanzan en la consolidación del comercio energético, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 24 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-chile-avanzan-en-la-consolidacion-del-comercio-energetico>

²⁴⁹⁵ El Gobierno presentó una propuesta a las Productoras de Gas y a los Generadores de Electricidad, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 25 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-presento-una-propuesta-las-productoras-de-gas-y-los-generadores-de-electricidad>

²⁴⁹⁶ Argentina y Alemania refuerzan los vínculos para el desarrollo de la bioeconomía, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-alemania-refuerzan-los-vinculos-para-el-desarrollo-de-la-bioeconomia>

²⁴⁹⁷ Autorización de tres insecticidas para el control de la chicharrita del maíz, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 26 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/autorizacion-de-tres-insecticidas-para-el-control-de-la-chicharrita-del-maiz>

On 30 April 2024, Argentina resumed exports of poultry and poultry by-products to Vietnam after receiving authorization.²⁴⁹⁸

On 30 April 2024, Argentina's National Executive Branch deferred increases on the fuel tax, initially set to take effect in May, to ensure short-term predictability within the energy sector.²⁴⁹⁹

On 30 April 2024, Minister Mondino concluded a three-day visit to China to explore increased political and economic bilateral relations.²⁵⁰⁰ Throughout the visit, Mondino discussed Argentina's meat exports and renewable energy projects with business leaders to encourage increased investments²⁵⁰¹ and reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to expanding cooperation in energy and agriculture while increasing reciprocal trade relations.

On 30 April 2024, the National Government led by the Secretary of Bioeconomy, Fernando Vilella, convened a working meeting with ministers and secretaries of agriculture and production of the central and northern provinces to coordinate actions regarding corn stunting.²⁵⁰² During the meeting, regional representatives discussed the status of the issue and signed a joint declaration to formalize cooperation between provinces and the national government to recover corn yields.

On 2 May 2024, Argentina's Secretary of Bioeconomy Fernando Vilella convened a second meeting of the Crisis Committee aimed at resolving corn stunting.²⁵⁰³ The goal is to recover the quantity and quality of corn yields.

On 3 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with France's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Stéphane Séjourné, to strengthen bilateral trade and investment ties.²⁵⁰⁴ Further, Minister Mondino met with France's Minister of Economy Bruno Le Maire to discuss investment opportunities in the energy sector, including gas and renewable energies.

²⁴⁹⁸ Se reanudan las exportaciones de harina de ave y otros subproductos aviares a Vietnam, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/se-reanudan-las-exportaciones-de-harina-de-ave-y-otros-subproductos-aviares>

²⁴⁹⁹ El Gobierno difiere la actualización del Impuesto a los Combustibles, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-difiere-la-actualizacion-del-impuesto-los-combustibles>

²⁵⁰⁰ Mondino y el Canciller chino acuerdan potenciar la relación política y comercial, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mondino-y-el-canciller-chino-acuerdan-potenciar-la-relacion-politica-y-comercial>

²⁵⁰¹ Visita oficial a China: encuentros empresariales para atraer y consolidar comercio e inversiones, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 28 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/visita-oficial-china-encuentros-empresariales-para-atraer-y-consolidar-comercio>

²⁵⁰² El Gobierno Nacional convocó a los ministros del agro y la producción del centro-norte para combatir la "chicharrita", Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 30 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-convoco-los-ministros-del-agro-y-la-produccion-del-centro-norte-para>

²⁵⁰³ El Gobierno Nacional reunió por segunda vez al Comité de Crisis para combatir el Spiroplasma, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 2 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-reunio-por-segunda-vez-al-comite-de-crisis-para-combatir-el>

²⁵⁰⁴ En París, Mondino ratifica la relación política y económica de Argentina con Francia en sus reuniones con autoridades y empresarios, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Paris) 3 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/en-paris-mondino-ratifica-la-relacion-politica-y-economica-de-argentina-con>

On 6 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with various authorities of the European Union to discuss soy and meat exports, energy and investments.²⁵⁰⁵

On 7 May 2024, the Undersecretary of Foreign Policy of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Marcia Levaggi, met with the Deputy Undersecretary for Asia and the Americas of the Office of International Affairs of the United States Department of Energy, Elizabeth Urbanas, to discuss cooperation in the nuclear energy sector.²⁵⁰⁶

On 8 May 2024, the Undersecretary of Promotion of Exports, Investments, Education, Science and Culture of the Argentine Foreign Ministry hosted business meetings with the food sector in Chile to promote exports and trade relations.²⁵⁰⁷

On 8 May 2024, Argentina extended suspensions on export duties for dairy products to encourage increased competitiveness and stronger exports.²⁵⁰⁸

On 10 May 2024, Argentina repealed existing export quotas for wheat and corn to promote a stronger production and export sector for these products.²⁵⁰⁹

On 13 May 2024, Argentina held a Bovine Meat Advisory Council meeting to bolster production and exports of meat products.²⁵¹⁰

On 13 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Yulia Svyrydenko to discuss the status of the war in Ukraine and to consider the expansion of commercial exchange in the energy and agriculture sectors.²⁵¹¹

On 13 May 2024, the Undersecretary for International Economic Negotiations and Integration of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, Gabriel Martínez, met with Indonesia's Director General of International

²⁵⁰⁵ En Bruselas, la canciller Mondino ratificó el compromiso de la Argentina para profundizar la relación estratégica con la Unión Europea y sus países miembros, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Brussels) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/en-bruselas-la-canciller-mondino-ratifico-el-compromiso-de-la-argentina-para>

²⁵⁰⁶ Reunión sobre asuntos nucleares con Estados Unidos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Brussels) 7 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-sobre-asuntos-nucleares-con-estados-unidos>

²⁵⁰⁷ Misión Comercial a Chile del sector alimentos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Santiago) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mision-comercial-chile-del-sector-alimentos>

²⁵⁰⁸ El Gobierno prorroga la suspensión de los derechos de exportación de los productos lácteos, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 8 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-prorroga-la-suspension-de-los-derechos-de-exportacion-de-los-productos-lacteos>

²⁵⁰⁹ El Gobierno Nacional dio de baja el sistema de Volúmenes de Equilibrio para el trigo y maíz, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 10 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-dio-de-baja-el-sistema-de-volumenes-de-equilibrio-para-el-trigo-y-maiz>

²⁵¹⁰ El Gobierno Nacional y referentes del sector de la carne trabajan en conjunto para impulsar la ganadería del futuro, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-y-referentes-del-sector-de-la-carne-trabajan-en-conjunto-para-impulsar>

²⁵¹¹ Reunión con la Viceprimer Ministro y Ministro de Economía de Ucrania, Yuliia Svyrydenko, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-con-la-viceprimer-ministro-y-ministro-de-economia-de-ucrania-yuliia>

Trade Negotiations of the Ministry of Commerce Djatmiko Witkasono to discuss trade relations, including potential Argentine beef and dairy exports and cooperation for food and energy security.²⁵¹²

On 14 May 2024, Argentina received Indonesian recognition of its health control system, which facilitates the export of Argentine agricultural products and increases bilateral trade.²⁵¹³

On 14 May 2024, Minister Caputo met with Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Minister, Yulia Svyrydenko, to strengthen trade and discuss the war in Ukraine and economic recovery efforts.²⁵¹⁴

On 15 May 2024, Argentina began the export of deforestation-free beef to Europe for the first time in an effort to strengthen its food production and exports.²⁵¹⁵

On 16 May 2024, Argentina agreed to export pork products to Uruguay in order to expand exports and support food security.²⁵¹⁶

On 16 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with officials and private sector representatives of the United States to discuss the strengthening of trade and supply chains.²⁵¹⁷

On 17 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with the United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken to promote bilateral relations, especially in the fields of food, hydrocarbon and renewable energy. ²⁵¹⁸ Minister Mondino also highlighted Argentina's natural resources in energy and agriculture to attract foreign investment.

²⁵¹² Reunión con funcionario del Ministerio de Comercio de Indonesia, para incrementar e intensificar el intercambio comercial, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 13 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/reunion-con-funcionario-del-ministerio-de-comercio-de-indonesia-para-incrementar>

²⁵¹³ Argentina fortalece las relaciones comerciales con Indonesia, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-fortalece-las-relaciones-comerciales-con-indonesia>

²⁵¹⁴ Luis Caputo se reunió con la Viceprimer ministra y ministra de Economía de Ucrania, Yulia Svyrydenko, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-la-viceprimer-ministra-y-ministra-de-economia-de-ucrania-yulia>

²⁵¹⁵ Luis Caputo se reunió con la Viceprimer ministra y ministra de Economía de Ucrania, Yulia Svyrydenko, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-la-viceprimer-ministra-y-ministra-de-economia-de-ucrania-yulia>

²⁵¹⁶ Argentina abre nuevos mercados: exportará a Uruguay carne de cerdo, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 16 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-abre-nuevos-mercados-exportara-uruguay-carne-de-cerdo>

²⁵¹⁷ Junto al Jefe de Gabinete Nicolás Posse, la Canciller Mondino profundiza la relación con Estados Unidos en su visita a Washington, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Washington) 16 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/junto-al-jefe-de-gabinete-nicolas-posse-la-canciller-mondino-profundiza-la>

²⁵¹⁸ Mondino en Washington: reunión con el Secretario de Estado, autoridades del Tesoro y con la Cámara de Comercio de los Estados Unidos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Washington) 17 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mondino-en-washington-reunion-con-el-secretario-de-estado-autoridades-del-tesoro>

On 20 May 2024, the Secretary of Bioeconomy Fernando Vilella held a meeting with provincial authorities, technical organizations, and producer organizations to address sector wide issues and develop a joint strategy against corn stunting.²⁵¹⁹

On 24 May 2024, Argentina restricted the supply of gas in order to ensure sufficient supply for priority users.²⁵²⁰ In turn, the Government will purchase a greater volume of LNGs and turn to alternative fuels to sustain electricity demand.

On 27 May 2024, Minister Mondino met with Chile's Minister of Foreign Affairs Alberto van Klaveren and discussed energy integration, trade in natural gas, LNGs and hydrocarbons and cooperation in electricity and hydrogen.²⁵²¹

On 27 May 2024, Secretary of Bioeconomy Fernando Vilella met with the CEO of the OCP Group, Mostafa Terrab, a Franco-Moroccan fertilizer producer, to encourage investments and the supply of fertilizer products to Argentina's agricultural sector.²⁵²²

On 28 May 2024, Argentina received authorization to export two varieties of genetically modified corn to China.²⁵²³ The goal is to expand Argentine food exports.

On 4 June 2024, Argentina resumed poultry exports to Chile after import restrictions were lifted.²⁵²⁴

On 5 June 2024, the Undersecretary of Promotion of Exports, Investments, Education, Science and Culture of the Argentine Foreign Ministry hosted business meetings with the Brazilian food sector to promote the export of food and alcoholic beverages and increase trade relations.²⁵²⁵

On 5 June 2024, the Undersecretary of Promotion of Exports, Investments, Education, Science and Culture of the Argentine Foreign Ministry organized a trade mission in Paraguay to explore export possibilities with 27 potential Paraguayan importers, distributors and local supermarket representatives.

²⁵¹⁹ En Córdoba, se realizó la 1° Reunión del Consejo Federal Agropecuario Regional Pampeana 2024 para debatir una estrategia común para el sector, Ministerio de Economía (Córdoba) 20 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/en-cordoba-se-realizo-la-1deg-reunion-del-consejo-federal-agropecuario-regional-pampeana>

²⁵²⁰ El Gobierno implementa medidas para asegurar el suministro de gas a los usuarios prioritarios, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 24 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-implementa-medidas-para-asegurar-el-suministro-de-gas-los-usuarios-prioritarios>

²⁵²¹ Comunicado Conjunto: reunión de Cancilleres Argentina – Chile, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/comunicado-conjunto-reunion-de-cancilleres-argentina-chile>

²⁵²² La delegación argentina en Francia propicia inversiones de empresa franco-marroquí junto al embajador argentino, Ministerio de Economía (Paris) 27 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-delegacion-argentina-en-francia-propicia-inversiones-de-empresa-franco-marroqui-junto-0>

²⁵²³ Argentina obtiene habilitación de China para todos sus eventos biotecnológicos de maíz, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 28 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-obtiene-habilitacion-de-china-para-todos-sus-eventos-biotecnologicos-de-maiz>

²⁵²⁴ La Argentina retoma el comercio de productos de origen aviar a Chile (Buenos Aires) 4 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-argentina-retoma-el-comercio-de-productos-de-origen-aviar-chile>

²⁵²⁵ Misión comercial de alimentos y bebidas a Brasilia y Goiania, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Brasilia) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mision-comercial-de-alimentos-y-bebidas-brasilia-y-goiania>

²⁵²⁶This includes the export of Argentine rice and oils, among others, with the goal of expanding exports.

On 5 June 2024, Argentina established suitable consumption limits on electricity and natural gas to control national consumption levels.²⁵²⁷The goal is to promote sustainable energy use and increase transparency of energy prices.

On 5 June 2024, Argentina established a new price for gas at the Point of Entry to the Transportation System (PIST), which established a single price for gas for all users.²⁵²⁸ The goal is to achieve normalization of the gas sector and guarantee sustainable supply for users and avoid shortages of gas.

On 5 June 2024, Argentina established the Seasonal Price of Electricity (PEST) which established a single price for electricity for all users.²⁵²⁹The goal is to achieve normalization of the electricity sector and increase transparency and stability of costs.

On 7 June 2024, Argentina's Secretary of International Economic Relations of the Foreign Ministry, Marcelo Cima, met with Switzerland's Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Helene Budliger Artieda, to make advances on mutual recognition for organic production to facilitate Argentine organic exports to the Swiss market.²⁵³⁰

On 7 June 2024, Argentina's Foreign Ministry supported Argentine manufacturers of agricultural machinery on a trade mission to Bulgaria, Serbia, and Romania to increase exports and accelerate food production.²⁵³¹

On 10 June 2024, Argentina's Foreign Ministry hosted dairy producers of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala in an event to facilitate the transfer of knowledge in the industry.²⁵³² The goal is to bolster regional industries and exchange.

²⁵²⁶ Misión Comercial de la Provincia de Entre Ríos a Paraguay, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Asunción) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mision-comercial-de-la-provincia-de-entre-rios-paraguay>

²⁵²⁷ El Gobierno Nacional modifica y establece toques de consumo subsidiable y otorga bonificaciones a usuarios de ingresos bajos y medios, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-modifica-y-establece-toques-de-consumo-subsidiable-y-otorga>

²⁵²⁸ Actualización del Precio del Gas en el Punto de Ingreso al Sistema de Transporte (PIST), Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/actualizacion-del-precio-del-gas-en-el-punto-de-ingreso-al-sistema-de-transporte-pist>

²⁵²⁹ Actualización del precio estacional de la energía eléctrica (PEST), Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 5 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/actualizacion-del-precio-estacional-de-la-energia-electrica-pest>

²⁵³⁰ V Comixta Económico-Comercial Argentina Suiza, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 7 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/v-comixta-economico-comercial-argentina-suiza>

²⁵³¹ Misión comercial del sector maquinaria agrícola a Bulgaria, Serbia y Rumania, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/mision-comercial-del-sector-maquinaria-agricola-bulgaria-serbia-y-rumania>

²⁵³² Se inicia misión de cooperación triangular para fortalecer la industria láctea en Centroamérica, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/se-inicia-mision-de-cooperacion-triangular-para-fortalecer-la-industria-lactea>

On 10 June 2024, Argentina simplified the requirements for the export of grains, meat and dairy products to improve the efficiency and strength of exports.²⁵³³

On 10 June 2024, Argentina resumed exports of avian products after receiving authorization.²⁵³⁴The goal is to expand Argentinian food exports.

On 22 June 2024, Argentina hosted a delegation from Japan to instill confidence in Argentine food production and to make progress on resuming exports of beef to Japan.²⁵³⁵

On 24 June 2024, Minister Mondino met with representatives of Italy and private sector leaders to discuss the energy sector and to attract foreign investments into Argentina.²⁵³⁶ This included meetings with the President and CEO of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Argentina, Giorgio Alliaia di Montereale and Claudio Farábola to discuss bilateral trade, investment potential in the energy sectors, and the expansion of Argentine exports. Similar meetings were held with the President of the Region of Lombardy and authorities from the Intesa Sanpaolo banking group.

On 25 June 2024, Minister Mondino met with Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani and 190 local businessmen and investors to outline the potential of Argentina's energy sector and to promote foreign direct investments and cooperation with Italian SMEs.²⁵³⁷

On 25 June 2024, researchers of the Agricultural Research Center of the Bioeconomy Secretariat of Argentina's Ministry of Economy sequenced the genome of the corn leafhopper affecting the corn yield.²⁵³⁸This advance allows Argentina to mitigate corn stunting by creating corn varieties resistant to the insect's disease.

On 26 June 2024, Argentina's Secretariat of Bioeconomy approved two new genetically modified corn varieties that offer greater yield potential. ²⁵³⁹The goal is to boost corn production and exports.

²⁵³³ El Gobierno Nacional simplifica los requisitos para la exportación de granos, carnes y lácteos y moderniza el registro para los productores agroindustriales, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-simplifica-los-requisitos-para-la-exportacion-de-granos-carnes-y>

²⁵³⁴ La Argentina retoma exportaciones de productos de origen aviar y equinos a Chile, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 10 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-argentina-retoma-exportaciones-de-productos-de-origen-aviar-y-equinos-chile>

²⁵³⁵ El Gobierno Nacional busca retomar la exportación de carne bovina a Japón, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 22 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-busca-retomar-la-exportacion-de-carne-bovina-japon>

²⁵³⁶ La Canciller Mondino arribó a Italia con una agenda centrada en las inversiones, el sector energético y la integración empresarial, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 24 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-canciller-mondino-arribo-italia-con-una-agenda-centrada-en-las-inversiones-el>

²⁵³⁷ En Italia, la Canciller Mondino abrió un evento sobre las oportunidades de inversión en el sector energético argentino, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Milan) 25 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/en-italia-la-canciller-mondino-abrio-un-evento-sobre-las-oportunidades-de>

²⁵³⁸ El INTA logró secuenciar el genoma de la chicharrita del maíz, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 25 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-inta-logro-secuenciar-el-genoma-de-la-chicharrita-del-maiz>

²⁵³⁹ El gobierno autorizó dos nuevos cultivos genéticamente modificados, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-autorizo-dos-nuevos-cultivos-geneticamente-modificados>

On 26 June 2024, Minister Mondino met with Gary Rose, the CEO of CANDU Energy, to discuss opportunities for collaboration in the nuclear sector.²⁵⁴⁰

On 28 June 2024, Argentina reinstated its export of poultry products to Mexico.²⁵⁴¹

On 1 July 2024, Argentina extended the suspension of export duties on dairy products for an additional year to incentivize investments in the sector to increase production and export competitiveness.²⁵⁴²

On 5 July 2024, Secretary of Energy Eduardo Rodríguez Chirillo announced Argentina's willingness to become a supplier of LNGs for the European Union.²⁵⁴³ On the same day, Minister Mondino met with the European Commission's Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, in a working meeting to discuss Argentina's potential as a partner in the energy transition and as a supplier of LNG and renewable energies.²⁵⁴⁴

On 5 July 2024, Secretary Vilella met with Japan's Chief of Cabinet, Yoshimasa Hayashi, to discuss opportunities to export Argentinian beef, as well as other food products, to Japan.²⁵⁴⁵ Secretary Vilella also met with the Vice President of China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Corporation and representatives of the China Meat Association to discuss the potential export of Argentine food and meat products to China.

On 7 July 2024, Minister Mondino participated in the MERCOSUR Summit, where she highlighted Argentina's willingness to increase regional trade in areas such as energy and gas and take measures to improve the region's export capacity while stabilizing domestic economies.²⁵⁴⁶

²⁵⁴⁰ La Canciller se reunió con el CEO de CANDU Energy, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024.

²⁵⁴¹ Argentina reabrió las exportaciones de productos avícolas a México, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 28 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/argentina-reabrio-las-exportaciones-de-productos-avicolas-mexico>

²⁵⁴² El Gobierno Nacional prorroga la quita de retenciones para la exportación de productos lácteos, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 1 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-prorroga-la-quita-de-retenciones-para-la-exportacion-de-productos>

²⁵⁴³ Argentina ratifica su papel como proveedor de GNL e hidrógeno para el mercado europeo, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-ratifica-su-papel-como-proveedor-de-gnl-e-hidrogeno-para-el-mercado-europeo>

²⁵⁴⁴ Argentina y la Unión Europea avanzan en su agenda bilateral sobre energía, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/argentina-y-la-union-europea-avanzan-en-su-agenda-bilateral-sobre-energia>

²⁵⁴⁵ Argentina refuerza vínculos con Japón y avanza en la agenda con China, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-refuerza-vinculos-con-japon-y-avanza-en-la-agenda-con-china>

²⁵⁴⁶ Cumbre del MERCOSUR: Mondino pidió "un shock de adrenalina" para agilizar el comercio intrazona y avanzar con los acuerdos internacionales, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Asunción) 7 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/cumbre-del-mercosur-mondino-pidio-un-shock-de-adrenalina-para-agilizar-el>

On 10 July 2024, Secretary of Energy Eduardo Rodríguez Chirillo attended the inauguration of the Tratayén compressor plant which will increase gas transport from the Vaca Muerta oil and gas deposits by 50 per cent.²⁵⁴⁷

On 11 July 2024, Minister Caputo met with representatives of consumer goods companies to discuss the macroeconomic situation and collaborations to ensure economic stabilization.²⁵⁴⁸

On 12 July 2024, Argentina's government introduced regulations on the supply of gas amidst the onset of cold temperatures to ensure priority users, such as residential areas, schools, hospitals and industries, have adequate access to energy.²⁵⁴⁹ This is done by imposing restrictions on interruptible services and requiring companies and compressed natural gas stations to use limited gas and instead use alternative energy sources.

On 12 July 2024, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Sergio Iraeta announced ARS1.3 billion to support producers affected by snowstorms to support the purchase of feed and fuel.²⁵⁵⁰ The goal is to strengthen food supply chains.

On 23 July 2024, Minister Caputo met with representatives of supermarkets to discuss the macroeconomic situation and collaborations to ensure economic stabilization.²⁵⁵¹ The goal is to lower inflation by limiting price increases.

On 23 July 2024, Argentina deregulated the market for warrants which allows private companies, and especially SMEs, to have increased access to credit and funding to increase production in the agricultural and energy sectors, among others.²⁵⁵² The goal is to lower production costs and support Argentina's domestic industries.

²⁵⁴⁷ Tratayén: se puso en marcha la planta que aumenta un 50% la capacidad de transporte de gas desde Vaca Muerta, Ministerio de Economía (Tratayén) 10 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/tratayen-se-puso-en-marcha-la-planta-que-aumenta-un-50-la-capacidad-de-transporte-de-gas>

²⁵⁴⁸ Luis Caputo se reunió con empresas de consumo masivo para dialogar sobre la evolución de la macroeconomía, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 11 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-empresas-de-consumo-masivo-para-dialogar-sobre-la-evolucion-de-0>

²⁵⁴⁹ El Gobierno puso en marcha medidas para asegurar el suministro de gas a los usuarios prioritarios ante la ola de frío extrema y sostenida, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 12 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-puso-en-marcha-medidas-para-asegurar-el-suministro-de-gas-los-usuarios>

²⁵⁵⁰ El Gobierno Nacional destinará \$1300 millones para asistir a las provincias patagónicas afectadas por las tormentas de nieve, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 12 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-destinara-1300-millones-para-asistir-las-provincias-patagonicas>

²⁵⁵¹ Luis Caputo se reunió con representantes de supermercados para dialogar sobre la evolución de la macroeconomía, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 23 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-representantes-de-supermercados-para-dialogar-sobre-la-evolucion>

²⁵⁵² El Gobierno desregula el mercado de Warrants para fomentar el crédito en el sector privado, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 23 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-desregula-el-mercado-de-warrants-para-fomentar-el-credito-en-el-sector-privado>

On 25 July 2024, the Investment and Foreign Trade Bank mobilized loan offerings to Argentinian farmers operating small- and medium-sized enterprises to support increased production.²⁵⁵³

On 25 July 2024, Minister Caputo met with the Managing Director of the IMF at the G20 Ministerial Meeting to discuss Argentina's continued efforts to reduce inflation and stabilize the economy.²⁵⁵⁴

On 26 July 2024, Minister Caputo met with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, Janet Yellen, to discuss bilateral relations and efforts to decrease Argentina's domestic inflation.²⁵⁵⁵

On 26 July 2024, Minister Mondino met with El Salvador's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Adriana Mira, to sign an agreement regarding cooperation in nuclear energy.²⁵⁵⁶ Further, the Secretary of International Economic Relations of the Foreign Ministry Marcelo Cima met with Vice Minister Mira to discuss increased economic relations through trade and investments in the agricultural sector, among others.

On 31 July 2024, Argentina received a USD647.5 million Special Development Financing loan from the Inter-American Development Bank under the Program to Support Fiscal Sustainability and Growth.²⁵⁵⁷ The disbursement will be used to reinforce macroeconomic stability by funding social programs and to improve the state of public finances to stabilize the economy.

On 2 August 2024, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries met with the CEO of the United States Dairy Export Council Krysta Harden to discuss production and trade in the dairy sector to support food supply chains.²⁵⁵⁸

On 3 August 2024, Secretary of Tourism, Environment and Sports Daniel Scioli and Undersecretary of Environment Ana Lamas met with the French Ambassador to Argentina, Romain Nadal, to discuss the energy transition and renewable energies.²⁵⁵⁹

On 4 August 2024, President Milei announced that producers of grain and grain derivatives are no longer required to be registered with the Single Registry of the Agri-Food Chain to sell their products

²⁵⁵³ En el stand de la Secretaría de Agricultura se otorgó el primer crédito medido en litros de leche, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 25 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/en-el-stand-de-la-secretaria-de-agricultura-se-otorgo-el-primer-credito-medido-en-litros-0>

²⁵⁵⁴ Luis Caputo se reunió con la Directora Gerente del FMI, Kristalina Georgieva, Ministerio de Economía (Rio de Janeiro) 25 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-la-directora-gerente-del-fmi-kristalina-georgieva>

²⁵⁵⁵ Luis Caputo se reunió con la secretaria del Tesoro de los EEUU, Janet Yellen, Ministerio de Economía (Rio de Janeiro) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/luis-caputo-se-reunio-con-la-secretaria-del-tesoro-de-los-eeuu-janet-yellen-0>

²⁵⁵⁶ Il Reunión del Mecanismo de Consultas en Materia de Interés Mutuo entre la República Argentina y la República de El Salvador, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/ii-reunion-del-mecanismo-de-consultas-en-materia-de-interes-mutuo-entre-la>

²⁵⁵⁷ El BID aprueba financiamiento por USD 647,5 millones para la Argentina, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 31 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-bid-aprueba-financiamiento-por-usd-6475-millones-para-la-argentina>

²⁵⁵⁸ Agricultura y el Consejo de Exportación de Lácteos de los Estados Unidos se reunieron para potenciar al sector lácteo, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 2 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/agricultura-y-el-consejo-de-exportacion-de-lacteos-de-los-estados-unidos-se-reunieron-0>

²⁵⁵⁹ Ambiente y la Embajada de Francia fortalecen el trabajo conjunto en materia de transición energética y preservación ambiental, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 3 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-y-la-embajada-de-francia-fortalecen-el-trabajo-conjunto-en-materia-de-transicion>

to consumers.²⁵⁶⁰ The goal is to reduce administrative barriers in the agricultural sector to strengthen exports and food supply chains.

On 30 September 2024, Undersecretary of Foreign Policy, Marcia Levaggi, and the Undersecretary of State and Political Director of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ivars Lasis, held Third Meeting of Political Consultations to continue to deepen diplomatic, commercial and cultural ties between both nations.²⁵⁶¹ During the meeting, Argentina's interest in the Global Partners Program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the situation in Ukraine were discussed, in conjunction with the bilateral agenda and the economic-trade relationship.

Argentina has fully complied with addressing the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy by taking strong actions in all four commitment dimensions including ensuring global food supply chains, ensuring global energy security, implementing domestic development programs while curbing inflation, and investing in developing economies through advancing trade relations.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse impacts of the war in Ukraine on the global economy.

On 7 December 2023, the Australian Parliament's Agriculture Committee released its inquiry into domestic food security.²⁵⁶² In this report, the focus laid on supply chains and key inputs, climate change, biosecurity and food insecurity. The impact of the Ukraine War was also mentioned as a factor that presented risks to the Australian food system. The Committee made 35 recommendations including: creating a comprehensive National Food Plan, appointing a Minister for Food and developing a National Food Supply Chain Map.

On 15 December 2023, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission published a report inquiry on the gas supply arrangements domestically.²⁵⁶³ Domestically, the government of Australia has agreed with East Coast LNG gas exporters to safeguard domestic LNG supplies. This agreement aims to ensure access to secure and competitively priced gas for Australian consumers.

On 29 January 2024, Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia Madeleine King spoke in Tokyo on the long-term resource trading relationship with Japan.²⁵⁶⁴ The speech especially highlighted the mutual benefit of such agreement, noting the importance of diversifying the global supply chains of critical minerals. Minister King underscored key benefits of this partnership including

²⁵⁶⁰ El Gobierno Nacional desburocratiza el comercio de granos, Ministerio de Economía (Buenos Aires) 4 August 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-nacional-desburocratiza-el-comercio-de-granos>

²⁵⁶¹ Political Consultations with Latvia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, (Buenos Aires) 10 October 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/political-consultations-latvia>

²⁵⁶² Australian Food Story: Report Released (Canberra) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/About_the_House_News/Media_Releases/Australian_Food_Story_-_Report_Released

²⁵⁶³ Domestic Gas Supply (Canberra) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/mining-oil-and-gas/oil-and-gas/securing-australian-domestic-gas-supply>

²⁵⁶⁴ Australia as a long-term and reliable energy supplier (Tokyo) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/king/speeches/australia-long-term-and-reliable-energy-supplier>

addressing forecasted production shortfalls, building supply chain security and delivering progress on a net-zero future, as rare earths play a critical role in new industries like wind power generation.

On 16 February 2024, the Primary Industries Scorecard 2022-2023 was released and indicated that South Australia's agribusiness grew by AUS18.5 billion, despite facing pressures from inflation and rising interest rates.²⁵⁶⁵ This led to an effect that increased the contribution of primary production activity to the state's economy by seven per cent, and increased employment for primary industries and the associated processing arenas.

On 1 February 2024, Australia, in cooperation with partners in the G7 and the European Union, announced the continuation of the oil price cap (OPC).²⁵⁶⁶ The OPC aims to curb Russian oil funds whilst maintaining the global energy supply chain.

On 5 March 2024, Canada and Australia released a joint statement declaring the importance of maintaining shared priorities on the development of global critical minerals supply chains.²⁵⁶⁷ These priorities include ensuring a diverse market that is resilient and guided by fair market practices, as well as increasing transparency and traceability to monetize the production of these rare materials. This statement also enforced the support for bilateral mining services and the joining of R&D research and development exchanges in these strategic areas.

On 20 June 2024, the Australian Department of Agriculture announced eleven new award recipients from the Australian Government's Traceability Grants Program.²⁵⁶⁸ Sharing a total of AUS4 million, the recipients of the grant will work on collaborative projects to enhance traceability systems that support Australian agricultural supply chains.

On 9 July 2024, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry announced the launch of AusTreat.²⁵⁶⁹ AusTreat is a new border bio-security strategy aimed at targeting pests such as stink beetles. This program will help protect vulnerable Australian crops from pests thus protecting food supply chains in Australia.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse impacts of the war in Ukraine on the global economy. It has taken significant action to maintain the global energy supply chain and other crucial supply chains through various initiatives, including the OPC and various mineral supply-oriented policies. It has also taken action to curb domestic inflation through investments in Australian businesses and worked to ensure contributions to the global grain supply chain via inquiries into Australian foodstuffs production.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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²⁵⁶⁵ South Australia's \$18.5 billion record breaking agribusiness growth (Canberra) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024.

https://pir.sa.gov.au/alerts_news_events/news/primary_industries/sa_record_breaking_agribusiness_growth

²⁵⁶⁶ Oil Price Cap (OPC) Compliance and Enforcement Alert (Barton) 1 February 2024, Access Date: April 1 2024.

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/guidance/oil-price-cap-compliance-and-enforcement-alert>.

²⁵⁶⁷ Joint Statement by Canada and Australia on Cooperation on Critical Minerals (Canberra) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/joint-statement-canada-and-australia-cooperation-critical-minerals>

²⁵⁶⁸ New recipients of traceability grants announced. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 5 July 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/new-recipients-of-traceability-grants-announced>

²⁵⁶⁹ AusTreat freshens up stink beetle controls. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra) 9 July 2023. Date Accessed: August 14, 2024. <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/news/austreat>

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with addressing the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy.

On 29 December 2023, as host of the G20 for 2024 Brazil announced its Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty as a main agenda item for its Presidency.²⁵⁷⁰ This initiative will be based on global partnerships to fight hunger and poverty.

On 30 December 2023, in its capacity as G20 president Brazil announced its Agriculture Working Group and its agenda.²⁵⁷¹ It will play a role in discussing sustainable farming practices, sustainability of agri-food systems, and key instruments to combating hunger and ensuring food security. This is in line with Brazil's priority issues from its G20 presidency, in which food security and food poverty are put into the spotlight.

On 14 January 2024, Brazil enhanced its Brazil's Social Biofuel Seal to ensure that half of purchases of food products come from family farming.²⁵⁷² It will offer a greater incentive to grant and maintain the instrument by biofuel producers. This project will help generate clean energy in Brazil. This expansion of biodiesel adds to efforts by Brazil's Fuel of the Future (Combustível do Futuro), which attempts to reduce the carbon intensity of the economy.

On 17 January 2024, in its capacity as G20 president Brazil announced the agenda for the upcoming Global Economy Working Group.²⁵⁷³ This working group will be participated by representatives from the Ministry of Finance and Central Banks, and bring debate to issues regarding inequality, a sustainable transition, and creating fiscal spaces to boost public investment and boost private financing for socio-economic development, as well as other issues that threaten the stability of global finance.

On 26 January 2024, in its capacity as G20 president Brazil held the first meeting of the G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group, where it highlighted the importance of supporting developing countries by restructuring global financial architecture.²⁵⁷⁴ Brazil suggested reforming Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and promoting resilient capital flows to developing countries.

On 1 February 2024, Brazil signed a memorandum with Bolivia intending to increase fertilizer production in the two countries.²⁵⁷⁵ Bolivia's large reserve of natural gas, essential for fertilizers, will be coupled with Brazilian knowledge and technical cooperation. The agreement allows for construction of factories and exploitation of Bolivia's natural gas reserves.

²⁵⁷⁰ Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty is Brasil's priority at G20 presidency, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 29 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/building-a-global-alliance-against-hunger-and-poverty-is-a-priority>

²⁵⁷¹ Agriculture WG highlights sustainable practices, G20 Brazil, 30 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/agriculture-wg-highlights-sustainable-practices>

²⁵⁷² Strengthening family farming: biofuels as a way ahead, G20 Brazil, 14 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/strengthening-family-farming-biofuels-as-a-way-ahead>

²⁵⁷³ Inequalities, climate and global economy are topics of G20 WG meeting, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/inequalities-climate-and-global-economy-are-topics-of-g20-wg-meeting>

²⁵⁷⁴ The International Financial Architecture Working Group holds its first meeting and debates global challenges and priorities, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 26 January 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/the-international-financial-architecture-working-group-holds-its-first-meeting-and-debates-global-challenges-and-priorities>

²⁵⁷⁵ Brazil and Bolivia sign memorandum for fertilizer production, Planalto (Brasília) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024./02/copy_of_brazil-and-bolivia-sign-memorandum-for-fertilizer-production

On 3 February 2024, in its capacity as G20 president Brazil unveiled more priorities and guidelines for the Rio Summit in November.²⁵⁷⁶ It raised key issues from the Infrastructure Working Group, to support infrastructure development in developing countries to boost economic growth as well as reduce poverty.

On 9 February 2024, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation's Working Group unveiled its workplan for sustainable transition for developing countries, technology transfers for Global South countries and open innovation to decarbonize the economies. This workplan is to be used and incorporated into the Research and Innovation Working Group of the G20 Sherpa Track meetings.²⁵⁷⁷

On 16 February 2024, Brazil signed agreements with Egypt to ensure food security, as well as cooperation on fields of research, science and technology between the two countries.²⁵⁷⁸ The agreement reached will increase Brazilian exports of beef, pork and poultry to Egypt. Furthermore, Brazil invited Ethiopia to Brazil's Global Alliance Against Hunger.²⁵⁷⁹

On 17 February 2024, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva attended the 37th Summit of the African Union, in which he committed to strengthening cooperation on issues of global hunger and economic development.²⁵⁸⁰

On 22 February 2024, Brazil met with the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) to discuss common agendas.²⁵⁸¹ They agreed on strengthening the IBSA Fund, a South-South initiative that aims to aid developing countries' development and meet international goals. The IBSA also agreed on supporting issues relating to food insecurity and poverty.

On 27 February 2024, Brazil pledged to invest BRL27 billion in ecological transition with international support. This will be from a partnership between the Brazilian government, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB).²⁵⁸² This is part of Brazil's pushing forward of a main priority in its G20 leadership, regarding the G20 Sustainable Finance working group. This mobilization of funds was made through Eco Invest Brazil, a joint program between Brazilian Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank, as well as with the IADB and World Bank.

²⁵⁷⁶ G20 defends commitment to better infrastructure in Global South countries, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 3 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/g20-defends-commitment-to-better-infrastructure-in-global-south-countries>

²⁵⁷⁷ Brasil aims at reducing technological inequalities to boost sustainable transition, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/brasil-aims-at-reducing-technological-inequalities-to-boost-sustainable-transition>

²⁵⁷⁸ Brazil and Egypt sign agreements to facilitate meat export and to expand cooperation in science and technology, Planalto (Cairo) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/brazil-and-egypt-sign-agreements-to-facilitate-meat-export-and-to-expand-cooperation-in-science-and-technology>

²⁵⁷⁹ Lula invites Ethiopian Prime Minister to Global Alliance against Hunger, Planalto (Addis Ababa) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/lula-invites-ethiopian-prime-minister-to-global-alliance-against-hunger>

²⁵⁸⁰ Lula: "Development cannot be the privilege of a few", Planalto (Addis Ababa) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/lula-desenvolvimento-nao-pode-continuar-sendo-privilegio-de-poucos>

²⁵⁸¹ India-Brasil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) gains strength at G20 meeting, G20 Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/india-brasil-south-africa-dialogue-forum-ibsa-gains-strength-at-g20-meeting>

²⁵⁸² Brasil is to invest R\$27 billion in ecological transition with international support, G20 Brazil (São Paulo) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/brasil-is-to-invest-r-27-billion-in-ecological-transition-with-international-support>

On 29 February 2024, President Lula attended the 46th Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, where he committed to investing in greater integration with the Caribbean Community, focusing on the main issues of food insecurity and climate change.²⁵⁸³

On 5 March 2024, Brazil suggested greater cooperation between Latin America and Caribbean countries in climate and energy transition at the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States Summit.²⁵⁸⁴ The initiatives of CELAC's 2030 Food Security, Nutrition and Poverty Eradication Plan (SAN-CELAC 2030 Plan) will be discussed. Furthermore, synergy between SAN-CELAC 2030 and Brazil's Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty was discussed.

On 12 March 2024, 38 new Brazilian meat processing plants received permits to sell to China.²⁵⁸⁵ This will meet Chinese agriculture demands.

On 16 March 2024, Brazil held talks with Mexico to discuss cooperation on energy and food sectors and reiterate their common agendas within the G20 Working Groups.²⁵⁸⁶

On 24 March 2024, Brazil presented the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty to Latin American leaders at a Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Conference.²⁵⁸⁷ The stated goal of this alliance is to end hunger and poverty; and of policies to ensure the human right to dignity and to adequate, nutritious, and healthy food.

On 5 April 2024, Brazil's government signed a contract to expand its energy transmission infrastructure worth BRL 21.7 billion in a bid to expand its energy infrastructure.²⁵⁸⁸

On 17 April 2024, Vice President Geraldo Alckmin attended the International Conference "50 years of the Brazil-China relationship: cooperation for a sustainable world."²⁵⁸⁹ At the conference, Vice President Alckmin highlighted food security, infrastructure, energy transition and climate change in a context of economic and commercial complementarity with China

²⁵⁸³ In Guyana, Lula highlights opportunities for integration between Brazil and Caribbean countries, Planalto (Georgetown) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/02/in-guyana-lula-highlights-opportunities-for-integration-between-brazil-and-caribbean-countries>

²⁵⁸⁴ At CELAC, Lula extols the potential of Latin Americans and Caribbeans as an integrated bloc, Planalto (Kingstown), 5 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/03/at-celac-lula-extols-the-potential-of-latin-americans-and-caribbeans-as-an-integrated-bloc>

²⁵⁸⁵ The number of Brazilian meat plants that can export to China rises to 146, Planalto, 12 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/03/an-additional-38-brazilian-meat-plants-have-been-cleared-for-exporting-to-china>

²⁵⁸⁶ Reducing inequality, combating hunger and ensuring rights unite Brazil and Mexico in the G20 agenda, G20 Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) 16 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024 <https://www.g20.org/en/news/reducing-inequality-combating-hunger-and-ensuring-rights-unite-brazil-and-mexico-in-the-g20-agenda>

²⁵⁸⁷ Brazilian minister announces Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty to Latin American leaders at FAO event, G20 Brazil (Rio De Janeiro) 24 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024 <https://www.g20.org/en/news/brazilian-minister-announces-global-alliance-against-hunger-and-poverty-to-latin-american-leaders-at-fao-event>

²⁵⁸⁸ Brazilian government signs energy transmission contracts expecting BRL 21.7 billion in investments, Planalto (Brasilia) 5 April 2024, Access Date: 30 April 2024 <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/04/brazilian-government-signs-energy-transmission-contracts-expecting-brl-21-7-billion-in-investments>

²⁵⁸⁹ Alckmin: "It's difficult to think of an area in which there is no partnership between Brazil and China", Planalto (Brasilia) 17 April 2024, Translation by Google Translate Access Date: 30 April 2024 <https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/vice-presidencia/central-de-conteudo/noticias/alckmin-201cdificil-pensar-uma-area-em-que-nao-haja-parceria-entre-brasil-e-china201d>

On 23 April 2024, President Lula met with the President of the African Development Bank, discussing cooperation on development with Embrapa (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation) and its work on increasing agricultural lands use which can help with food security.²⁵⁹⁰

On 25 April 2024, Brazil signed seven strategic agreements at the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation – Embrapa focused on technological solutions focused on agriculture and livestock.²⁵⁹¹ Two of the agreements are of international scope– one with the World Bank and the other with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). With the World Bank, its main objective the development of projects for a greener, resilient, and inclusive agri-food sector in Brazil and other developing countries.

On 4 May 2024, President Lula met with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, in which they signed 38 cooperation memorandums. Among these, both countries agreed on food security collaboration, in an agreement signed by Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA), the Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Agriculture (MDA), the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Japan thus becomes the first country to contribute to the National Program for the Conversion of Degraded Pastures into Sustainable Agricultural and Forestry Production Systems (PNCPPD), which aims to restore 40 hectares of land.²⁵⁹²

On 16 May 2024, Brazil held a G20 meeting with agriculture leaders to discuss the Global Alliance against Hunger and critical issues of food security. It was hosted by the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation, where top scientists hold high-level discussions on agriculture research, as well as aiming global awareness for food insecurity.²⁵⁹³

On 20 May 2024, Minister of Development and Social Assistance, Family and the Fight Against Hunger Wellington Dias opened a G20 Social meeting in which he highlighted the civil society's role in combating hunger and poverty. He unveiled the terms of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, which has received participation from civil society.²⁵⁹⁴

On 23 May 2024, Brazil and China pushed for a political settlement of the Ukraine War, and a de-escalation of the situation. In their resulting memorandum, Brazil and China called for negotiations, and other practices of war, as well as international cooperation on energy, security, finance and food security.²⁵⁹⁵ On the same day, President Lula met with Benin President Talon, in which he invited

²⁵⁹⁰ Lula argues that G20 priorities can contribute to Africa's development, Planalto (Brasília) 23 April 2024, Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/lula-argues-that-g20-priorities-can-contribute-to-africas-development>

²⁵⁹¹ President accompanies signing of seven strategic agreements at Embrapa, Planalto (Brasília) 25 April 2024, Translation by Google Translate Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/pt-br/acompanhe-o-planalto/noticias/2024/04/presidente-acompanha-assinatura-de-sete-acordos-estrategicos-na-embrapa>

²⁵⁹² Brazil and Japan signed 38 agreements during the visit of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to Brasília. Planalto (Brasília) 4 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/05/brazil-and-japan-signed-40-agreements-during-the-visit-of-prime-minister-fumio-kishida-to-brasilia>

²⁵⁹³ Global Alliance to combat hunger and ensure sustainable food production, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 16 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/global-alliance-to-combat-hunger-and-ensure-sustainable-food-production>

²⁵⁹⁴ G20 Social helps create reference document for the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, G20 Brazil (Teresina) 20 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/g20-social-helps-create-reference-document-for-the-global-alliance-against-hunger-and-poverty>

²⁵⁹⁵ Brazil and China present joint proposal for peace negotiations with the participation of Russia and Ukraine. Planalto (Beijing) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/05/brazil-and-china-present-joint-proposal-for-peace-negotiations-with-the-participation-of-russia-and-ukraine>

Benin to the Global Alliance Against Hunger.²⁵⁹⁶ Moreover, Brazil and the UN World Food Programme signed an agreement to promote food security on the G20 agenda in Piauí. This included more South-South aid, international engagement, and producing agroecological food.²⁵⁹⁷

On 1 June 2024, Brazil hosted the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group, which discussed the need for universal access to energy and clean technologies. At the same time, Brazilian Minister of Mines and Energy Alexandre Silveira highlighted the importance of international cooperation for energy security and clean technologies.²⁵⁹⁸

On 5 June 2024, the Brazil-China Business Seminar began in Beijing. In this seminar, China and Brazil re-iterated cooperation and mentioned strengthening ties. In this event, China showed support for Brazil's Global Alliance Against Hunger.²⁵⁹⁹

On 10 June 2024, Brazil hosted the G20 International Financial Architecture working group meeting in Fortaleza, which highlighted greater investment in the Global South to tackle inequality and hunger.²⁶⁰⁰

On 15 June 2024, President Lula met with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who was hosting the G7 Summit. They reiterated their support for the global fight against hunger and energy transition.²⁶⁰¹ On the same day, President Lula met with German Chancellor Scholz, in which he invited Germany to the Global Alliance Against Hunger, one of Brazil's priorities at the G20 presidency.²⁶⁰²

On 21 June, President Lula joined the new CEO of Petrobras in supporting the energy company's new vision, which focuses on increased investment in renewable sources and heavy fertilizer investment.²⁶⁰³

On 25 June, Minister Silveria visited Iberdrola's hydrogen fuel plant in Spain. During his visit, Minister Silveria pledged an investment of BRL30 million to be put towards the construction of a new green hydrogen plant in Brazil.²⁶⁰⁴

²⁵⁹⁶ "We are Africa's natural partners," says Lula during visit of Benin's President. Planalto (Brasília) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. (<https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/05/201cwe-are-africas-natural-partners-201d-says-lula-during-visit-of-benin2019s-president>)

²⁵⁹⁷ UN WFP and Brazilian MDS sign agreement to promote food security on G20 agenda in Piauí, G20 Brazil (Teresina) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/un-wfp-and-brazilian-mds-sign-agreement-to-promote-food-security-on-g20-agenda-in-piaui>

²⁵⁹⁸ Combating energy poverty with clean sources is a G20 priority, says Brazilian minister, G20 Brazil (Brasília) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/combating-energy-poverty-with-clean-sources-is-a-g20-priority-says-brazilian-minister>

²⁵⁹⁹ At Beijing business forum, Alckmin looks at the future while celebrating 50th anniversary of Brazil-China relations. Planalto (Beijing) 5 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/at-beijing-business-forum-alcmin-looks-at-the-future-while-celebrating-50th-anniversary-of-brazil-china-relations>

²⁶⁰⁰ G20 in Fortaleza: world delegates seek solutions for global financial challenges G20 News 10 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/g20-in-fortaleza-world-delegates-seek-solutions-for-global-financial-challenges>

²⁶⁰¹ Lula has bilateral with Italy PM and G7 host Giorgia Meloni. Planalto (Fasano) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/lula-has-bilateral-with-italy-pm-and-g7-host-giorgia-meloni>

²⁶⁰² In Italy, Lula invites German Chancellor Scholz to join Global Alliance Against Hunger. Planalto (Fasano) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/in-italy-lula-invites-german-chancellor-scholz-to-join-global-alliance-against-hunger>

²⁶⁰³ "Petrobras is again set to become one of world's largest energy companies," says Lula at Magda Chambriard's investiture. Planalto (Rio de Janeiro) 21 June 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/201cpetrobras-is-again-set-to-become-one-of-world2019s-largest-energy-companies-201d-says-lula-at-magda-chambriards-investiture>

²⁶⁰⁴ Mines and Energy minister secures green hydrogen investment in Brazil, Planalto (Rio de Janeiro) 25 June 2024. Access Date: 13 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/06/alexandre-silveira-guarantees-investments-to-increase-green-hydrogen-production-in-brazil>

On 24 July, presidents of multilateral banks, UN agencies and international authorities endorsed Brazil's Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, which is based on the value of food security. Finance Minister Fernando Haddad emphasized the global aspect and the need to pool resources for this initiative.²⁶⁰⁵

On October 16 2024, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva announced a series of measures aimed at increasing food production while supporting small-scale producers, cooperatives, and association.²⁶⁰⁶ The measures include BRL 6 billion in credit lines for organic and agroecological production, as well as BRL 115 million to increase inclusive production.

Brazil has fully complied with addressing the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy. Brazil has shown a strong intention to assist in tackling global food poverty, assist the development of developing nations as well as help with global economic recovery. Furthermore, through agreements, the Brazilian Government has taken strong action to improve food access globally. Although action was found on energy security. it was not particularly responsive towards the war in Ukraine but towards climate change and, therefore, cannot be seen as concrete action in the sector. There was also a small indication of securing fertilizer output.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: David Daigneault

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 1 December 2023, the Ministry of Transport announced the launch of the National Supply Chain Office in Canada, aimed at strengthening the country's supply chains and enhancing economic competitiveness.²⁶⁰⁷ In collaboration with industry, labor, Indigenous groups and other levels of government, the office will focus on increasing efficiency and resilience across supply chains while mitigating disruptions. Its key functions include developing and implementing a National Supply Chain Strategy, supporting the government's response to significant disruptions, facilitating data sharing for efficient movement of goods and providing leadership and coordination for interprovincial/territorial and global supply chain issues.

On 12 December 2023, the LNG Canada facility announced that it is over 85 per cent complete overall.²⁶⁰⁸ It will have the capacity to export liquefied natural gas (LNG), aiding in stabilizing supply lines.

²⁶⁰⁵ World leadership endorse Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty. Planalto (Rio de Janeiro) 25 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/07/world-leadership-endorse-global-alliance-against-hunger-and-poverty>

²⁶⁰⁶ Federal Government continues hunger eradication efforts in Brazil with two new plans and over 220 initiatives, Planalto (Brasilia) 17 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 October 2024 . <https://www.gov.br/planalto/en/latest-news/2024/10/federal-government-continues-hunger-eradication-efforts-in-brazil-with-two-new-plans-and-over-220-initiatives>

²⁶⁰⁷ Minister of Transport announces launch of the National Supply Chain Office, Transport Canada, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 December 2023. Access Date: 22 March 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2023/12/minister-of-transport-announces-launch-of-the-national-supply-chain-office-to-strengthen-canadas-supply-chains-and-increase-the-economys-competitiv.html>

²⁶⁰⁸ LNG Canada 2023 Year-End Update, LNG Canada (Kitimat) 12 Decemember 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.lngcanada.ca/news/lng-canada-2023-year-end-update/>

On 1 February 2024, the Price Cap Coalition, consisting of the G7, the European Union and Australia, enforced the Oil Price Cap (OPC).²⁶⁰⁹ The OPC aims to curb Russian revenues funding aggression against Ukraine while maintaining global oil flows. The coalition emphasizes vigilance against evasion and commits to proactive compliance enforcement.

On 9 February 2024, Transport Canada announced an investment of up to CAD14.5 million through the National Trade Corridors Fund to upgrade an essential cargo distribution facility and aircraft hangar in Northern Quebec.²⁶¹⁰ The project includes the construction of a new cargo warehouse and extension of the hangar bay for aircraft maintenance at the Kuujuaq, Quebec, airport. This initiative aims to enhance the ability to preserve food security with larger storage capacities and build a more reliable supply chain.

On 24 February 2024, Canada pledged financial and military assistance amounting to CAD3.02 billion to Ukraine for 2024.²⁶¹¹ This support encompasses new financial aid to help Ukraine address balance of payments and budgetary challenges, stabilize its economy and initiate a multi-year military assistance commitment.

On 5 March 2024, Canada and Australia issued a joint statement emphasizing the significance of upholding mutual objectives in the advancement of global critical minerals supply chains.²⁶¹² These objectives encompass fostering a diverse and resilient market governed by equitable market practices, alongside efforts to enhance transparency and traceability for monetizing the production of these rare materials. Additionally, the statement reaffirmed commitment to bilateral mining services and collaboration in research and development initiatives in these strategic sectors.

On 15 March 2024, Transport Canada announced an investment of CAD6.7 million for two projects at the Port of Thunder Bay through the National Trade Corridors Fund.²⁶¹³ The investment aims to enhance trade flows, increase exports, and optimize Canada's transportation system. To boost cargo handling capacity and enhance supply chain fluidity, heavyweight rail track and switches will be added. These projects help a number of industries, such as phosphate fertilizers, wind turbine components, steel, grain, and potash.

On 25 March 2024, Transport Canada announced an investment of CAD16.75 million for a project at the Port of Montréal under the National Trade Corridors Fund.²⁶¹⁴ The project involves adding a fourth track on the Pie-IX railway bridge, 500 meters into the railway network of the bridge and

²⁶⁰⁹Price Cap Coalition - Oil Price Cap (OPC) Compliance and Enforcement Alert, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2024. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/sanctions/2024-02-01-advisory-conseil-mondial-coalition.aspx?lang=eng

²⁶¹⁰ Government of Canada invests to upgrade an essential cargo distribution facility and aircraft hangar in Northern Quebec, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 2 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-invests-to-upgrade-an-essential-cargo-distribution-facility-and-aircraft-hangar-in-northern-quebec.html>

²⁶¹¹Canada announces additional support for Ukraine, Prime minister of Canada (Ottawa) 24 February 2024. Access Date: 22 March 2024. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2024/02/24/canada-announces-additional-support-ukraine>

²⁶¹² Joint Statement by Canada and Australia on Cooperation on Critical Minerals (Canberra) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/joint-statement-canada-and-australia-cooperation-critical-minerals>

²⁶¹³ Transport Canada announces funding to increase capacity at the Port of Thunder Bay, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 February 2024. Access Date 2 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2024/03/transport-canada-announces-funding-to-increase-capacity-at-the-port-of-thunder-bay.html>

²⁶¹⁴ Minister of Transport announces funding to relieve congestion in supply chains and enhance infrastructure at the Port of Montréal, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 February 2024. Access Date 2 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2024/03/minister-of-transport-announces-funding-to-relieve-congestion-in-supply-chains-and-enhance-infrastructure-at-the-port-of-montreal.html>

building a storage area. The rehabilitation of the railway bridge, including the fourth track, entails adding. The project aims to preserve the long-term viability of the port's container terminals, increase rail capacity to boost the port's commercial value by more than \$1 billion annually, reduce freight costs and helps strengthen the country's supply chains.

On 16 April 2024, the Canadian government reinforced its support for the energy sector through Budget 2024. This included CAD50 million for Bruce Power's pre-development work and CAD3 billion in export financing for Romania's new CANDU reactors, aiming to build a clean, reliable, and affordable electricity grid.²⁶¹⁵

On 3 May 2024, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions announced CAD2 million in repayable funding for Les Fruits de Mer Madeleine, a fishing company operating in Quebec.²⁶¹⁶ The subsidy aims to promote increased supply of seafood products and to strengthen the seafood supply chain by incentivizing Les Fruits de Mer Madeleine to invest in its deep-freeze storage and production facilities.

On 8 May 2024, the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced a CAD25 million investment in agricultural researchers. This funding aims to support innovation and advancements in agriculture, enhancing productivity and sustainability in the sector.²⁶¹⁷

On 10 May 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced an investment of over CAD1 million into a project by the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers to develop climate-resilient varieties of tender fruit.²⁶¹⁸ Large supplies of fruit with climate-resilient characteristics reduce the potential of fruit supply shocks caused by climate change.

On 16 May 2024, the Government of Canada, in collaboration with the United States, announced a co-investment initiative to strengthen critical mineral value chains. This joint effort aims to secure supply chains for critical minerals essential for manufacturing sectors such as electrical vehicle batteries and clean technology, promoting responsible and sustainable supply chains.²⁶¹⁹

On 15 June 2024, Canada, represented by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Ukraine Peace Summit, endorsed the "Joint Communiqué on a Peace Framework." The communiqué outlined commitments to ensure the safety and security of nuclear installations, protect food supplies by maintaining open trade routes, and facilitate the humane treatment and exchange of prisoners. This framework was

²⁶¹⁵Government reinforces support for Canada's nuclear sector in Budget 2024, Canadian Nuclear Association (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date 24 June 2024. <https://cna.ca/2024/04/16/government-reinforces-its-support-for-canadas-nuclear-sector-in-budget-2024/>

²⁶¹⁶ Government of Canada invests in growth by supporting Les Fruits de Mer Madeleine, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions (Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine) 3 May 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-quebec-regions/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-invests-in-growth-by-supporting-les-fruits-de-mer-madeleine.html>

²⁶¹⁷ Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan invest \$25 million in agriculture researchers, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/governments-of-canada-and-saskatchewan-invest-25-million-in-agriculture-researchers.html>

²⁶¹⁸ Parliamentary Secretary Badawey announces funding for Ontario Tender Fruit Growers to develop climate resilient fruit varieties, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Lincoln) 10 May 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2024/05/parliamentary-secretary-badawey-announces-funding-for-ontario-tender-fruit-growers-to-develop-climate-resilient-fruit-varieties.html>

²⁶¹⁹ Government of Canada and the United States Co-Invest to Strengthen Critical Mineral Value Chains, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 May 2024. Access Date 25 June 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2024/05/government-of-canada-and-the-united-states-co-invest-to-strengthen-critical-mineral-value-chains.html>

supported by Canada to emphasize the importance of upholding international law and supporting Ukraine's sovereignty amidst the Russian invasion.²⁶²⁰

On 25 June 2024, the Department of Transportation and Transport Canada partnered with the US Department of Homeland Security Supply Chain Resilience Center to conduct a supply chain disruption exercise. This collaboration aims to improve the resilience and efficiency of supply chains between the United States and Canada, addressing vulnerabilities and ensuring continuity in the face of potential disruptions.²⁶²¹

On 8 July 2024, Petronas expanded its fleet with three new LNG vessels to support its Canadian operations. These vessels will transport LNG from North America as part of Petronas's involvement in the LNG Canada project, which is recognized for having low carbon emission intensity.²⁶²²

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. Canada has made donations to Ukraine and set up the National Supply Chain office to aid in securing supply chains worldwide. Furthermore, it has almost completed construction on a large LNG facility that will allow them to increase exports of LNG thus stabilizing energy supply chains. Additionally, Canada has mobilized its National Trade Corridors Fund to protect and strengthen food supply chains.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ananya Gaur

China: +1

China has fully complied with addressing the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy.

On 7 December 2023, President Xi Jinping attended the 24th China-EU Summit, committing to create synergies between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the EU's Global Gateway in order to benefit developing countries.²⁶²³ EU President Ursula von der Leyen focused on improving supply chain and industrial cooperation between China and the EU.

On 15 December 2023, China met with Russian delegates in calling for energy cooperation at the 20th meeting of the China-Russia Energy Cooperation Committee.²⁶²⁴ China called on consolidating energy trade, promoting construction and operations of oil and gas projects and building nuclear energy projects. Furthermore, China called on strengthening global energy governance, making greater contributions to the long-term, healthy, stable and sustainable development of the global energy market.

²⁶²⁰ The First Peace Summit for Ukraine Should Become a Platform of Inspiration for the Future Peace Process (Kyiv) 2 May 2024. Access Date 25 June 2024. <https://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/pershij-samit-miru-dlya-ukrayini-stane-platformoyu-sho-rozpo-90653>

²⁶²¹ DHS Supply Chain Resilience Center Partners with Department of Transportation and Transport Canada on Supply Chain Disruption Exercise, Department of Homeland Security (Washington) 25 June 2024. Access Date 26 June 2024. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2024/06/25/dhs-supply-chain-resilience-center-partners-department-transportation-and-transport>

²⁶²² PETRONAS Gears Up for LNG Canada Start-Up with Three New Energy-Efficient LNG Vessels, Petronas (Kuala Lumpur) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.petronas.com/media/media-releases/petronas-gears-Ing-canada-start-three-new-energy-efficient-Ing-vessels>

²⁶²³ Xi urges enhanced political mutual trust, dialogue, cooperation with EU, Xinhua (Beijing) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202312/07/content_WS6571880ac6d0868f4e8e1f78.html

²⁶²⁴ China vows to enhance high-quality energy cooperation with Russia. Xinhua (Beijing) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202312/16/content_WS657ced59c6d0868f4e8e23eb.html

On 3 January 2024, China approved a new law to safeguard food security, ensuring self-sufficiency in grains.²⁶²⁵ It calls for disaster relief and mitigation, and relief in grain production. It will also provide income to grain farmers to ensure supply. Furthermore, Bloomberg News announced that China had become the world's largest LNG importer in 2024.²⁶²⁶

On 9 January 2024, China launched its Global Development Initiative, aimed at increasing countries ability to develop independently while remaining open and inclusive.²⁶²⁷ Furthermore, China announced that its crude oil and natural gas output had exceeded 390 million tons of oil equivalent in 2023, achieving a historic high.²⁶²⁸ As part of his 2024 diplomatic goals, Foreign Minister Wang Yi declared that China would aim to solve structural problems in the global economy as well as maintain the stability of global supply chains.²⁶²⁹

On 15 January 2024, China attended the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting at Davos, which was built around the theme 'Rebuilding Trust', focusing on achieving security and cooperation, creating growth and jobs, and formulating a long-term strategy for climate, nature and energy.²⁶³⁰ At this meeting, China urged for greater macroeconomic stability, and keeping supply chains stable and smooth.

On 19 January 2024, China and the United States held the Third Meeting of the Financial Working Group.²⁶³¹ They discussed a framework for Global Systemically Important Banks as well as maintaining global financial stability and other important trade affairs.

On 20 January 2024, China announced it had increased its crude oil outputs in December 2023.²⁶³² Chinese output totaled 17.65 million tonnes in December, rising 4.6 per cent year on year according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

On 22 January 2024, the Chinese representation attended the 3rd South Summit, the supreme decision-making body of the G77.²⁶³³ China stressed the importance of its Global Development Initiative, BRI and greater unity between the Global South.

On 28 January 2024, Minister Wang and Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukaramet to strengthen bilateral ties, with China emphasizing its willingness to

²⁶²⁵ China adopts new law to safeguard food security, Xinhua (Beijing) 3 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 http://en.moj.gov.cn/2024-01/03/c_953103.htm.

²⁶²⁶ China Regains LNG Buyer's Crown as Rivals Brace for More Growth, Bloomberg, 3 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-01-04/china-regains-lng-buyer-s-crown-as-rivals-brace-for-more-growth?embedded-checkout=true>

²⁶²⁷ China's top diplomat presents diplomatic goals for 2024, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/10/content_WS659df437c6d0868f4e8e2e93.html

²⁶²⁸ China's oil, gas output hits record high in 2023, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024

²⁶²⁹ China's top diplomat presents diplomatic goals for 2024, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/10/content_WS659df437c6d0868f4e8e2e93.html

²⁶³⁰ WEF Annual meeting urges cooperation amid global economic uncertainty. Xinhua (Davos), 15 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/17/content_WS65a71e8ac6d0868f4e8e32a8.html

²⁶³¹ Chinese vice premier meets with U.S. delegation of China-U.S. financial working group, Xinhua (Beijing) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/20/content_WS65aafbe1c6d0868f4e8e34ec.html. And: READOUT: Third Meeting of the Financial Working Group Between the United States and the People's Republic of China, US.

Department Of the Treasury (Beijing) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2033>

²⁶³² China's crude oil output increases in December 2023, Xinhua (Beijing) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/archive/statistics/202401/20/content_WS65ab5611c6d0868f4e8e3520.html

²⁶³³ China calls for more efforts in advancing South-South cooperation, Xinhua (Kampala), 22 January 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202401/22/content_WS65ae2075c6d0868f4e8e35ba.html

aid Thailand and developing countries.²⁶³⁴ They emphasized supply chain developments, uphold relations, work with the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative.

On 21 February 2024, Minister Wang met with French president Emmanuel Macron, declaring intentions of working together with France to act as a stabilizing and peaceful force in the world, regarding hotspot conflicts and world economic recovery.²⁶³⁵

On 24 February 2024, China released its progress on expanding markets for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and its global leadership in the LNG market. China has highlighted its construction of LNG infrastructure, including receiving terminals and storage facilities.²⁶³⁶

On 5 March 2024, China unveiled its growth targets, with a goal to curb domestic inflation to three per cent.²⁶³⁷

On 13 March 2024, China unveiled measures to enhance resilience and competitiveness of industrial supply chains.²⁶³⁸ This will create strong policy frameworks for industrial upgrades and serve as a strong pillar for development.

On 19 March 2024, China urged all-out efforts to support supply of grains and vital agricultural products.²⁶³⁹ They called for moves to increase grain and oil yields.

On 22 March 2024, Vice Premier Zhang Guoqing attended the first Nuclear Energy Summit in Brussels. He shared China's hopes of coordinated and balanced nuclear strategies and how China will work with all parties to facilitate cooperation in nuclear technology. One of these reasons is due to nuclear's importance in energy security.²⁶⁴⁰

On 24 March 2024, China unveiled its agenda for the 2024 Boao Forum for Asia, which is held on March 26 to March 29. This forum included 2000 delegates from 40 different countries.²⁶⁴¹ In the agenda, included deepening Asian cooperation and strengthening industrial supply chains between Asian countries.

On 25 March 2024, President Xi Jinping met with the Prime Minister of Dominica Roosevelt Skerit, emphasizing mutual development and South-South assistance.²⁶⁴² Furthermore, China has announced

²⁶³⁴ China, Thailand FMs hold annual consultation to strengthen bilateral ties, Xinhua (Bangkok), 28 January 2024.

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²⁶³⁵ China, France should enhance strategic coordination, cooperation: Chinese FM, Xinhua (Paris), 21 February 2024.

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17 March 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202402/24/content_WS65d95ed2c6d0868f4e8e44f6.html

²⁶³⁷ China unveils 2024 growth targets with focus on high-quality development, Xinhua (Beijing) 5 March 2024. Access

Date: 17 March 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/06/content_WS65e7d31fc6d0868f4e8e4bdd.html

²⁶³⁸ Measures to boost industrial system, China Daily 13 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/13/content_WS65f14aeec6d0868f4e8e50d1.html

²⁶³⁹ Chinese premier stresses efforts to stabilize grain supply, Xinhua 19 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/19/content_WS65f96995c6d0868f4e8e53aa.html

²⁶⁴⁰ Chinese vice premier stresses sharing benefits of nuclear energy, Xinhua (Brussels) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 26

June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/23/content_WS65fe09c9c6d0868f4e8e55ff.html

²⁶⁴¹ Boao Forum for Asia unveils agenda for 2024. conference, Xinhua (Bo'ao) 24 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May

2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/24/content_WS660025b7c6d0868f4e8e5695.html

²⁶⁴² Xi Jinping Meets with Prime Minister of Dominica Roosevelt Skerit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) 25 March

2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202404/t20240415_11281864.html

to deepen its industrial and supply chains and upgrade their development.²⁶⁴³ China plans to further its links in international supply chains. Moreover, Chinese Premier Li Qiang met with the World Bank President to discuss issues of global governance, development support as well as general macroeconomic stability.²⁶⁴⁴

On 26 March 2024, Vice Premier He Lifeng met with the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), supporting contributions to global stability and prosperity.²⁶⁴⁵

On 8 April 2024, China and the US reached a consensus on economic and financial cooperation, deepening coordination of financial policies in order to benefit global macroeconomic stability and promoting development.²⁶⁴⁶

On 9 April 2024, China launched a campaign to increase its grain output in order to build its food security capacity.²⁶⁴⁷ China country aims to boost the grain production capacity by over 50 million tones by 2030. This will be done through construction and revitalization of the seed industry.

On 16 April 2024, President Xi met with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, where they both re-iterated their support for maintaining global food security, industrial supply chains global macroeconomic stability.²⁶⁴⁸

On 18 April 2024, Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, emphasizing their partnership and continued cooperation.²⁶⁴⁹ They discussed continued development cooperation as well as ensuring food security.

On 25 April 2024, Minister Wang Yi met with his Malaysian counterpart, Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan, emphasizing South-South cooperation and increased development and assistance to Malaysia.²⁶⁵⁰

On 7 May 2024, President Xi met with French President Macron and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to discuss Chinese-EU relations. ²⁶⁵¹ In this meeting, China, the EU and France agreed on refusing the logic of 'decoupling', enhanced cooperation admits an unstable environment. President Xi urged the three parties to work for a peaceful settlement of the Ukraine crisis and to keep international food and energy security stable, as well as maintain supply chains

²⁶⁴³ China to promote industrial, supply chain upgrade: minister, Xinhua (Beijing) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/26/content_WS6602233ec6d0868f4e8e576b.html

²⁶⁴⁴ Chinese premier meets with World Bank president, calling for closer partnership, Xinhua (Beijing) 25 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/26/content_WS6602091bc6d0868f4e8e5728.html

²⁶⁴⁵ Chinese vice premier meets IMF chief, Xinhua (Beijing) 26 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202403/26/content_WS66025e9bc6d0868f4e8e577e.html

²⁶⁴⁶ China, U.S. reach important consensus on economic, financial cooperation: vice finance minister, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202404/09/content_WS6614799fc6d0868f4e8e5dde.html

²⁶⁴⁷ China launches campaign to boost grain output, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202404/09/content_WS6614788fc6d0868f4e8e5ddc.html

²⁶⁴⁸ Xi Jinping Meets with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202404/t20240416_11282464.html

²⁶⁴⁹ Indonesian President Joko Widodo Meets with Wang Yi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202404/t20240419_11284602.html

²⁶⁵⁰ Wang Yi Holds Talks with Malaysian Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202404/t20240426_11289476.html

²⁶⁵¹ Xi says there is no such thing as 'China's overcapacity', Xinhua (Paris) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/07/content_WS66391c1fc6d0868f4e8e6cb6.html

On 9 May 2024, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ma Youxiang met Minister of Agriculture of Hungary Istvan Nagy in order to strengthen agricultural cooperation.²⁶⁵² They agreed on cooperation on bee farming, germ plasms, and advanced research exchange in agriculture.

On 14 May, China hosted the China-Germany (China-Europe) Hidden Champions Forum 2024, in which China suggested increasing supply chain cooperation and global stability with Germany.²⁶⁵³

On 22 May, Delegates from Southwest China's Guizhou Province met with Laotian representatives to discuss on cooperation in fields of trade, fertilizer and electricity.²⁶⁵⁴

On 27 May 2024, China participated in the Ninth Trilateral Summit Meeting with the Republic of Korea and Japan.²⁶⁵⁵ In this meeting, the parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening and maintaining supply chains and increasing cooperation in trade. During this summit, China called on the Republic of Korea and Japan to maintain supply chain stability.

On 28 May 2024, China attended the 3rd United Kingdom-China Business Leaders Summit, discussing trade and bilateral ties between the two countries. China re-iterated its manufacturing capacity as a key means of helping other countries combat inflation.²⁶⁵⁶

On 29 May 2024, President Xi met with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, during which they agreed to strengthen their partnership on energy and food security.²⁶⁵⁷

On 30 May 2024, President Xi attended the 10th ministerial conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, in which he urged for greater cooperation in food security.²⁶⁵⁸

On 1 June 2024, China continued construction of grain warehouses and thus reached a grain storage capacity of 700 million tonnes by the end of 2023, an increase of 36 percent from 2014. This has been part of China's 14th Five-Year Plan period plan.²⁶⁵⁹

On 12 June 2024, Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the BRICS meeting in Russia, which saw participation from BRICS and 12 other major developing countries. This included Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Turkey, Mauritania, Cuba, Venezuela and Bahrain. In this meeting, the parties agreed to strengthen cooperation and safeguard the stability of global supply chains.²⁶⁶⁰

²⁶⁵² Agricultural cooperation producing fruitful yields, China Daily 9 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

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²⁶⁵³ China-Germany hold joint forum for hidden champion enterprises, China Daily (Beijing) 14 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/14/content_WS6642a07cc6d0868f4e8e710f.html

²⁶⁵⁴ Laos, China's Guizhou vow to further promote cooperation, Xinhua (VIENTIANE) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/22/content_WS664de737c6d0868f4e8e7565.html

²⁶⁵⁵ Full Text: Joint Declaration of the 9th ROK-Japan-China Trilateral Summit, Xinhua (Seoul) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024 https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/28/content_WS6655237bc6d0868f4e8e78c8.html

²⁶⁵⁶ UK, China business leaders convey confidence in business tie, Xinhua (London) 28 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/29/content_WS66567d43c6d0868f4e8e796e.html

²⁶⁵⁷ Xi holds talks with Egyptian president, Xinhua (Beijing) 29 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/29/content_WS66572b53c6d0868f4e8e79ed.html

²⁶⁵⁸ Full text: President Xi's keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 10th ministerial conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, Xinhua (Beijing) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202405/30/content_WS66581116c6d0868f4e8e7a3e.html

²⁶⁵⁹ China's grain storage capacity exceeds 700 mln tonnes by end of 2023: official, Xinhua (Beijing) 1 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/archive/statistics/202406/02/content_WS665bbc65c6d0868f4e8e7c45.html

²⁶⁶⁰ BRICS conduct dialogue with major developing countries, pledge to strengthen solidarity and cooperation, Xinhua (NIZHNY NOVGOROD) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202406/12/content_WS666a8acec6d0868f4e8e810e.html

On 17 June 2024, China announced that its crude oil output had expanded in the first five months of 2024. The output totaled 89.1 million tonnes in the January-May period, rising 1.8 per cent year on year.²⁶⁶¹

On 20 June 2024, China had harvested around 310 million mu (around 20.68 million hectares) of winter wheat, with harvest progress surpassing 90 per cent. China has invested in rural grain infrastructure, and attributes its high harvest yield to this investment and new technologies. China is the world's largest food producer and third largest food exporter, and therefore has helped secure global food supplies.²⁶⁶²

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On 1 July 2024, China completed its largest LNG storage base, which aims to secure energy security. The base has the capacity to process up to six million tonnes of LNG annually.²⁶⁶³

On 4 July 2024, China and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States committed to expand their agricultural cooperation and work together to address food security crises. China will thus establish at least three demonstration farms in CELAC countries and share knowledge and innovation in the farming sector.²⁶⁶⁴

On 25 July 2024, Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, where Wang Yi re-affirmed Chinese commitment to expanding grain imports from Ukraine and maintaining smooth logistics channels and international food security.²⁶⁶⁵

On 29 July 2024, President Xi met with Timor-Leste President Jose Ramos-Horta, urging for strengthening bilateral ties and cooperation in various fields, including food security.²⁶⁶⁶

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Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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²⁶⁶¹ China's crude oil output rises in January-May, Xinhua (Beijing) 17 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/archive/statistics/202406/17/content_WS666fcca6c6d0868f4e8e839b.html

²⁶⁶² China expects bumper summer harvest, contributing to world food supply, Xinhua (Jinan) 19 June 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202406/20/content_WS667385dfc6d0868f4e8e85a2.html

²⁶⁶³ China completes its largest LNG storage base, Xinhua (Nanjing) 1 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/01/content_WS66821e17c6d0868f4e8e8bbc.html

²⁶⁶⁴ Intl cooperation on agriculture strengthened, China Daily (Weifang) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/04/content_WS668606b8c6d0868f4e8e8db2.html

²⁶⁶⁵ Chinese FM urges political settlement of Ukraine crisis in talks with Ukrainian counterpart, Xinhua (Guangzhou) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/25/content_WS66a1c34dc6d0868f4e8e972e.html

²⁶⁶⁶ Xi holds talks with Timor-Leste president, urges promoting bilateral ties, Xinhua (Beijing) 29 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/29/content_WS66a70b04c6d0868f4e8e98d5.html

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to unite in their endeavour to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy.

On 6 December 2023, France announced a financial package of EUR173 million at the 28th United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai to support countries most vulnerable to climate change.²⁶⁶⁷ This commitment aims to address the urgent need for a strong response to the escalating impacts of climate change on vulnerable countries. The package includes contributions to various multilateral funds dedicated to combating climate vulnerability, with a focus on loss and damage response, global shield against climate risks, support for the least developed countries and early warning systems. France's mobilization reflects its commitment to international solidarity and the principles of the Paris Pact for People and the Planet, advocating for a reform of the international financial system to better address climate challenges.

On 8 January 2024, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty Bruno Le Maire announced the launch of a mission aimed at deepening the Capital Markets Union in anticipation of the next European mandate.²⁶⁶⁸ This initiative, led by a committee chaired by honorary governor of the Banque de France Christian Noyer, seeks to address the challenges of ecological and digital transition by enhancing the depth, liquidity and integration of European capital markets. The goal is to ensure that European businesses can access financing under the same conditions as their main competitors, thereby supporting the region's strategic autonomy and economic growth.

On 15 January 2024, Minister Le Maire will visit the Gravelines nuclear power plant and the Arcelor Mittal steel plant in Grande-Synthe, both located in the North region of France.²⁶⁶⁹ This visit marks his first official trip since the appointment of the government led by Prime Minister Gabriel Attal and his assumption of responsibility for energy. The focus of the visit is on the decarbonization of French industry and the revival of the nuclear sector. At the Gravelines nuclear power plant, which is the largest in France and the European Union, the Minister will highlight the role of the plant in the nuclear industry's revival, especially as it will host the second pair of new EPR2 reactors. At the Arcelor Mittal steel plant, he will announce the signing of a state aid contract that will initiate a significant reduction in the site's carbon emissions through investment in an iron ore reduction unit and electric furnaces, aiming to reduce emissions by 4.4Mt CO₂/year, or 5.7 per cent of national industrial emissions.

On 15 January 2024, the General Directorate of Enterprises, the General Directorate of Overseas Territories and the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion announced a call for projects to

²⁶⁶⁷ La France conforte son soutien aux pays les plus vulnérables au changement climatique et annonce à la COP28 un paquet financier de 173 millions d'euros, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 6 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/la-france-conforte-son-soutien-aux-pays-les-plus-vulnerables-au-changement-climatique-et-annonce-a-la-cop28-un-paquet-financier-de-173-millions-deuros/>

²⁶⁶⁸ Lancement d'une mission dédiée à la relance de l'Union des marchés de capitaux sous la prochaine mandature européenne, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 8 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/lancement-dune-mission-dediee-a-la-relance-de-lunion-des-marches-de-capitaux-sous-la-prochaine-mandature-europeenne/>

²⁶⁶⁹ NAR - Déplacement de Bruno Le Maire dans le Nord (59) consacré à la décarbonation et à la relance du nucléaire français, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 15 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/nar-deplacement-de-bruno-le-maire-dans-le-nord-59-consacre-a-la-decarbonation-et-a-la-relance-du-nucleaire-francais/>

strengthen mobile coverage in Guyanese territory.²⁶⁷⁰ The initiative aims to subsidize up to EUR10 million for a global project to create passive infrastructure for mobile network equipment in Guyana, focusing on improving coverage of the territory's main roads (RN1 and RN2). The grant may cover up to 75 per cent of the total eligible project amount, addressing the significant gap in mobile coverage in the region and advancing the objective of generalizing quality mobile coverage as outlined in the Blue Book of Overseas Territories.

On 15 February 2024, the United States, Austria, Italy, Spain the United Kingdom and France jointly announced an extension of their political compromise on existing unilateral measures during the interim period before Pillar 1 of the OECD's tax framework is in effect.²⁶⁷¹ This extension, until June 30, 2024, aims to align with the revised timeline for the adoption and signature of the Pillar 1 Multilateral Convention. The compromise includes provisions for the treatment of digital services taxes and the transition to Pillar 1 taxation, with a commitment to constructive dialogue to resolve any differences and ensure a common understanding of the commitments.

On 21 February 2024, Minister Le Maire and Bulgarian Minister of Energy Rumen Radev signed a declaration of intent to establish bilateral cooperation in the field of nuclear energy.²⁶⁷² This partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy, aligning with both countries' national priorities and strategies. The collaboration will focus on nuclear construction programs, new technologies such as small modular reactors, development of a European supply chain, the nuclear fuel cycle, and enhancing nuclear training courses in both countries. This agreement underscores France's commitment to advancing climate neutrality and energy sovereignty in the European Union by 2050.

On 4 March 2024, the European Nuclear Alliance, comprising Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden, convened in preparation for the leaders' Nuclear Summit.²⁶⁷³ The Alliance reaffirmed its commitment to nuclear energy as a key component in decarbonizing the economy and achieving security of supply. Key outcomes included the recognition of nuclear energy alongside renewable sources, the launch of the SMR Industrial Alliance to accelerate the deployment of Small and Advanced Modular Reactors (SMR), and the discussion of a comprehensive European framework for nuclear development. The Alliance emphasized the importance of financing instruments and a level playing field for all Member States in reaching carbon neutrality by 2050.

On 4 March 2024, Minister Delegate for Industry and Energy Roland Lescure and Danish Minister of Industry and Climate Laars Aagaard signed a bilateral agreement in Brussels on the cross-border

²⁶⁷⁰ L'État lance un appel à projets pour renforcer la couverture mobile sur le territoire guyanais, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 15 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/letat-lance-un-appel-a-projets-pour-renforcer-la-couverture-mobile-sur-le-territoire-guyanais/>

²⁶⁷¹ Joint statement regarding a compromise on a transitional approach to existing unilateral measures during the interim period before Pillar 1 is in effect, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/joint-statement-regarding-a-compromise-on-a-transitional-approach-to-existing-unilateral-measures-during-the-interim-period-before-pillar-1-is-in-effect/>

²⁶⁷² Signature par Bruno Le Maire et Rumen Radev d'une déclaration d'intention pour l'établissement d'une coopération bilatérale dans le domaine de l'énergie nucléaire, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/signature-par-bruno-le-maire-et-rumen-radev-dune-declaration-dintention-pour-letablissement-dune-cooperation-bilaterale-dans-le-domaine-de-lenergie-nucleaire/>

²⁶⁷³ Declaration of the EU Nuclear Alliance, meeting of March 4th, 2024, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 4 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/declaration-of-the-eu-nuclear-alliance-meeting-of-march-4th-2024/>

transport of carbon dioxide for permanent geological storage.²⁶⁷⁴ This agreement is a continuation of France’s strategy to develop carbon capture and storage technology, aligning with the European Green Deal’s climate objectives. It aims to foster a European carbon capture and storage industry, contributing to the EU’s goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

On 21 March 2024, at the International Atomic Energy Agency’s International Summit on Nuclear Energy in Brussels, Minister Le Maire, and Minister Delegate Lescure, announced the final three winners of the “Innovative Nuclear Reactors” project call under the France 2030 plan.²⁶⁷⁵ The initiative, which had initially selected eleven projects from 15 submissions, allocates EUR129.8 million in state funding to support innovative nuclear reactor projects. As part of France 2030, approximately EUR1 billion in public funds is dedicated to advancing small modular reactors and advanced modular reactors, encompassing nine fission reactor projects and two fusion reactor projects. These efforts aim to introduce breakthrough innovations in the research and development of the French nuclear industry, with a focus on diverse energy production, nuclear fuel cycle management, radioactive waste reduction, and enhancing the competitiveness, safety, and security of nuclear energy.

On April 2, 2024, Minister Le Maire and Minister Delegate Lescure announced the launch of seven energy-saving programs in France.²⁶⁷⁶ This initiative follows the successful reduction in gas and electricity consumption by 12% during the winter of 2022-2023 and seeks to extend these gains by promoting energy efficiency through innovative measures like the energy savings certificate system. These efforts reflect France’s commitment to mitigating the global economic impacts of ongoing international tensions and align with wider strategies to ensure energy sustainability and economic stability.

On 8 April 2024, Minister Le Maire met Robert Habeck, Minister of Economy and Climate Protection of Germany; and Adolfo Urso, Minister of Business and of Made in Italy, in Meudon to endorse the advancement of green and digital technologies to bolster European competitiveness and productivity.²⁶⁷⁷ This endorsement aims to promote the adoption of green energy systems and improve economic performance across Europe.

²⁶⁷⁴ Signature d’un accord entre la France et le Danemark sur le transport transfrontalier de CO₂ à des fins de stockage géologique permanent, Ministère de L’économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 4 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 16 March 2024.

<https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/signature-dun-accord-entre-la-france-et-le-danemark-sur-le-transport-transfrontalier-de-co2-a-des-fins-de-stockage-geologique-permanent/>

²⁶⁷⁵ Nucléaire de demain : de nouveaux projets innovants soutenus par France 2030, Ministère de L’économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 21 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/nucleaire-de-demain-de-nouveaux-projets-innovants-soutenus-par-france-2030-126036/>

²⁶⁷⁶ Bruno Le Maire et Roland Lescure annoncent ce jour le lancement de 7 programmes d’économies d’énergie, Ministère de L’économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 2 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/bruno-le-maire-et-roland-lescure-annoncent-ce-jour-le-lancement-de-7-programmes-deconomies-denergie/>

²⁶⁷⁷ La France, l’Italie et l’Allemagne appellent à favoriser le développement des technologies vertes et numériques pour renforcer la compétitivité et la productivité européennes, Ministère de L’économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 8 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/la-france-litalie-et-lallemagne-appellent-a-favoriser-le-developpement-des-technologies-vertes-et-numeriques-pour-renforcer-la-competitivite-et-la-productivite-europeennes/>

On 17 April 2024, Minister Le Maire and Minister Delegate Lescure signed the European Solar Charter in Paris.²⁶⁷⁸ This event also included the participation of 22 EU member states, the European Commission, and approximately one hundred industrial leaders. The charter underlines a collaborative effort to bolster the European solar industry, emphasizing not only the widespread installation of solar panels but also enhancing the continent's capacity to manufacture them. This initiative aligns with the broader goals of the "Net Zero Industry Act," which France has actively supported since 2023, aiming to integrate non-price criteria in solar panel installations and boost demand through various supports. This move is a strategic component of France's commitment to fortify European industrial sectors in renewable energy.

On 25 April 2024, President Emmanuel Macron emphasized the need for Europe to develop a strong defense capability and to enact major economic reforms to become a global power amidst the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.²⁶⁷⁹ His speech at Sorbonne University stressed the necessity for a unified European military and diplomatic stance to secure the continent's future against external threats and economic competitors like China and the United States.

On 2 May 2024, Minister Le Maire and Minister Delegate Lescure, during a visit to Saint Nazaire, announced the signing of a EUR4.5 billion contract between RTE, Chantiers de l'Atlantique and Hitachi.²⁶⁸⁰ This contract is aimed at supplying offshore electrical substations to support future French offshore wind farms. This initiative, part of broader measures to bolster offshore wind power, aligns with France's strategy to diversify its energy mix and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The event not only marked significant financial investment but also underscored France's commitment to developing renewable energy infrastructure and supporting the associated industry.

On 6 May 2024, Minister Delegate for Industry and Energy Roland Lescure and Secretary of State for Digital Affairs Marina Ferrari, in the presence of Philippe Tibi, announced the addition of five new investors to the Tibi initiative in Paris.²⁶⁸¹ This initiative supports the development of technology companies in France, emphasizing decarbonization and high-tech projects in alignment with the Green Industry plan. The Tibi initiative now encompasses 35 partner investors committed to collectively investing EUR7 billion in French investment funds between 2023 and 2026. This move is part of a broader effort to fortify France's position in technology and industry, thereby contributing to global economic stability in the face of adversities brought by war.

On 22 May 2024, Minister Le Maire and Khaldoon Al Mubarak, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Affairs Authority and member of the Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technology Council, signed

²⁶⁷⁸ CP - Bruno Le Maire et Roland Lescure ont signé la Charte solaire européenne, aux côtés de 22 Etats membres, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, Ministère de L'économie, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/cp-bruno-le-maire-et-roland-lescure-ont-signé-la-charte-solaire-europeenne-aux-cotes-de-22-etats-membres-de-la-commission-europeenne-et-dune-centaine-dindustriels/>

²⁶⁷⁹ Macron outlines his vision for Europe to become an assertive global power as war in Ukraine rages on, Associated Press (Washington DC) 25 April 2024. Access Date: June 23 2024. <https://apnews.com/article/france-macron-europe-eu-paris-sorbonne-speech-a3f4de514a88ca324ed1c545fc3821c1>

²⁶⁸⁰ Bruno Le Maire et Roland Lescure annoncent de nouvelles mesures de soutien au développement de l'éolien en mer et de son industrie, Ministère de L'économie, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 2 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/bruno-le-maire-et-roland-lescure-annoncent-de-nouvelles-mesures-de-soutien-au-developpement-de-leolien-en-mer-et-de-son-industrie/>

²⁶⁸¹ 5 nouveaux investisseurs pour l'initiative Tibi qui finance le développement des entreprises technologiques, Ministère de L'économie, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/5-nouveaux-investisseurs-pour-linitiative-tibi-qui-finance-le-developpement-des-entreprises-technologiques/>

a strategic AI partnership.²⁶⁸² This agreement commits to the joint development of the artificial intelligence ecosystems in both countries by 2030, enhancing their mutual technological capabilities and economic integration. This collaborative effort includes the deployment of new data centers and AI training infrastructures, investments in AI startups and funds, and initiatives in AI-related semiconductor manufacturing and skills development.

On 12 July 2024, the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty announced the publication of a decree and an order that intensifies support for renewable energy production, specifically biomethane.²⁶⁸³ Following a two-year consultation, these legal texts establish a new milestone for France's biomethane production, complemented by an economic incentive through the biogas production certificate system. This system is designed to enhance the country's renewable energy infrastructure while promoting environmental sustainability and energy independence.

On 29 July 2024, the French government launched new calls for tenders through the Directorate General for Energy and Climate and the Directorate General for Enterprises to support land-based and marine renewable energies.²⁶⁸⁴ This strategic initiative aligns with France's commitment to increasing renewable energy's share in its electricity mix and reducing greenhouse gas emissions as part of a broader effort to mitigate the global economic impacts of ongoing geopolitical tensions.

France has fully complied with its commitment to unite in their endeavour to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy. France has demonstrated its dedication to this commitment through various initiatives and collaborations, including enhancing economic and industrial collaboration with Germany, contributing to the Green Climate Fund, supporting the merger of Eutelsat and OneWeb, fostering entrepreneurship through the Cap Créa collective, advancing the European space industry and strengthening partnerships in green industrial transformation and artificial intelligence. Additionally, France's commitment is reflected in its support for the European recovery plan, the promotion of doctorates in businesses, investments in climate change mitigation, and advancements in nuclear energy and carbon capture and storage. These actions collectively contribute to France's goal of addressing global economic challenges and promoting sustainable growth and development.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: James Wang

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

²⁶⁸² Bruno Le Maire et Khaldoon Al Mubarak ont signé ensemble un partenariat stratégique sur l'IA, Ministère de L'économie, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 22 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/cp-bruno-le-maire-et-khaldoon-al-mubarak-ont-signé-ensemble-un-partenariat-strategique-sur-lia/>

²⁶⁸³ Soutien au développement des énergies renouvelables par la production de biométhane, Ministère de L'économie, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 12 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 July 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/soutien-au-developpement-des-energies-renouvelables-par-la-production-de-biomethane-parution-du-decret-et-de-larrete-relatifs-au-dispositif-des-certificats-de-production-de-biogaz/>

²⁶⁸⁴ L'Etat organise de nouveaux appels d'offres pour soutenir les énergies renouvelables terrestres et marines, Ministère de L'économie, de la Commission Européenne et d'une centaine d'industriels, des Finances et de la Souveraineté Industrielle et Numérique (Paris) 29 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 July 2024. <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/letat-organise-de-nouveaux-appels-doffres-pour-soutenir-les-energies-renouvelables-terrestres-et-marines/>

On 21 January 2024, Berlin held the annual Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2024, in which participants made it clear that “Russia’s illegal war of aggression against Ukraine had drastically increased hunger in the world.”²⁶⁸⁵ This framed the results of this conference, which included implementing the human right to adequate food and strengthening vulnerable groups, among others.

On 26 February 2024, the Federal Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Hubertus Heil held an interview discussing the position of Ukrainian refugees in the German job market, in which the launch of the Job Turbo was discussed.²⁶⁸⁶ Job Turbo is an initiative by the German government to help Ukrainian refugees find employment and integrate themselves into German society by teaching refugees German as fast as possible so they can be employed.

On 15 March 2024, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany (BMWK) held a press release on the Federal Environment Agency’s (FEA) publishing of data on greenhouse gas emissions for 2024.²⁶⁸⁷ In it, the FEA addressed how the Russo-Ukrainian war caused the high energy prices in 2023, leading to a decline in production in the energy-intensive industry. The BMWK continued by saying that to mitigate this falling price, the implementation of new tools will follow, such as those implemented this year on federal funding for efficient buildings, the Building Energy Act and an increase in the truck toll.

On 16 April 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz travelled to China and met with Chinese officials and business leaders.²⁶⁸⁸ Among other items, Chancellor Scholz sought to promote sustainable economic development and energy production, through new resources such as hydrogen.

On 12 June 2024, preceding the Ukraine Recovery Conference happening in Berlin, Germany’s export credit agencies and investment insurers signed the “Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation for the support of Ukraine”.²⁶⁸⁹ Thirteen export credit agencies from several countries signed on, guaranteeing an improvement on their foreign trade promotion instruments. This will leverage the potential of the Ukrainian economy by “promoting the economic, social, infrastructural and ecological reconstruction of Ukraine”.²⁶⁹⁰

On 30 September 2024, Chancellor Scholz opened a plant for the production of environmentally friendly hydrogen.²⁶⁹¹ This large-scale project will shift the production of hydrogen in Rahlstedt, a this five-gigawatt plant for electrolyzers which is a milestone in the hydrogen market ramp-up.

²⁶⁸⁵ Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2024, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 21 January 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.bmel.de/EN/topics/international-affairs/global-forum-for-food-and-agriculture/gffa-2024.html>

²⁶⁸⁶ Wir halten das Rentenniveau dauerhaft stabil, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (Berlin) 26 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Interviews/2024/2024-02-26-web-de.html>

²⁶⁸⁷ Deutschland bei Klimazielen 2030 erstmals auf Kurs, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2024/03/20240315-deutschland-bei-klimazielen-2030-erstmals-auf-kurs.html>

²⁶⁸⁸ “Joint sustainable action”, The Federal Chancellor (Berlin) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.bundeskanzler.de/bk-en/news/scholz-trip-to-china-2271576>

²⁶⁸⁹ “Germany Signs Agreement to Strengthen the Ukrainian Economy,” BMWK, 12 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2024/06/20240612-germany-signs-agreement-to-strengthen-the-ukrainian-economy.html>

²⁶⁹⁰ “Germany Signs Agreement to Strengthen the Ukrainian Economy,” BMWK, 12 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2024/06/20240612-germany-signs-agreement-to-strengthen-the-ukrainian-economy.html>

²⁶⁹¹ Green hydrogen for the energy transition, The Federal Government (Berlin) 30 September 2024. Translation Provide by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/green-hydrogen-2312332>

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. Germany has acknowledged the impact of the war on both foodstuffs and energy supply chains and pledged to address these impacts. Germany has also ensured the global energy supply chain through addressing price rises in energy by implementing new tools. In order to mitigate the threat of inflation and the impact on the global economy, as well as helping the nation of Ukraine, it has provided jobs to Ukrainian refugees through Job Turbo. This helps in growing its domestic economy and reducing inflation controls. Germany's collaborative attempts with export credit agencies to promote the Ukrainian economy demonstrates full commitment to address the economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia Hofman

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 19 February 2024, India increased its purchase of Russian oil which assisted in aiding the Russian-Ukrainian war.²⁶⁹² India has invested USD37 billion into its purchase of Russian oil during the war according to the Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air. This purchase will help grow domestic energy supply and avoid energy supply emergencies.

On 14 March 2024, state-run oil companies distributed 94 percent of liquefied petroleum gas connections to poorer households in India.²⁶⁹³ State-run oil companies have confirmed that they have exceeded the deadline originally set for 31 March 2026. India has additionally extended to 7.5 million more households ahead of the 6 million connections in 2023.

On 25 April 2024, Indian companies and startups in the field of green energy and technology drew investments as a way to stimulate growth.²⁶⁹⁴ These companies are beginning to invest in green energy as a step for a cleaner future. Green energy is on the rise in India as the government has begun creating initiatives to fight climate change and global warming.

On 26 April 2024, India forecasts that the power generation sector will grow to 9.3 per cent until March 2025, the fastest since 2011 and 2012.²⁶⁹⁵ Hydropower in India is expected to follow similar growth with expected 10.3 per cent. All these growths will cause demand to increase in India regarding fossil fuels which they will cover through different forms such as hydropower.

²⁶⁹² India's increased purchase of Russian oil is helping fuel Ukraine war: European think tank, Times of India (Washington) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 14 March 2024. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/indias-increased-purchase-of-russian-oil-is-helping-fuel-ukraine-war-european-think-tank/articleshow/107829601.cms>

²⁶⁹³ State-run oil firms fulfil 94% of goal to provide free LPG connections, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 16 March 2024. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/staterun-oil-firms-fulfil-94-of-goal-to-provide-free-lpg-connections-101710359135585.html>

²⁶⁹⁴ Green energy ventures in state raise Rs 13k crore in six months, Times of India (Ahmedabad) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/green-energy-ventures-in-state-raise-rs-13k-crore-in-six-months/articleshow/109578034.cms>

²⁶⁹⁵ India expects annual power output to grow at fastest in over a decade, Reuters (India) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 28 April 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/india/india-expects-annual-power-output-grow-fastest-over-decade-2024-04-26/>

On 15 May 2024, the Secretary of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, attended the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam.²⁶⁹⁶ In his address to the conference, Secretary Bhalla highlighted India's commitment and vision in the field of renewable energy, underscoring India's attempt to become a leading exporter of green hydrogen by 2030.

India has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. It has only demonstrably taken strong action to address rising energy costs, both by increasing supply and offering low-cost energy access to low-income households. India has not demonstrated strong action to lower the cost of food or provide assistance to developing countries experiencing war-related shocks.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Zoha Mobeen

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has failed to comply with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 2 December 2023, President Joko Widodo affirmed Indonesia's commitment to continue supporting the United Nations in overcoming global challenges.²⁶⁹⁷ The meeting also included Minister of State Secretary Pratikno, Minister of Environment and Forestry Siti Nurbaya Bakar, and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Pahala Mansury, who conveyed appreciation on the Joint Environmental and Trade Plan initiative and proposed greater collaboration between developed and developing countries.

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bank Negara Indonesia organized an event under the theme of 'Collaborating Towards State-Owned Enterprises To Go Global', with the aim of fostering collaboration amongst the government, state-owned companies and the private sector.²⁶⁹⁸ Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Pahala Mansury outlined the current geopolitical trends that are a global concern, specifically underlining the importance of developing countries such as itself to advocate for economic interests, such as global market integration, market access expansion and the involvement of state-owned enterprises.

On 23 February 2024, Foreign Minister Retno LP Marsudi attended the Foreign Ministers Meeting of MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Australia) in Brasilia.²⁶⁹⁹ There, Minister Marsudi encouraged a greater role for MIKTA on the global stage by using it as a cross-regional group and producing concrete projects to address global challenges. More specifically, deep concerns about the humanitarian conditions in Ukraine were highlighted in the Joint Communiqué agreed upon.

²⁶⁹⁶ New & Renewable Energy Secretary addresses World Hydrogen Summit 2024, highlights India's vision and capabilities in Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (Delhi) 15 May 2024, Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2020773>

²⁶⁹⁷ President Jokowi and UN Secretary General Discuss Climate Action and Gaza Situation (Dubai) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 12 March 2023. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5573/berita/president-jokowi-and-un-secretary-general-discuss-climate-action-and-gaza-situation>

²⁶⁹⁸ Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and BNI Encourage Collaboration for State-owned Enterprises to go Global on Indonesia Incorporated Day (Bali) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5717/berita/indonesian-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-bni-encourage-collaboration-for-state-owned-enterprises-to-go-global-on-indonesia-incorporated-day>

²⁶⁹⁹ Indonesian Foreign Minister Encourages MIKTA in Becoming Positive Global Forces (Brasilia) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 12 March 2024. <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/5768/berita/indonesian-foreign-minister-encourages-mikta-in-becoming-global-positive-force>

On 2 April 2024, Bank Indonesia released a statement reporting upon the state of inflation in Indonesia.²⁷⁰⁰ The Bank reported that Indonesia was maintaining its target rate with a year-over-year 3.05 per cent inflation rate.

On 18 April 2024, President Widodo met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.²⁷⁰¹ Among other items, the President and the Foreign Minister discussed trade relations between China and Indonesia, especially promoting foreign investment in Indonesia's petrochemical industry.

On 14 June 2024, the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs hosted a meeting to discuss price stability, with particular focus on food security.²⁷⁰² During the meeting, President Widodo ordered the Central and Regional Inflation Control Teams to promote increased food supply, including through distribution efficiencies and infrastructure investment.

On 27 June 2024, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy Sandiaga Uno called for further expansion of the digital economy and digital economic cooperation in Southeast Asia, at a side event during an annual World Economic Forum meeting.²⁷⁰³ Minister Uno stated that further economic integration between ASEAN members would catalyze economic growth and opportunity in Southeast Asia's developing economies.

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. While Indonesia has contributed to global discussions regarding the macroeconomic impacts of the war in Ukraine, called for further economic integration to support developing countries in Southeast Asia and addressed domestic inflation and supply chain vulnerabilities, it has failed to take any concrete action to combat global inflation and faltering international supply chains.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Marie-Alix Depuydt

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its macroeconomic commitments to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy.

On 6 February 2024, Italy donated EUR2 million to tackle climate change vulnerabilities and food insecurity in Mozambique for farmers from selected organizations.²⁷⁰⁴ The contribution was allocated through the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation as the climate crisis intensified with

²⁷⁰⁰ INFLATION UNDER CONTROL IN MARCH 2024, Bank Indonesia (Jakarta) 2 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. https://www.bi.go.id/en/publikasi/ruang-media/news-release/Pages/sp_266524.aspx

²⁷⁰¹ Presiden Jokowi dan Menlu Wang Yi Bahas Kerja Sama Ekonomi dan Situasi Timur Tengah, Presiden Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 18 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.presidentri.go.id/siaran-pers/presiden-jokowi-dan-menlu-wang-yi-bahas-kerja-sama-ekonomi-dan-situasi-timur-tengah/>

²⁷⁰² Pencapaian Inflasi Indonesia Terkendali, Menko Airlangga Ungkap Strategi Kebijakan 4K Sektor Pangan, Kementerian Koordinator Bidang Perekonomian (Jakarta) 14 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.ekon.go.id/publikasi/detail/5826/pencapaian-inflasi-indonesia-terkendali-menko-airlangga-ungkap-strategi-kebijakan-4k-sektor-pangan>

²⁷⁰³ Menteri Pariwisata Sandiaga Uno Dorong Penguatan Ekonomi Digital ASEAN, InfoPublik (Dalian) 27 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://infopublik.id/kategori/nasional-ekonomi-bisnis/838247/index.html>

²⁷⁰⁴ Italy helps WFP boost farmers resilience in Mozambique (Maputo) 6 February, 2024. Access Date March 20, 2024 <https://www.wfp.org/news/italy-helps-wfp-boost-farmers-resilience-mozambique>

floods and drought becoming more intense. This helps Mozambique's large agricultural sector and ensures stability for those recovering from the impact of climate change.

On 24 February 2024, Italy and Ukraine signed an agreement reaffirming Italian commitments to support Ukrainian humanitarian needs through initiatives such as the G7+ Energy coordination group and engaging with Ukraine to identify sources of funding for its private sector.²⁷⁰⁵

On 28 April 2024, the Italian Energy Minister re-affirmed Italian support for EU sanctions on Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG).²⁷⁰⁶ Italy has also taken initiatives to reduce dependency on Russian oil such a pipeline from Algeria to import LNG from there. Through these initiatives, the Italian government has taken steps to secure LNG supply chains.

On 15 June 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with African Development Bank (AfDB) Group President Akinuwini Adesina met on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy to discuss a series of new initiatives, coordinated under Italy's Mattei Plan, to support development in Africa.²⁷⁰⁷ On top of a previous USD45 million commitment to the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa, Prime Minister Meloni affirmed commitments of around USD280 million in concessional finance for the AfDB and a goal to attract USD820 million in private-sector financing for Africa over the next five years. Food and energy supply are among the priority areas of interest for co-financing programs under the Mattei Plan.

On 19 June 2024, the Ministry of Business and Made in Italy announced EUR1.7 billion in funding for new renewable energy production projects.²⁷⁰⁸ The disbursement, earmarked for the production of batteries, heat pumps, wind turbines and other components critical to energy production, seeks to increase and solidify energy availability in Italy.

On 7 September 2024, Prime Minister Meloni had a bilateral meeting with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky.²⁷⁰⁹ They discussed the latest developments and Ukraine's critical needs ahead of winter with the continuing Russian attacks against the civilian population. Meloni restated Italy's support of Ukraine and to a lasting peace. They also discussed the issue of reconstruction and Ukraine's future due to loss of critical infrastructure.

On 25 September 2024, Prime Minister Meloni participated via video link in the event dedicated to the economic recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine. ²⁷¹⁰She, alongside other G7 members, restated the commitment to provide economic aid to Ukraine, both bilaterally and through multilateral

²⁷⁰⁵ Agreement on security cooperation between Italy and Ukraine, Government of Italy (Rome) 24 February 2024. Access Date: March 20, 2024. https://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/Accordo_Italia-Ucraina_20240224.pdf.

²⁷⁰⁶ Italy can do without Russian gas, says energy minister — POLITICO (Brussels). April 28, 2024. Access Date: April 30, 2024. <https://www.politico.eu/article/italy-can-do-without-russian-gas-says-energy-minister/>

²⁷⁰⁷ Joint Press Statement between Italy and the African Development Bank Group, G7 Heads of State and Government Summit, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/joint-press-statement-between-italy-and-african-development-bank-group-g7-heads-state-and-government-summit-71929>

²⁷⁰⁸ Mimit: via libera a 1,7 miliardi per i Contratti di sviluppo "Net zero, Rinnovabili e Batterie", Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (Rome) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2024. <https://www.mimit.gov.it/it/notizie-stampa/mimit-via-libera-a-1-7-miliardi-per-i-contratti-di-sviluppo-net-zero-rinnovabili-e-batterie>

²⁷⁰⁹ President Meloni meets with President Zelensky at Cernobbio Forum, The presidency of the Council of Ministers (Roma) 7 September 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024 <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-president-zelensky-cernobbio-forum/26512>

²⁷¹⁰ President Meloni attends Ukraine reconstruction event via video link, The presidency of the Council of Ministers (Roma) 25 September 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-attends-ukraine-reconstruction-event-video-link/26657>

mechanisms, with a particular focus on reforms. They also highlighted the importance of support for the protection and recovery of critical energy infrastructure.

Italy has partially complied with its macroeconomic commitments to combat the adverse impacts of the war in Ukraine on the global economy. Italy has donated to vulnerable states affected by the shocks in the food supply chain by donating through the UN World Food Programme. Italy has also taken strong action to secure energy and food supply chains, both domestically and in developing countries through the Mattei Plan and commitments made at the 2024 G7 Summit. However, Italy has not taken action to explicitly address mounting inflation worldwide.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Abdullah Sheikh

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 2 December 2023, Japan backed a pledge to push out fossil fuels and bolster clean energy supplies at the 28th United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai.²⁷¹¹ These pledges included expanding nuclear power, cutting methane emissions and cutting off private finance for coal power. Japan also committed to double the global rate of energy efficiency by 2030.

On 6 December 2023, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida pledged USD4.5 billion in aid to Ukraine, of which USD1 billion was humanitarian aid to help recovery efforts and funding for generators and other power supplies.²⁷¹² The remainder included credit guarantees in loans to Ukraine.

On 19 February 2024, Japan hosted the Japan-Ukraine Conference for the Promotion of Economic Reconstruction, which aimed to advance Japanese support for Ukraine's public and private sectors.²⁷¹³

On 22 February 2024, Tokyo mobilized Japan's major companies and announced a new aid package worth EUR4.2 billion to Ukraine.²⁷¹⁴ The aid package further includes stipulations such as visa facilitation for Ukrainian nationals, the opening of a Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) office in Kyiv, and a JPY15.8 billion (EUR98 million) aid package for mine clearance and the energy and transport sectors.

On 8 April 2024, Director-General of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau Noguchi Yasushi met with representatives of Mercosur.²⁷¹⁵ The officials discussed further economic integration and cooperation between Japan and Mercosur states.

²⁷¹¹ Countries promise clean energy boost at COP28 to push out fossil fuels, Reuters (Dubai) 2 December 2023. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/over-110-countries-set-join-cop28-deal-triple-renewable-energy-2023-12-02/>.

²⁷¹² Japan's unflagging support for Ukraine, in peace- and wartime, United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative to Ukraine (New York City) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/blog/japans-unflagging-support-ukraine-peace-and-wartime>.

²⁷¹³ Japan's unflagging support for Ukraine, in peace- and wartime, United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative to Ukraine (New York City) 16 February 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2024. <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/blog/japans-unflagging-support-ukraine-peace-and-wartime>.

²⁷¹⁴ Japan paves the way for Ukraine's reconstruction, Le Monde (Paris) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2024/02/22/japan-paves-the-way-for-ukraine-s-reconstruction_6547456_4.html

²⁷¹⁵ Fifth Dialogue to Strengthen the Economic Relationship between Japan and Mercosur, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 9 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00271.html

On 8 April 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a delegation from the Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan held their fifth meeting to strengthen the economic relations between Japan and MERCOSUR.²⁷¹⁶

On 25 April 2024, the Bank of Japan maintained its inflation targets through its interest rates to curb inflation.²⁷¹⁷

On 2 May 2024, Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa attended the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Informal Ministerial meeting held in Australia.²⁷¹⁸ Minister Kamikawa affirmed Japan's support for the WTO's role in promoting free trade internationally. The Minister also called for implementation of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, emphasizing fair international competition in food markets.

On 7 June 2024, Prime Minister Kishida made an official visit to Brazil where they discussed various issues including security, the economy, trade, and investment to climate change solutions and energy. They discussed the implementation of the Initiative for Sustainable Fuel and Mobility as a framework to contribute to global carbon neutrality by linking Brazilian biofuels with innovative Japanese technology, such as hybrid engines.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. Japan has pledged money to help rebuild Ukraine's private and public sectors, which could help ease the strain on global supply chains affected by damages inflicted on these sectors. Furthermore, Japan has pledged to reduce its reliance on liquified natural gas.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Abdullah Sheikh

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine conflict on the global economy.

On 21 December 2024, the National Assembly passed the Korean Foreign Ministry's 2024 budget and spending plan.²⁷¹⁹ The budget for humanitarian assistance grew to KRW740.1 billion to support developing countries in responding to natural disasters and other humanitarian crises, and the prolonged war in Ukraine.

On 20 February 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced the K-Food+ Export Innovation Strategy to make domestic cuisine a strategic export sector and global market leader by setting up specialized logistics systems with more support at overseas logistics centers, and

²⁷¹⁶ El MERCOSUR y Japón profundizan su relacionamiento económico, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 8 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/el-mercotur-y-japon-profundizan-su-relacionamiento-economico>

²⁷¹⁷ Bank of Japan holds rates steady, expects inflation to stay around 2%, The Wall Street Journal (New York) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.wsj.com/economy/central-banking/bank-of-japan-holds-rates-steady-expects-inflation-to-stay-around-2-76f50174>

²⁷¹⁸ Foreign Minister Kamikawa's attendance at the WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting hosted by Australia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/it/pageite_000001_00327.html

²⁷¹⁹ Foreign Ministry's budget set at 4.19 TLN won for 2024, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 21 December 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20231221009000315>

marketing objectives to advance into three new major markets of the Middle East, Central and South America and India.²⁷²⁰

On 18 March 2024, the Ministry of Finance announced measures to reduce food inflation, including injecting KRW150 billion (USD112 million) and cutting tariffs on fruits, in response to rising price pressures. These steps reflect the government's urgency to address inflation, which has accelerated recently, with food and beverage prices leading the growth.²⁷²¹

On 15 April 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs reported that the estimated export value of Korean agri-food products (K-food) reached a record high of USD2.27 billion in the first quarter of 2024, marking the eighth consecutive year of growth.²⁷²² The U.S., ASEAN, and European markets showed significant growth, with the U.S. accounting for the largest share of worldwide K-food sales. Major growth was seen in instant noodles, processed rice food products, snacks, beverages, grape, and kimchi exports.

On 23 April 2024, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy reported in a press release that Minister Dukgeun Ahn met with Romania's Energy Minister Sebastian Burduja and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on bilateral nuclear energy cooperation.²⁷²³ The MOU outlines core areas of cooperation including nuclear equipment improvement, safety equipment, supply chain, nuclear fuel, small modular reactors and radioactive waste management.

On 2 May 2024, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy reported in a press release that Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok convened an Emergency Meeting on Macroeconomic and Financial Stability, to assess the implications of the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to maintain interest rates, emphasizing the importance of remaining vigilant considering ongoing global uncertainties and potential volatility and discussing tailored financial support measures for vulnerable sectors.²⁷²⁴

On 10 June 2024, Korea and Turkmenistan agreed to enhance their partnership for joint prosperity, as announced by President Yoon Suk Yeol and President Serdar Berdimuhamedow in Ashgabat. ²⁷²⁵ The leaders pledged to strengthen cooperation in various sectors, including gas, chemicals, shipbuilding, textiles, infrastructure and eco-friendly initiatives, while emphasizing the peaceful resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue and adherence to United Nations Security Council resolutions.

On 12 June 2024, Korea and Kazakhstan agreed to enhance cooperation in critical minerals, renewable energy and infrastructure, formalizing their commitment through multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) during a summit attended by Presidents Yoon Suk Yeol and Kassym-Jomart

²⁷²⁰ Export innovation strategy to make domestic cuisine world leader. Korean Culture and Information Service (Seoul) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024.

<https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=247221&pageIndex=1>

²⁷²¹ South Korea takes additional steps to reduce food inflation, BNN Bloomberg (New York) 18 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/south-korea-takes-additional-steps-to-reduce-food-inflation-1.2048130#>.

²⁷²² Export of Korean Agri-Food Products Continued on Upward Trend and to Reach US\$2.27 Billion in First Quarter of 2024, Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (Seoul). 15 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024.

https://www.mafra.go.kr/sn3hcv_v2023/skin/doc.html?fn=D47F2EF4-9742-8BA4-BF8C-D9877B407C66.docx&rs=/sn3hcv_v2023/atcmnfl/bbs/202405/

²⁷²³ Korea and Romania to further nuclear and energy cooperation, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Seoul). 24 April 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024.

<https://english.motie.go.kr/eng/article/EATCLdfa319ada/1798/view?pageIndex=3&bbsCdN=2>

²⁷²⁴ Emergency Meeting on Macroeconomic and Financial Stability (May.2,2024). Ministry of Economy and Finance. 2 May 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5855>

²⁷²⁵ Korea, Turkmenistan pledge to raise economic cooperation, The official website of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 11 June 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=252985&pageIndex=1>

Tokayev in Astana. They also pledged to collaborate on global security issues and signed 24 agreements at a subsequent business forum to bolster bilateral economic cooperation.²⁷²⁶

On 3 July 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance released a report on economic policy directions for the second half of 2024.²⁷²⁷ In the first half of 2024, the Korean economy showed a strong recovery with increased exports and reduced inflation, forecasted to grow at an annual rate of 2.6 per cent. To address disparities in sectoral recovery, the government will implement KRW25 trillion in support measures for small businesses, including financial relief and competitiveness enhancement initiatives.

On 18 July 2024, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy announced that think tank Korea Institute of Industrial Technology and Carbon Footprint Italy signed an MoU to pursue mutual recognition of carbon footprint verification systems, aiming to finalize the agreement for bilateral cooperation at COP29 in November.²⁷²⁸

On 2 August 2023, the Korean government offered to send humanitarian relief aid to flood-stricken North Korea, with the Korean Red Cross expressing willingness to promptly send urgently needed supplies and discuss details with the North's Red Cross Society.²⁷²⁹

On 5 August 2024, Deputy Minister Yoon In-dae chaired a conference call with relevant agencies to address recent financial market trends, highlighting the need for vigilance due to U.S. economic slowdown and geopolitical risks.²⁷³⁰ The government and Bank of Korea will maintain a 24-hour monitoring system and enhance market resilience through ongoing reforms and initiatives based on contingency plans made through close coordination among relevant agencies.

On 6 August 2023, Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok held an emergency meeting on Macroeconomic and Financial Stability to assess the status of domestic and global financial markets, and discuss response strategies.²⁷³¹ Deputy Prime Minister Choi placed emphasis on the need for relevant agencies to maintain the highest level of vigilance and closely coordinate responses to market volatility, especially considering escalating external uncertainties such as geopolitical risks and the U.S. presidential election.

Korea has fully complied with the commitment to address the adverse impact of the Ukraine conflict on the global economy. By implementing strategies to strengthen food supply chains, taking measures to tackle inflation, and allocating increased humanitarian aid to developing countries affected by economic instability, Korea has shown a strong commitment to addressing the challenges posed by geopolitical events and ensuring global economic stability.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lauren Lepore

²⁷²⁶ Deal Struck with Kazakhstan on minerals, energy, infrastructure, The Official website of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 21 June 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=253179&pageIndex=1>

²⁷²⁷ Economic Directions for the Second Half of 2024, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul). 3 July 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5908>

²⁷²⁸ Deal made on joint recognition of carbon footprint with Italy, Korea.net (Seoul) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=255221&pageIndex=1>

²⁷²⁹ Government ready to send humanitarian aid to food-stricken NK, Korea.net (Seoul) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 10 July 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=256169&pageIndex=1>

²⁷³⁰ Government will Enhance Market Monitoring and Coordination Among Relevant Agencies In Response to Heightened Volatility in Global Financial Markets, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul) 5 August 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5933>

²⁷³¹ Meeting on Macroeconomic and Financial Stability. Ministry of Economy and Finance (Seoul) 6 August 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5935>

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to unite in its endeavor to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy.

On 25 January 2024, Undersecretary of Foreign Trade for Mexico Alejandro Encinas Nájera conducted bilateral discussions with counterparts from the United States and Canada during the third mid-term T-MEC meeting in Toronto.²⁷³² Nájera discussed the implementation of the treaty with American special advisor Cara Morrow, emphasizing Mexico's dedication to worker rights and the importance of strengthening national institutions before resorting to international mechanisms like the Labor Rapid Response Mechanism (MLRR). They also planned to resume the North American Steel Conference and discussed strategies for confirming the origins of steel and aluminum to enhance competitiveness. Additionally, agreements were made to bolster supply chain resilience in sectors crucial to Mexico, such as food and pharmaceuticals.

On 23 February 2024, the Government of Mexico, represented by the Ministry of Economy, acknowledged a request from the United States Trade Representative for a labor rights review at RV Fresh Foods in Uruapan, Michoacán under the Rapid Response Labor Mechanism of the T-MEC agreement.²⁷³³ This review, focusing on the alleged denial of freedom of association and collective bargaining rights, underscores Mexico's ongoing commitment to uphold labor standards and effectively implement international labor agreements.

On 14 March 2024, Undersecretary Nájera announced during the inauguration of the Mexico-Sweden Business Forum "Innovating a sustainable future" that this event will significantly boost trade and sustainable investments between Mexico and Sweden.²⁷³⁴ The forum, attended by King Carl XVI Gustaf and Silvia of Sweden, highlights Mexico's commitment to enhancing its economic relationship with Sweden, offering opportunities for investors in key sectors such as plastics, electrical generation equipment and the paper industry.

On 1 April 2024, PEMEX, the Mexican state oil company, announced that it plans to halt some oil exports.²⁷³⁵ This move would lessen the export of crude oil to refineries in the United States, Europe and Asia. This move further strains the already strained oil supply chain.

On 26 April 2024, PEMEX announced its intention to reverse the oil export cuts previously announced on 1 April.²⁷³⁶

²⁷³² México sostiene reuniones bilaterales con Estados Unidos y Canadá para revisar la agenda comercial del T-MEC, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 25 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-sostiene-reuniones-bilaterales-con-estados-unidos-y-canada-para-revisar-la-agenda-comercial-del-t-mec?idiom=es>

²⁷³³ México admite solicitud de revisión presentada por Estados Unidos al amparo del Mecanismo Laboral de Respuesta Rápida en Instalaciones..., Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 26 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 April 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-admite-solicitud-de-revision-presentada-por-estados-unidos-al-amparo-del-mecanismo-laboral-de-respuesta-rapida-en-instalaciones?idiom=es>

²⁷³⁴ México y Suecia fortalecen relaciones comerciales, cooperación y lazos de amistad, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 14 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-y-suecia-fortalecen-relaciones-comerciales-cooperacion-y-lazos-de-amistad?idiom=es>

²⁷³⁵ Mexico to Halt Some Oil Exports, Squeezing Global Market (New York) 1 April 2024. Access Date: April 1 2024. <https://financialpost.com/pmnbusiness-pmn/mexico-to-halt-some-oil-exports-further-squeezing-global-market>

²⁷³⁶ Mexico's Pemex reverses proposed crude export cuts for May, sources say, Reuters (Houston) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/mexicos-pemex-reverses-proposed-crude-export-cuts-may-sources-say-2024-04-26/>

On 26 April 2024, PEMEX, led by its decision-making executives, announced the reversal of its previous decision to cut crude exports by at least 330,000 barrels per day planned for May.²⁷³⁷ This adjustment was made in response to a lower-than-expected domestic oil demand from its refineries, enabling continued supply to international markets in the United States, Asia, and Europe.

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry of Economy, in collaboration with the Business Coordinating Council (CCE), hosted a delegation from Taiwanese companies, including TEEMA and members of the Research and Development Institute in semiconductors and electromobility.²⁷³⁸ The purpose of the Business Meeting on Electric Vehicles was to highlight Mexico's competitive advantages in electromobility, fostering investment in this key sector.

On 23 May 2024, during the Fourth Meeting of the USMCA/USMCA//CUSMA Free Trade Commission, the Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro, together with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai and Canadian Minister Mary Ng, reviewed ongoing efforts to bolster North American competitiveness and prohibit the import of goods produced with forced labor.²⁷³⁹ They committed to enhancing the integration of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) into global supply chains and supporting workforce development in emerging sectors like semiconductors.

On 7 June 2024, the Ministry of Economy in Mexico acknowledged a request for review by the United States concerning Volkswagen de México.²⁷⁴⁰ This review, requested under the Rapid Response Labor Mechanism of Annex 31-A of the T-MEC treaty, centers on potential violations related to freedom of association and collective bargaining rights at the Volkswagen facility in Cuautlancingo, Puebla. The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare will conduct an internal review within 45 days to determine the validity of these claims, reaffirming Mexico's dedication to upholding labor rights as stipulated in the T-MEC agreement.

On 13 June 2024, as part of the 25th anniversary of the Mexico-Chile Free Trade Agreement, key institutions from both countries including the Ministry of Economy and the National Women's Institute from Mexico, along with the Undersecretary of International Economic Relations of Chile and the Chilean Embassy, advanced negotiations to modernize the agreement by introducing chapters aimed at supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and women.²⁷⁴¹ These initiatives are designed to foster economic empowerment and gender equality in foreign trade, contributing to the broader goal of democratizing foreign trade and enhancing economic collaboration between Mexico and Chile.

²⁷³⁷ Mexico's Pemex reverses proposed crude export cuts for May, sources say, Reuters (London) 26 April 2024. Access Date: June 23 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/mexicos-pemex-reverses-proposed-crude-export-cuts-may-sources-say-2024-04-26/>

²⁷³⁸ Empresas taiwanesas visitan México para sumar sus inversiones a la electromovilidad, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/empresas-taiwanesas-visitacion-mexico-para-sumar-sus-inversiones-a-la-electromovilidad?idiom=es>

²⁷³⁹ Declaración conjunta de México, EE. UU. y Canadá de la Cuarta Reunión de la Comisión de Libre Comercio del T-MEC//USMCA//CUSMA, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 23 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-conjunta-de-mexico-ee-uu-y-canada-de-la-cuarta-reunion-de-la-comision-de-libre-comercio-del-t-mec-usmca-cusma?idiom=es>

²⁷⁴⁰ México admite solicitud de revisión a Volkswagen de México por parte de Estados Unidos, al amparo del Mecanismo Laboral de Respuesta..., Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-admite-solicitud-de-revision-a-volkswagen-de-mexico-por-parte-de-estados-unidos-al-amparo-del-mecanismo-laboral-de-respuesta-rapida-en?idiom=es>

²⁷⁴¹ Promueven México y Chile participación de las mujeres en el comercio exterior, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 11 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/promueven-mexico-y-chile-participacion-de-las-mujeres-en-el-comercio-exterior?idiom=es>

On 25 June 2024, Secretary of Economy Raquel Buenrostro and Undersecretary of International Economic Relations of Chile Claudia Sanhueza, announced the successful conclusion of negotiations to modernize the Free Trade Agreement between the two nations.²⁷⁴² This modernization, marked by the 25th anniversary of the agreement, introduces new chapters focused on Gender and Trade and MSMEs, aiming to foster inclusive economic growth and enhance trade relations.

On 4 July 2024, the Ministry of Economy of Mexico notified the Office of the United States Trade Representative about the admission of a review request under the Rapid Response Labor Mechanism concerning Industrias Tecnos in Cuernavaca, Morelos.²⁷⁴³ The Ministry of Labor and Social Security will review the alleged denial of rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining within 45 days. This action reaffirms Mexico's commitment to uphold labor rights as per the T-MEC agreement, ensuring the protection of collective rights for workers in Mexico.

On 17 July 2024, the Government of Mexico, represented by the Ministry of Economy, submitted the Fourth Voluntary National Report to the High-Level Political Forum 2024 of the United Nations.²⁷⁴⁴ This report showcased significant strides in poverty reduction as a core achievement, reflecting the effectiveness of Mexico's increased social policies such as the doubled minimum wage and the Universal Pension for individuals over 65. This effort aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 1, targeting the eradication of poverty, and marks a vital contribution towards global economic stability amid wartime challenges.

On 23 September 2024, Luis Gutiérrez Reyes, head of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IMME), and Rocío Bárcena Molina, Director General of the Mexican Postal Service signed a collaboration agreement to promote the products and services of the Mexican business community in international markets through the CorreosClic platform.²⁷⁴⁵ The agreement will improve the supply chain within Mexico while also benefiting small and medium sized producers by making their products available internationally.

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to unite in its endeavor to address the adverse impact of the war on the global economy. Mexico has engaged in joint dialogue with Sweden, Chile and companies based in Taiwan to help strengthen the global economy. PEMEX has also reversed the previously antithetical action of limiting exports of oil.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: James Wang

²⁷⁴² México y Chile finalizan exitosamente negociaciones para modernizar Acuerdo de Libre Comercio, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 25 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 July 2024.

<https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-y-chile-finalizan-exitosamente-negociaciones-para-modernizar-acuerdo-de-libre-comercio?idiom=es>

²⁷⁴³ México admite solicitud de revisión presentada por Estados Unidos al amparo del Mecanismo Laboral de Respuesta Rápida en Industrias Tecnos, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 4 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 July 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-admite-solicitud-de-revision-presentada-por-estados-unidos-al-amparo-del-mecanismo-laboral-de-respuesta-rapida-en-industrias-tecnos?idiom=es>

²⁷⁴⁴ México presenta Cuarto Informe Nacional Voluntario ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 17 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 July 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/mexico-presenta-cuarto-informe-nacional-voluntario-ante-la-organizacion-de-las-naciones-unidas?idiom=es>

²⁷⁴⁵ Foreign Ministry and Mexican Postal Service sign agreement to promote Mexican products in international markets, Gobierno de Mexico (Mexico City) 24 September 2024. Translation provided by editor. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-and-mexican-postal-service-sign-agreement-to-promote-mexican-products-in-international-markets?idiom=en>

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 15 December 2023, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced that RUB2 billion would be allocated to more than two dozen companies in Russian regions close to the on-going war: Belgorod, Bryansk, Kursk regions, the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol.²⁷⁴⁶ This is intended to develop domestic business, including in related industries.

On 15 December 2023, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak chaired the 20th meeting of the Russian-Chinese Intergovernmental Commission on Energy Cooperation in Beijing.²⁷⁴⁷ There, he stated that Russia was expanding its liquefied natural gas (LNG) delivery capabilities, hoping to increase LNG trade with China to 100 billion cubic meters. Furthermore, representatives from Moscow and Beijing promised to collaborate on nuclear and clean energy initiatives.

On 20 December 2023, the Russian government chose to extend the ban on the export of rice and rice cereals and approved quotas for duty-free exports of grain and sunflower products from Russia's new regions.²⁷⁴⁸ Russia clarified that the rice and rice cereals provided as humanitarian aid would be exempt from this legislation. Furthermore, Russia stated that the increased quotas would allow manufacturers from the Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions to export additional quantities of grain.

On 21 March 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin announced that businesses, in accordance with a new initiative, would be eligible to receive a loan of RUB500 million for up to seven years.²⁷⁴⁹ This is done with the purpose of developing and recovering national production facilities and intends to expand production facilities and create jobs.

On 5 April 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin met with Chamber Council members in the Federal Assembly of the Federation Council. He announced that the Russian Federation earlier that day had “approved the allocation of over 1.5 billion rubles to equip medical rehabilitation departments in 49 federal centers. These funds will procure more than 600 units of various modern equipment, including specialised tools, aimed at facilitating the swift recovery.” Mishustin also announced that the government would be raising limits on IT mortgages by RUB200 million to resolve housing issues in the country. The Prime Minister listed Dmitry Grigorenko to oversee the collection of feedback from Russian citizens on a multitude of topics, such as tourism and support for businesses, among others. Finally, he ended off by announcing the creation of free economic zones in the following regions: Belgorod, Kursk, and Bryansk.

On 24 June 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin met with Chamber Council members in the Federal Assembly of the Federation Council. In it, he announced the full support of the Russian Federation on the initiatives by the Federation Council to expand domestic production in industries. In February, roadmaps to localize certain components, such as functional parts for prosthetics, were approved for the national rehabilitation industry for the needs of disabled people. This comes alongside a draft law on increasing the share of Russian-made cars in the taxi fleet, where region heads will determine how

²⁷⁴⁶ Government meeting, Government House (Moscow) 15 December 2023. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50415/>

²⁷⁴⁷ Alexander Novak chairs the 20th meeting of Russian-Chinese Intergovernmental Commission on Energy Cooperation (Beijing) 15 December 2023, Access Date March 31 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/50420/>

²⁷⁴⁸ Government extends the temporary ban on the export of rice and rice cereals and approves quotas for duty-free exports of grain, sunflower oil and sunflower meal from Russia's new regions in 2024 (Moscow) 30 December 2023. Access Date March 31 2024. <http://government.ru/en/docs/50583/>

²⁷⁴⁹ Government meeting, Government House (Moscow) 21 March 2024. Access Date: March 31 2024. <http://government.ru/en/news/51153/>

much should be in each region. Two billion rubles has also been allocated to children's recreational activities such as summer camps, where they will be able to "get stronger."

On 26 July 2024, the Russian Central Bank announced that it would raise rates to 18 percent to quell inflation.²⁷⁵⁰ This comes as reports show that as of June 24, annual consumer inflation was at 8.61 per cent.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. Russia has taken action to stabilize the domestic economy and increase the exports of LNG and grain. However, Russia has extended its ban on rice and rice cereal exports and has not taken action towards implementing economic sanctions. Although Russia has implemented several programs to keep the economy regulated, the effects of sanctions and decreases in exports mean effects on inflation in the country. Alongside these bans on exportation, Russia has failed to assist developing nations heavily impacted by economic instability.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

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Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 2 December 2023, the Saudi Arabian delegation to the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai participated in sessions regarding energy production.²⁷⁵¹ The goal is to work towards global cooperation on maintaining energy security.

On 5 December 2023, Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman announced the third edition of the Saudi Green Initiative Forum which outlined the steps taken to confront climate change and ensure energy security.²⁷⁵² The state has quadrupled its renewable energy capacity from 700 megawatts to 2.8 gigawatts in the past year with many of the sources under implementation or planning. The goal is to transition towards cleaner forms of energy and enable energy security.

On 13 December 2023, Prince Abdulaziz signed a memorandum of financial contribution and committed USD2.5 million to "support low- and medium-income countries" and enhance their ability to obtain radiotherapy in cancer treatment centers.²⁷⁵³ The goal is to invest in key industries, like healthcare, in developing countries.

²⁷⁵⁰ Russia seen hiking rates by 200 bps to 18% in July as inflation quickens, Reuters (Moscow) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/rateFs-bonds/russia-seen-hiking-rates-by-200-bps-18-july-inflation-quickens-2024-07-02/>

²⁷⁵¹ وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 2 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/The-KSA-pavilion-at-COP28-hosts-3-sessions-on-energy-efficiency-biodiversity-and-biofuture.aspx>

²⁷⁵² COP28 الطاقة (Riyadh) 5 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-Energy-Minister-inaugurates-third-edition-of-Saudi-Green-Initiative-Forum-at-COP28.aspx>

²⁷⁵³ وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 13 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-signs-contribution-agreement-for-Rays-of-Hope-with-IAEA.aspx>

On 21 December 2023, Prince Abdulaziz met with Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Jamshid Kochkarov to sign an energy agreement.²⁷⁵⁴ The goal of the agreement is to establish cooperation between the two states in implementing “an 800 MW renewable energy and integrated green hydrogen project.”

On 24 December 2023, Prince Abdulaziz met Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Ken Saito to discuss and review the progress of the “Manar Initiative” which established cooperation between the two countries towards cleaner energies.²⁷⁵⁵ In particular, the meeting focused on “hydrogen and ammonia, synthetic fuels ... and vital minerals needed to support the energy sector and supply chains and enhance their resilience and ability to recover.” The goal is to support the “stability of global oil markets and achieve the sustainability and security of global energy supplies.”

On 7 January 2024, Prince Abdulaziz signed a memorandum of understanding with the CEO of NEOM, a mega-city project to “enhance cooperation between the two sides in the fields of energy.”²⁷⁵⁶ The goal is to support the development of renewable energy sources.

On 10 January 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Faisal bin Farhan reiterated the country’s commitment to “build bridges between investing countries and mineral-rich countries to achieve stability and improve trade and investment” at the International Mining Conference.²⁷⁵⁷ He said that Saudi Arabia’s economic programs “gives less developed countries more than they require and makes efforts to help developing countries.”

On 11 January 2024, Prince Abdulaziz met with the Jordanian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources to sign a cooperation agreement in the field of energy.²⁷⁵⁸ The goal is to improve sectors such as “oil, gas, electricity, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and petrochemicals,” and enhance energy supply chains.

²⁷⁵⁴ سمو وزير الطاقة بلتقي بنائب رئيس الوزراء الأوزبكي، ويشهدان توقيع اتفاقية تنفيذ مشروع 800 ميغاواط طاقة متجددة وهيدروجين أخضر متكامل، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 21 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-Minister-of-Energy-meets-Deputy-Prime-Minister-of-Uzbekistan.aspx>

²⁷⁵⁵ سمو وزير الطاقة يعقد الاجتماع الثاني للحوار الوزاري السعودي الياباني حول الطاقة مع وزير الاقتصاد والتجارة والصناعة الياباني والوفد المرافق له، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 24 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/KSA-JAPAN-ENERGY-DIALOGUE-PRESS-RELEASE-DEC-2023.aspx>

²⁷⁵⁶ وزارة الطاقة وشركة نيوم توقعان مذكرة تفاهم لتعزيز التعاون في مجالات الطاقة، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 7 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Ministry-of-Energy-signs-MoU-with-NEOM-in-Energy-Fields.aspx>

²⁷⁵⁷ Al-Jubeir: The Kingdom is working with countries around the world to confront global challenges to achieve economic development, وزارة الخارجية (Riyadh) 10 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/ar/ministry/statements/Pages/المملكة-تعمل-مع-دول-العالم-على-مواجهة-التحديات>-الطاقة-العالمية-لتحقيق-التطور-الاقتصادي.aspx

²⁷⁵⁸ سمو وزير الطاقة يجتمع بوزير الطاقة والثروة المعدنية الأردني ويوقعان اتفاقية تعاون في مجال الطاقة، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 11 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-signs-cooperation-agreement-with-Jordanian-Minister-of-Energy-and-Mineral-Resources.aspx>

On 17 January 2024, Prince Faisal participated in the World Economic Forum's session titled "Restoring Faith in the Global System."²⁷⁵⁹ The goal is to discuss "the climate and biodiversity crises, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and concerns over cost-of-living."²⁷⁶⁰

On 17 January 2024, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed a memorandum of understanding with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development to "to support Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030."²⁷⁶¹ The goal of the memorandum is to encourage cooperation on 19 policy areas, including energy security, low-carbon transition, taxation, anti-corruption, public governance, education and development co-operation.

On 29 January 2024, Prince Abdulaziz met with the Kenyan Minister of Energy and Petroleum David Churcher to discuss the "Empowering Africa" initiative.²⁷⁶² The goal is to "provide clean solutions for access to food."

On 1 February 2024, the Saudi Power Procurement Company announced four projects to enhance electricity production.²⁷⁶³ The goal is to diversify domestic energy production and reach an "optimal energy mix used to produce electricity from renewable energy and gas at a rate of 50% for each."

On 3 March 2024, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Energy announced it will "will extend its voluntary reduction of one million barrels [of petroleum] per day" until the end of June 2024.²⁷⁶⁴ The goal of the reduction is to "support the stability and balance of oil markets" in coordination with Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries plus Russia and other producers.

On 7 March 2024, Prince Abdulaziz met with the Kazakh Minister of Energy to sign an executive program in the field of energy.²⁷⁶⁵ The goal of the agreement is to foster cooperation in the sectors of "oil and gas and their derivatives, refining, petrochemicals, electricity, clean hydrogen, and renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy storage."

On 28 April 2024 Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum to discuss a potential "Memorandum of

²⁷⁵⁹ His Highness the Foreign Minister participates in a session titled "Restoring Faith in Global System" in Davos 2024, وزارة الخارجية (Riyadh) 17 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/en/ministry/news/Pages/His-Highness-the-Foreign-Minister-participates-in-a-session-titled-%E2%80%9CRestoring-Faith-in-Global-System%E2%80%9D-in-Davos-2024.aspx>

²⁷⁶⁰ World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2024, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Davos) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://sdg.iisd.org/events/world-economic-forum-annual-meeting-2024/>

²⁷⁶¹ OECD and Saudi Arabia sign MoU to deepen co-operation and support reforms, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 17 January 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/oecd-and-saudi-arabia-sign-mou-to-deepen-co-operation-and-support-reforms.htm>

²⁷⁶² وزارة الطاقة, سمو وزير الطاقة يلتقي وزير الطاقة والبتروال الكيني, (Riyadh) 29 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Energy-Minister-meets-with-Kenyan-cabinet-secretary-for-Energy-and-Petroleum.aspx>

²⁷⁶³ الشركة السعودية لشراء الطاقة تعلن عن طرح أربعة مشروعات للمنافسة لتوليد الكهرباء بنظام الإنتاج المستقل وبتقنية الدورة المركبة مع الجاهزية (Riyadh) 7 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/SPPC-Offers-for-Bid-four-Power-Generation-Projects.aspx>

²⁷⁶⁴ وزارة الطاقة تعلن تمديد الخفض التطوعي للمملكة البالغ مليون برميل يومياً إلى نهاية شهر يونيو من عام 2024, (Riyadh) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024.

²⁷⁶⁵ المملكة وكازاخستان توقعان برنامجاً تنفيذياً في مجالات الطاقة المتجددة والابتكارات ومكافحة الاحتباس الحراري, وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-and-Kazakhstan-sign-renewable-energy-and-climate-program.aspx>

Understanding on energy cooperation” between Saudi Arabia and the European Commission.²⁷⁶⁶ The goals of the project are to expedite investments into renewable energy, notably on electricity interconnection to “ensure affordable, secure and future-proof energy markets.”²⁷⁶⁷

On 29 April 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with Pakistan’s Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum to discuss the development of energy projects in Pakistan.²⁷⁶⁸ Minister Salman demonstrated interest in “improving existing energy infrastructure, increasing focus on renewable energy, and bringing efficiency across the entire energy ecosystem in Pakistan.”

On 29 April 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with the Minister of Petroleum, Mines and Energy of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nani Ould, on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum to discuss cooperation in the field of energy.²⁷⁶⁹ The goal is to establish a framework for cooperation and explore partnership opportunities regarding “electricity, renewable energy, and clean hydrogen.”²⁷⁷⁰

On 2 May 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman and Uzbekistan’s Energy Minister Jorabek Mirza Mahmudov issued a joint statement regarding energy cooperation.²⁷⁷¹ They confirmed their commitment to stable oil markets, electricity and renewable energies and energy supply chains and signed a road map for cooperation in energy-related initiatives.

On 3 May 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman and Azerbaijan’s Energy Minister Parviz Shahbazov issued a joint statement regarding energy cooperation.²⁷⁷² They reaffirmed their commitment to stable oil markets, energy transition initiatives and renewable energies, and discussed joint investment and trade opportunities.

On 14 May 2024, Commerce Minister Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi met with the United Kingdom’s Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden at the GREAT Futures conference to discuss their bilateral

²⁷⁶⁶ المملكة العربية السعودية والمفوضية الأوروبية تختتمان محادثات في مجال تحول الطاقة (Riyadh) 28 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-EU-welcome-energy-transition-cooperation-agreement-conclusion.aspx>

²⁷⁶⁷ Commission holds exploratory energy transition talks with Saudi Arabia (Brussels) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/read_24_2341

²⁷⁶⁸ PM welcomes Saudi Arabia’s interest in developing energy projects in Pakistan (Islamabad) 30 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2501731/pakistan>

²⁷⁶⁹ سمو وزير الطاقة يجتمع بوزير البترول والمعادن والطاقة الموريتاني ويوقعان مذكرة تفاهم حول قطاعات الكهرباء والطاقة المتجددة والهيدروجين والنظيف (Riyadh) 29 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-Energy-Minister-sign-MOU-on-electricity-renewables-hydrogen-in-Mauritania.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁰ سمو وزير الطاقة يجتمع بوزير البترول والمعادن والطاقة الموريتاني ويوقعان مذكرة تفاهم حول قطاعات الكهرباء والطاقة المتجددة والهيدروجين والنظيف (Riyadh) 29 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-Energy-Minister-sign-MOU-on-electricity-renewables-hydrogen-in-Mauritania.aspx>

²⁷⁷¹ وزارة الطاقة، صدور بيان مشترك بشأن التعاون في مجال الطاقة بين المملكة العربية السعودية وجمهورية أوزبكستان (Riyadh) 2 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-and-Uzbekistans-Joint-Energy-Cooperation-Statement-Strengthening-ties.aspx>

²⁷⁷² وزارة الطاقة، بيان مشترك بشأن التعاون في مجال الطاقة بين وزارة الطاقة في المملكة العربية السعودية ووزارة الطاقة في جمهورية أذربيجان (Riyadh) 3 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-and-Azerbaijan-joint-statement-Energy-and-Climate-Cooperation.aspx>

relations.²⁷⁷³ The goal is to review and expand cooperation in trade, investment and energy, notably focusing on renewable energies, petrochemicals, clean hydrogen and energy efficiency.

On 15 May 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with the US Secretary of Energy, Jennifer Granholm, to sign a roadmap for cooperation in the field of energy.²⁷⁷⁴ The goal is to advance partnerships on clean energy, clean hydrogen and clean electricity generation.

On 17 May 2024, Saudi Aramco, the state-owned petroleum and natural gas company, signed Memorandums of Understanding with three American firms, Aeroseal, Spiritus and Rondo, following discussions of “carbon management, clean hydrogen, and nuclear energy, as well as electricity and renewables, innovation, and energy-sector supply chain resilience.”²⁷⁷⁵ Specifically, the deal with Rondo focuses on renewable energies such as the deployment of heat batteries.

On 21 May 2024, the Saudi Power Procurement Co., the government-owned energy utility, signed two power purchase agreements with Japanese firm Marubeni.²⁷⁷⁶ The agreements correspond to two wind power projects, Al-Ghat and Waad Al-Shamal, with the objective of transitioning to clean, renewable energy forms and supporting energy efficiency.²⁷⁷⁷

On 2 June 2024, Saudi Arabia participated in a meeting with members of the OPEC+ group²⁷⁷⁸ in which it was decided that voluntary production cuts amounting to 1.65 million barrels per day would be extended until the end of December 2025.²⁷⁷⁹ Further, the additional voluntary cuts of 2.2 million barrels per day would be extended until the end of September 2024 but will be phased out through monthly increases in production until the end of September 2025.²⁷⁸⁰ The goal of these production adjustments is to ensure the stability of oil markets.

On 6 June 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman announced that Saudi Arabia would increase its oil production capacity from 2025 to 2027 before reducing back to current production levels at 12.3 million barrels per day in 2028.²⁷⁸¹ The goal is to stabilize the oil industry by meeting rising demand.

²⁷⁷³ THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND UNITED KINGDOM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PILLAR JOINT STATEMENT, وزارة التجارة (Riyadh) 14 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024.

<https://mc.gov.sa/en/mediacenter/News/Pages/14-05-24-01.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁴ وزارة الطاقة، سمو وزير الطاقة يجتمع مع وزيرة الطاقة الأمريكية ويوقعان خارطة طريق للتعاون في مجال الطاقة بين البلدين (Riyadh) 15 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Energy-Ministers-sign-cooperation-roadmap-in-meeting-for-energy-collaboration.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁵ Aramco seals deals with three US firms focused on low-carbon energy solutions, Arab News (Riyadh) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2512151/business-economy>

²⁷⁷⁶ وزارة الطاقة، الشركة السعودية لشراء الطاقة تسجل أرقاماً قياسية عالمية جديدة في انخفاض تكلفة إنتاج الكهرباء من طاقة الرياح (Tokyo) 21 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia-sets-new-record-low-cost-for-wind-power.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁷ Saudi Power Procurement Co. signs two power purchase agreements with Japan’s Marubeni, Arab News (Tokyo) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2514126/business-economy>

²⁷⁷⁸ المملكة العربية السعودية وروسيا والعراق والإمارات والكويت وكازاخستان والجزائر وعمان تعقد اجتماعاً حضورياً، في الرياض، على هامش (Riyadh) 2 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/OPEC-Plus-ministers-convoked-in-Riyadh-for-the-37th-ministerial-meeting.aspx>

²⁷⁷⁹ وزارة الطاقة، الاجتماع الوزاري السابع والثلاثين للدول الأعضاء في منظمة أوبك والدول المشاركة من خارجها (Riyadh) 2 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/37th-OPEC-and-non-OPEC-Ministerial-Meeting.aspx>

²⁷⁸⁰ Saudi Arabia, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman met in person in Riyadh on the sidelines of the 37th OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting (ONOMM), Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Riyadh) 2 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. https://www.opec.org/opec_web/en/press_room/7339.htm

²⁷⁸¹ Saudi Arabia to ramp up oil production capacity in the next 3 years - energy minister, Arab News (Riyadh) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2524906/business-economy>

On 13 June 2024, Saudi Aramco signed a non-binding agreement with NextDecade, an American energy company, for a yearly supply of 1.2 million tonnes of LNGs for the next 20 years.²⁷⁸² The companies committed to negotiating a binding agreement. The goal is for Aramco to “strengthen its position in the LNG market.”²⁷⁸³

On 24 June 2024, Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Energy launched a geographical survey for renewable energy projects.²⁷⁸⁴ The goals are to identify optimal opportunities for renewable energy projects such as wind and solar, expand Saudi Arabia’s exports of electrical energy exports from renewable sources in the long-run and reduce reliance on liquid fuel sources.

On 26 June 2024, Saudi Aramco agreed to buy a yearly amount of 5 million tonnes of LNGs from Sempra, an American energy infrastructure company.²⁷⁸⁵ The goals of the deal are to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and maintain global energy security.

On 26 June 2024, the Saudi Power Procurement Co. signed three power purchase agreements for solar energy projects.²⁷⁸⁶ The agreements correspond to the Hudan, Al-Muwayh, and Al-Khushibi projects with the goal of relying less on liquid fuels and transitioning to renewable energy.

On 10 July 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with Minister of State and Special Envoy for International Climate Action at the German Foreign Office Jennifer Morgan to discuss cooperation in energy and clean technologies.²⁷⁸⁷

On 15 July 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy of Thailand Pirapan Salirathavibhaga to discuss increased cooperation opportunities regarding oil, gas, and renewable energies.²⁷⁸⁸

On 16 July 2024, the Ministry of Energy signed three new agreements with the Public Investment Fund to advance renewable energy production by a collective 34 gigawatts per.²⁷⁸⁹ The goal is to strengthen local and international energy supply chains.

²⁷⁸² Saudi Aramco partners with NextDecade for 20-year LNG supply deal, Arab News (Riyadh) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2529821/business-economy>

²⁷⁸³ NextDecade, Saudi Aramco sign 20-year LNG supply deal, Reuters 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/nextdecade-saudi-aramco-sign-20-year-lng-supply-deal-2024-06-13/>

²⁷⁸⁴ وزارة الطاقة، وزارة الطاقة تطلق مشروع المسح الجغرافي لمشروعات الطاقة المتجددة في المملكة الذي يُعد الأول من نوعه عالمياً (Riyadh) 24

June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Ministry-launches-groundbreaking-survey-for-renewable-energy-sites-in-Saudi-Arabia.aspx>

²⁷⁸⁵ Saudi Aramco to buy 5m tonnes of LNG annually from US-based Sempra, Arab News (Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Access

Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2538136/business-economy>

²⁷⁸⁶ وزارة الطاقة، الشركة السعودية لشراء الطاقة توقع اتفاقيات شراء طاقة لثلاثة مشروعات جديدة للطاقة الشمسية بسعة إجمالية تبلغ 5,500 ميغاواط

(Riyadh) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/SPPC-Signs-PPA-for-Three-New-Solar-Energy-Projects-with-5500MW-Capacity.aspx>

²⁷⁸⁷ سمو وزير الطاقة يلتقي بوزيرة الدولة الألمانية جينيفر مورجان لتعزيز التعاون في مجال العمل المناخي والطاقة النظيفة، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 10

July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/HRH-Energy-Minister-meets-German-Minister-of-State.aspx>

²⁷⁸⁸ سمو وزير الطاقة يجتمع بنائب رئيس الوزراء وزير الطاقة التايواني، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 15 July 2024. Translation provided by

Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Energy-Minister-meets-Thai-Deputy-PM-and-Energy-Minister.aspx>

²⁷⁸⁹ استمرًا للتعاون والتكامل بين وزارة الطاقة وصندوق الاستثمارات العامة، تعزيز توطيد صناعات الطاقة المتجددة في المملكة بإطلاق ثلاثة

مشروعات مشتركة جديدة، وزارة الطاقة (Riyadh) 16 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August

2024. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Launching-three-projects-to-localize-renewable-energy-in-Saudi-Arabia.aspx>

On 17 July 2024, Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud and French President Emmanuel Macron discussed the war in Ukraine and “efforts to achieve security and stability” over the phone.²⁷⁹⁰

On 21 July 2024, Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman met Egypt’s Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Karim Badawi and the Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy Mahmoud Esmat to discuss cooperation in the fields of oil, gas, electricity and renewable energies.²⁷⁹¹ The goal is to ensure stable and reliable energy supplies.

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with addressing the adverse impact of the Ukraine war on the global economy by making strong actions in two of the four commitment dimensions including ensuring global energy security and investing in developing countries. However, it has not made strong commitments to curb domestic inflation or secure global food supply chains.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kosar Hemmati

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to address the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 2 January 2024, Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy Gwede Mantashe announced an overall reduction in fuel prices for the month of January.²⁷⁹² The lower fuel price reflects rising supply and lower crude oil prices worldwide. The government also elected not to impose a fuel tax.

On 29 January 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the launching of goods set out in the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.²⁷⁹³ The agreement connecting all 55 members of the African Union will enhance intra-Africa trade and promote investment with the developing countries of Africa. It will provide South African exporters with access to the markets of developing countries and increase economic connectivity.

On 6 February 2024, Minister Mantashe announced an increase in fuel prices for the month of February.²⁷⁹⁴ The Ministry notes the inflationary impact of increased shipping costs on fuel prices. However, the government continues not to impose a fuel tax for this period.

On 21 February 2024, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana presented the 2024 national budget.²⁷⁹⁵ The national budget proposes no new increases to general taxes on fuel, while increasing carbon taxes that impact fuel, which Minister Godongwana projects will represent ZAR4 billion in savings for

²⁷⁹⁰ وزارة الخارجية. ووزارة الرئيس الفرنسي. اتصالاً هاتفياً من الرياض 17 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/ar/ministry/news/Pages/e32.aspx>

²⁷⁹¹ وزارة الخارجية. ووزارة الكهرباء والطاقة المتجددة في جمهورية مصر العربية. ووزارة البترول والثروة المعدنية ووزير البترول والثروة المعدنية ووزير الطاقة يلتقي وزير البترول والثروة المعدنية ووزير الكهرباء والطاقة المتجددة في جمهورية مصر العربية. ووزارة الخارجية 21 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/ar/ministry/news/Pages/e32.aspx>

²⁷⁹² Minister Gwede Mantashe announces adjustment of fuel prices effective from 3 January 2024, South African Government (Pretoria) 2 January 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-gwede-mantashe-announces-adjustment-fuel-prices-effective-3-january>

²⁷⁹³ South Africa to launch the start of its preferential trade under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) in Durban on Wednesday 31 January, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (Pretoria) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/south-africa-to-launch-the-start-of-its-preferential-trade-under-the-african-continental-free-trade-agreement-afcfta-in-durban-on-wednesday-31-january/>

²⁷⁹⁴ Minister Gwede Mantashe on adjustment of fuel prices effective from the 7th of February 2024, South African Government (Pretoria) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-gwede-mantashe-adjustment-fuel-prices-effective-7th-february-2024-06>

²⁷⁹⁵ Minister Enoch Godongwana: 2024 Budget Speech, South African Government (Pretoria) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/minister-enoch-godongwana-2024-budget-speech-21-feb-2024>

consumers. Minister Godongwana also pledged to tackle load shedding and increase energy supply by allowing more renewable energy projects to qualify for carbon offsetting, and through continuing corporate review and structural reform initiatives within Eskom, the national electricity utility.

On 1 March 2024, the National Treasury released an independently authored report on “operational challenges” within Eskom, specifically focusing on the energy utility’s coal plants.²⁷⁹⁶ Recommendations from this report will inform restructuring and corporate reform within the energy utility, as the government seeks to root out waste, fraud and abuse within Eskom. Efforts to make Eskom more efficient strengthen domestic energy supply and keep domestic energy costs stable in the long term.

On 6 March 2024, Minister Mantashe announced an increase in fuel prices for the month of February.²⁷⁹⁷ The Ministry notes the inflationary impact on fuel prices of the decommissioned Kroonstad pipeline and decreased oil production from suppliers that are not members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. However, the government continues not to impose fuel taxes.

On 22 March 2024, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiza met with food processors, leaders in the fruit and grains industry, agricultural trading groups, and farmer associations to discuss availability of food suppliers and farming inputs amid Russia-Ukraine conflict.²⁷⁹⁸ The consultation concluded that food supply would be secured for the foreseeable future due to recent good harvest. It also identified the need for new investments and policies to drive long term growth and resilience against shocks. The department will follow up with this conclusion and start drafting relevant policies.

On 18 April 2024, the South African Government released a statement celebrating lowering inflation metrics.²⁷⁹⁹ Annual inflation projections dropped from a 5.6 per cent annual rate in February 2024 to a 5.3 per cent rate in March 2024.

On 26 April 2024, Minister Mantashe published the draft Gas Master Plan for public comments.²⁸⁰⁰ The plan seeks to ensure security of gas supply by diversifying supply options from both local and international markets. It includes initiatives to improve production efficiency and distribution of gas in South Africa.

On 27 March 2024, President Ramaphosa released an update on the implementation of the Energy Action Plan which aims to improve long term energy security in South Africa.²⁸⁰¹ The report concluded

²⁷⁹⁶ Media Statement: Report on the Independent Assessment of Operations at Eskom’s Coal Power Stations, National Treasury (Pretoria) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024.

https://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2024/2024030101%20Media%20Statement%20-%20VGBE%20Report.pdf

²⁷⁹⁷ Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe, announces adjustment of fuel prices effective from the 6th of March 2024, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria)

²⁷⁹⁸ Minister Thoko Didiza discusses availability of food suppliers and farming inputs amid Russia-Ukraine conflict, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Pretoria) 22 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024.

<https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-thoko-didiza-discusses-availability-food-suppliers-and-farming>

²⁷⁹⁹ Government welcomes marginal dip of inflation, South African Government (Pretoria) 18 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/government-welcomes-marginal-dip-inflation-18-apr-2024>

²⁸⁰⁰ Mineral Resources and Energy on Draft Gas Master Plan published for public comments, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/mineral-resources-and-energy-draft-gas-master-plan-published-public-comments>

²⁸⁰¹ Presidency releases 18 month progress report on the Energy Action Plan, South African Government (Pretoria) 27 March 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/presidency-releases-18-month-progress-report-energy-action-plan-27-mar-2024>

that significant progress has been achieved over the last six months including increased energy production and decreased electricity load shedding in the country.

On 11 April 2024, the Western Cape Provincial Minister of Infrastructure Tertuis Simmers announced a ZAR116.6 million investment in the Provincial Energy Resilience Program and Solar Geyser Initiative.²⁸⁰² The investment will help produce more energy through gas and improve energy resilience in the province.

On 22 May 2024, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition announced an agreement with Vitol on public interest commitments including a ZAR9.85 billion investment.²⁸⁰³ The agreement came up as a condition in Vitol's acquisition on Engen business operations in South Africa. The investment will be implemented over the next five years improving fuel infrastructure, as well as in the development of renewable energy generation capacity. This will help improve South Africa's energy supply and resilience in the long run.

On 4 June 2024, Minister Mantashe announced an overall decrease in fuel prices for the month of June. The Ministry notes the drop of fuel prices due to rising production globally.²⁸⁰⁴ The government continues not to impose a fuel tax for this period.

On 23 July 2024, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy announced a partnership with the Department of Basic Education to host an energy and mining career expo on 26 July 2024 in the Nkangala Engineering School of Specialisation.²⁸⁰⁵ The objective of the program is to address the shortage of technical skills in energy sector. This will benefit the domestic energy sector in the future generating more efficient and secure energy production.

On 5 August 2024, Minister Mantashe announced an overall increase in fuel prices for the month of August. The Ministry notes cause of decreasing production due to falling US inventories, wildfires in Canada and tensions in the Middle East.²⁸⁰⁶ The government continues not to impose a fuel tax for this period.

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to address the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. The Treasury Ministry's efforts to promote the long-term sustainability and efficiency of Eskom represent strong actions in promoting durable domestic energy supply chains. Actions to aid Eskom in accomplishing its mandate serve the double purpose of promoting stability in domestic prices, alongside the government's decision not to impose additional fuel taxes. However,

²⁸⁰² Western Cape Infrastructure invests R116.6 million in Provincial Energy Resilience Programme and Solar Geyser Initiative, Western Cape Department of Infrastructure (Cape Town) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/western-cape-infrastructure-invests-r1166-million-provincial-energy>

²⁸⁰³ Government and Engen's new owners, Vitol agree on public interest commitments including R10bn in capital commitments and worker ownership as conditions to its acquisition of Engen, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (Pretoria) 22 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.thedtic.gov.za/government-and-engens-new-owners-vitol-agree-on-public-interest-commitments-including-r10bn-in-capital-commitments-and-worker-ownership-as-conditions-to-its-acquisition-of-engen/>

²⁸⁰⁴ MEDIA STATEMENT: MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MR GWEDE MANTASHE, ANNOUNCES ADJUSTMENT OF FUEL PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM THE 5TH OF JUNE 2024, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.dmre.gov.za/news-room/post/2598/media-statement-minister-of-mineral-resources-and-energy-mr-gwede-mantashe-announces-adjustment-of-fuel-prices-effective-from-the-5th-of-june-2024>

²⁸⁰⁵ Mineral Resources and Energy hosts Energy and Mining Career Expo in Nkangala District Municipality, 26 Jul, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria) 23 July 2024. Access Date: 10 August 2024 <https://www.gov.za/news/media-advisories/conferences-summits-seminars-and-workshops/mineral-resources-and-energy-6>

²⁸⁰⁶ Mineral Resources and Energy announces adjustment of fuel prices effective from 7 August 2024, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria) 5 August 2024. Access Date: 10 August 2024 <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/mineral-resources-and-energy-announces-adjustment-fuel-prices-effective-7>

the government has only taken moderate actions to secure food supply chains or to aid developing countries experiencing economic shocks due to the war in Ukraine.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Zeyang Xie

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 6 February 2024, Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan announced that Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin would discuss the war in Ukraine and the Black Sea Grain Initiative during Putin's visit to Ankara.²⁸⁰⁷ Efforts were underway to find new methods to transport Ukrainian grain to global markets. Ankara had sought to persuade Russia to rejoin the Black Sea Grain Initiative, from which Moscow withdrew in July 2023, a year after its implementation. The accord, brokered by the United Nations and Türkiye, aimed to ensure safe passage for exports from Ukrainian ports.

On 24 February 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye issued a statement highlighting the growing devastating impact of the war on Ukraine, along with its deepening negative regional and global consequences.²⁸⁰⁸ Türkiye offered constructive input to both sides and stood prepared to host a summit between Ukraine and Russia to end the war. Throughout the conflict, Türkiye maintained balanced relations with both Moscow and Kyiv, emphasizing the opportunities it could provide with its stance. Türkiye reaffirmed its commitment to seeking a just and lasting solution based on Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, pledging to continue its efforts toward this goal.

On 7 March 2024, the Turkish Energy Ministry announced that Türkiye signed an offshore oil and natural gas cooperation deal with Somalia.²⁸⁰⁹ With this agreement, joint activities would be undertaken to bring Somalia's resources to its people. The aim is to bolster Türkiye's presence in the Horn of Africa through new collaborations in the energy sector.

On 21 March 2024, the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye announced a policy rate increase from 45 per cent to 50 per cent and adjusted monetary policy framework.²⁸¹⁰ The decision reflects concerns over higher-than-expected monthly inflation, driven by services inflation and resilient domestic demand. The bank aims to maintain a tight monetary stance until monthly inflation trends downward and inflation expectations align with projections.

On 1 May 2024, Türkiye offered new incentives for investments in the agricultural sector, focusing on greenhouse production, animal and plant-based proteins, and other agribusiness sub-sectors. These

²⁸⁰⁷ Erdogan, Putin to discuss Ukraine and grain deal during Turkey visit, Reuters (London) 6 February 2024. Access Date: 22 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/erdogan-putin-discuss-ukraine-grain-deal-during-turkey-visit-minister-2024-02-06/>

²⁸⁰⁸ Turkey offers to host Russia-Ukraine peace talks as Erdogan hosts Zelenskyy, Aljazeera (Doha) 8 March 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/3/8/turkey-offers-to-host-russia-ukraine-peace-talks-as-erdogan-hosts-zelenskyy>

²⁸⁰⁹ Turkey signs energy cooperation deal with Somalia, Reuters (London) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/turkey-signs-energy-cooperation-deal-with-somalia-2024-03-07>

²⁸¹⁰ Press Release on Interest Rates (2024-14), Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye (Ankara) 21 March 2024. Access Date: 22 March 2024.

<https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/en/tcmb+en/main+menu/announcements/press+releases/2024/ano2024-14>

measures aim to enhance productivity and ensure food security amidst global supply chain disruptions.²⁸¹¹

On 4 May 2024, Türkiye introduced subsidies for wave, tidal, and offshore wind energy projects. These subsidies aim to promote the development of renewable energy sources, enhance energy security, and contribute to the country's sustainability goals.²⁸¹²

On 8 May 2024, the Turkish Energy Ministry signed a long-term deal with oil and gas corporation Exxon Mobil in a bid to increase LNG exports worldwide and diversify resources.²⁸¹³

On 10 May 2024, Türkiye invited US companies to invest in Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) as part of its strategy to diversify and secure its energy resources. This initiative aligns with Türkiye's goal to incorporate advanced nuclear technology into its energy mix and reduce environmental impact.²⁸¹⁴

On 14 May 2024, Türkiye and Azerbaijan signed an extensive gas deal to boost the capacity of multiple natural gas pipelines, including the Trans Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) and TurkStream. These efforts are critical for Türkiye's energy security and contributions to energy supply stability.²⁸¹⁵

On 4 June 2024, Türkiye extended a natural gas supply deal with Azerbaijan up to 2030, involving Turkish Petroleum Pipeline Corporation (BOTAS), SOCAR, and Azerbaijan Gas Supply Company (AGSC). This agreement aims to increase gas capacity via several pipelines, enhancing regional energy security and supply stability.²⁸¹⁶

On 16 June 2024, Türkiye participated in the Ukraine Peace Summit. Turkish representatives actively engaged in discussions focusing on the significance of nuclear safety, secure agricultural trade routes, and humane treatment of detainees in conflict zones. This signifies Turkish commitments to energy and food security.²⁸¹⁷

On 2 August 2024, Türkiye launched a warship built for Ukraine, marking a significant step in military cooperation between the two nations. The ship, constructed at a Turkish shipyard, will bolster Ukraine's naval capabilities amidst the war with Russia.²⁸¹⁸

²⁸¹¹ Agrofood Invest In Turkish Energy Sector, Republic of Türkiye Investment Office (Ankara) 1 May 2024. Date accessed 25 June 2024. <https://www.invest.gov.tr/en/sectors/pages/agrofood.aspx>

²⁸¹² Turkey introduces subsidies for wave, tidal energy, offshore wind, Balkan Green Energy News (Belgrade) 4 May 2024. Access Date 24 June 2024. <https://balkangreenenergynews.com/turkey-introduces-subsidies-for-wave-tidal-energy-offshore-wind/>

²⁸¹³ Turkey signs long-term LNG deal with ExxonMobil, Reuters (London) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 8 May 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/deals/turkey-signs-long-term-lng-deal-with-exxonmobil-2024-05-08/>

²⁸¹⁴ Ankara invites US companies to invest in Small Modular Reactors in Türkiye: Minister, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 10 May 2024. Access Date 25 May 2024. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/ankara-invites-us-companies-to-invest-in-small-modular-reactors-in-turkiye-minister/3215441>

²⁸¹⁵ Türkiye and Azerbaijan ink extensive gas deal, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources Türkiye (Ankara) 14 May 2024. Access Date 23 June 2024. <https://enerji.gov.tr/news-detail?id=21299>

²⁸¹⁶ Natural gas supply deal between Azerbaijan, Türkiye extended up to 2030, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources Türkiye (Ankara) 4 June 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://enerji.gov.tr/news-detail?id=21312>

²⁸¹⁷ 78 countries, 4 European institutions sign peace summit's joint communique, Kyiv Independent (Kyiv) 16 June 2024. Access Date 24 June 2024. <https://kyivindependent.com/80-countries-4-european-institutions-sign-peace-summits-joint-communique/>

²⁸¹⁸ Türkiye launches new Ukrainian warship, The Guardian (London) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 6 August 2024. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/02/ukraine-war-briefing-turkey-launches-new-ukrainian-warship>

On 2 August 2024, Türkiye ratified a free trade zone agreement with Ukraine, originally signed on 3 February 2022 by Presidents Volodymyr Zelensky and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The agreement will eliminate or reduce import duties on various goods, promoting trade and simplifying logistics.²⁸¹⁹

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. Türkiye has taken a neutral stance in the Ukraine-Russia conflict and has attempted to repair relations to ensure stable global supply lines. It has also taken consistent measures to curb its domestic inflation amid the conflict.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ananya Gaur

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to address the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 4 December 2023, Treasury Minister Charlotte Vere announced GBP484 million in new climate aid funding for developing countries.²⁸²⁰ In a statement during Finance Day at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, Minister Vere announced that the Treasury will direct these new funds towards projects and climate finance framework coordinated by Allianz, the European Investment Bank and British International Investment, among other private and public entities. Export Finance and Minister for Development and Africa Andrew Mitchell also affirmed the importance of Climate Resilience Debt Clauses (CRDCs) as a clause for all future loans to developing countries. CRDCs allow debtors to pause or reduce debt payments for a certain amount of time, to deal with certain natural disasters or environmental catastrophes. The mix of promoting investment in renewable energy sources and debt relief for developing countries represents an action in line with addressing the international economic shocks caused by the war in Ukraine.

On 7 December 2023, His Majesty's Treasury announced that the Manchester Prize is open for applications.²⁸²¹ The Manchester Prize will award GBP1 million in funding for a project that uses artificial intelligence to innovate in fields such as energy and decarbonization.

On 18 December 2023, His Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero announced GBP6 billion in new funding for programs to improve household energy efficiency.²⁸²² New funding for programs that provide boilers, home insulation, heat pumps and upgrades to social housing will reduce initial costs to purchase and install these appliances, and their installation provides home heating and climate resilience at a cheaper cost.

On 18 December 2023, His Majesty's Treasury announced a new carbon tax on imported goods.²⁸²³ The development of a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) disincentivizes importers from

²⁸¹⁹Türkiye ratifies free trade zone agreement with Ukraine, The Kyiv Independent (Kyiv) 2 August 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://kyivindependent.com/turkey-ratifies-free-trade-agreement-ukraine/>

²⁸²⁰ UK generates billions in climate finance and first CRDC in Africa, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-generates-billions-in-climate-finance-and-first-crdc-in-africa>

²⁸²¹ Prize opens for AI energy, environment, and infrastructure innovations, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prize-opens-for-ai-energy-environment-and-infrastructure-innovations>

²⁸²² Families, business and industry to get energy efficiency support, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 18 December 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/families-business-and-industry-to-get-energy-efficiency-support>

²⁸²³ New UK levy to level carbon pricing, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 18 December 2023. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-levy-to-level-carbon-pricing>

using carbon-intensive production and transport practices, promoting movement towards more resilient energy sources.

On 22 December 2023, Transport Secretary Mark Harper announced a cap of rail fares at 4.9 per cent until March 2024 to keep fare prices low. This intervention aimed to keep up with the government's target to halve inflation and help maintain the domestic financial stability in the transport sector.

On 1 February 2024, the Bank of England announced to keep bank rates at 5.25 per cent to help maintain price stability despite the falling inflation rate in the past few months.²⁸²⁴

On 8 February 2024, the Department for Business and Trade announced the continued suspension of tariffs on most trade between the United Kingdom and Ukraine.²⁸²⁵ The agreement, governing foodstuff and fuel imports among other goods, will extend into 2029.

On 20 February 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced GBP427 million in new funding for farmers.²⁸²⁶ The new funding will enable farmers to invest in technologies that increase farm productivity, and the mobilization of funds seeks to engender stability and fairness in agricultural supply chains.

On 6 March 2024, Chancellor Jeremy Hunt addressed the House of Commons to introduce the 2024 Spring Budget.²⁸²⁷ He emphasized the British government's actions to reach the Bank of England's two per cent target rate for inflation, noting that an extension to tax cuts on fuel and alcohol projects to reduce inflation by 0.2 per cent during the 2024-25 fiscal period. Further, Chancellor Hunt announced that the government will proceed with public projects, such as the Small Modular Reactor Competition, and further fund existing policy frameworks, such as the Green Industries Growth Accelerator, to promote domestic renewable and nuclear energy output.

On 14 March 2024, His Majesty's Treasury published the government's Spring Finance Bill.²⁸²⁸ As part of a broader emphasis on tax cuts, the Bill sets a minimum oil price for which the Energy Profits Levy, a 25 per cent tax on profits generated by oil and gas companies, takes effect. The policy seeks to ensure stability in the oil and gas sector, ensuring a consistent supply and preventing domestic oil price shocks.

On 20 March 2024, the Office for National Statistics announced that the inflation rate of most measured consumer prices indices (consumer prices index (CPI), core CPI and CPI including housing costs (CPIH)) decreased from January to February 2024.²⁸²⁹

²⁸²⁴ Bank rate maintained at 5.25% - February 2024, Bank of England (London) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy-summary-and-minutes/2024/february-2024>

²⁸²⁵ UK extends tariff-free trade with Ukraine until 2029, Department for Business and Trade (London) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-extends-tariff-free-trade-with-ukraine-until-2029>

²⁸²⁶ Government underlines commitment to British farmers, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-underlines-commitment-to-british-farmers>

²⁸²⁷ Spring Budget 2024 speech, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 6 March 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/spring-budget-2024-speech>

²⁸²⁸ Spring Finance Bill published to cut tax for working families, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/spring-finance-bill-published-to-cut-tax-for-working-families>

²⁸²⁹ Consumer price inflation, UK: February 2024, Office for National Statistics (London) 20 March 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/bulletins/consumerpriceinflation/february2024#consumer-price-inflation-data>

On 23 March 2024, His Majesty's Treasury formalized an extension to existing fuel tax cuts, previously announced in Chancellor Hunt's Spring Budget address.²⁸³⁰ Chancellor Hunt remarked that the GBP0.05-per-gallon cut projects to save motorists an extra GBP50 over the remainder of 2024.

On 17 April 2024, Minister Mitchell announced GBP100 million hybrid capital contribution to boost World Bank funding to help tackle global challenges.²⁸³¹ The package would help unlock GBP1 billion in lending for the World Bank tackling urgent development issues, such as climate change, food insecurity, pandemics, and poverty.

On 17 April 2024, the Office for National Statistics announced that, while CPIH inflation remained unchanged, most other consumer price indices rose at a decreased rate from February to March 2024.²⁸³²

On 22 April 2024, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs launched a fund to help farmers manage water resources safeguarding food security.²⁸³³ The GBP1.6 million fund would allow farmers to establish better understanding and systems of water management in food production further securing the food supply in Britain.

On 24 April 2024, the British High Commission Nairobi announced funding to unlock fifty green projects in Kenya.²⁸³⁴ The GBP6.6 million fund would help Kenya establish a better functioning and efficient finance sector that will be resilient against economic shocks around the globe.

On 25 April 2024, the United Kingdom Mission to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) announced the launch of a GBP25 million economic integration program to foster economic growth in the region.²⁸³⁵ The initiative using a multi-faceted approach including digitalization would aim to tackle development barrier and supercharge economic integration in the area. It would create a more cohesive and resilient financial sector for the region in the face of economic instability.

On 3 May 2024, the British Embassy in Kyiv announced an energy innovation program with a GBP16 million investment in Ukraine to support the recovery and rebuilding of Ukraine's energy sector.²⁸³⁶ The program includes collaborations between over 50 United Kingdom and Ukrainian organizations all aimed towards rebuilding Ukraine's energy supply and increase energy efficiency in the future.

²⁸³⁰ Drivers to save £50 this year as fuel duty cut extended, His Majesty's Treasury (London) 23 March 2024. Access Date: 31 March 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/drivers-to-save-50-this-year-as-fuel-duty-cut-extended>

²⁸³¹ UK to boost World Bank funding to help tackle global challenges, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-boost-world-bank-funding-to-help-tackle-global-challenges>

²⁸³² Consumer price inflation, UK: March 2024, Office for National Statistics (London) 17 April 2024. Access Date: 13 May 2024. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/bulletins/consumerpriceinflation/march2024>

²⁸³³ Government launches fund to help farmers manage water resources, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 22 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-fund-to-help-farmers-manage-water-resources>

²⁸³⁴ UK announces funding to unlock fifty green projects in Kenya, British High Commission Nairobi (Nairobi) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-funding-to-unlock-fifty-green-projects-in-kenya>

²⁸³⁵ ASEAN and UK Launch £25 Million Economic Integration Programme, UK Mission to ASEAN (Jakarta) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/asean-and-uk-launch-25-million-economic-integration-programme>

²⁸³⁶ UK and Ukraine launch innovation partnership to power Ukraine's recovery, British Embassy Kyiv (Kyiv) 3 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy-summary-and-minutes/2024/june-2024>

On 6 May 2024, the British High Commission in Nairobi announced a GBP850,000 funding uplift to support food relief efforts in Kenya.²⁸³⁷ The funding will enable UNICEF efforts in Kenya to secure food supplies and reliefs.

On 6 May 2024, Minister Mitchell announced an GBP5 million increase in a joint aid program with Saudi Arabia to support conflict-hit areas around the world.²⁸³⁸ The program includes humanitarian aids and development fundings for countries such as Sudan, Yemen, Bangladesh and Ukraine.

On 15 May 2024, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority awarded six organisations with GBP9.6 million of contracts to advance their concepts to support fusion energy development.²⁸³⁹ These contracts will help develop the domestic fusion energy sector securing a stable energy supply for the future.

On 15 May 2024, Foreign Secretary David Cameron announced a GBP139 million uplift in aid to Yemen.²⁸⁴⁰ The aid funding aimed to address food supply issues in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict. It will help feed more than 850,000 people and treat 700,000 malnourished children.

On 21 May 2024, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology awarded GBP1 million to the Manchester Prize finalists.²⁸⁴¹ The 10 finalists of the challenge will share the award for their artificial intelligence innovations to help address food and energy security.

On 20 June 2024, the Bank of England announced to keep bank rates at 5.25 per cent to facilitate long-term price stability and maintain the target inflation rate at 2 per cent.²⁸⁴²

On 15 July 2024, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Ed Miliband consented to the Sunnica Energy Farm application.²⁸⁴³ The project proposes the installation of solar panels and electrical battery storage technology on Sunnica East and Sunnica. The Scheme would increase domestic energy productions and allow for the delivery of over 50 megawatts of renewable energy.

On 31 July 2024, Secretary Miliband announced a budget of over GBP1.5 billion to deliver homegrown clean energy projects and boost domestic energy security.²⁸⁴⁴ The main focus of the budget is clean

²⁸³⁷ UK Increases Support for UNICEF Flood Relief Efforts, British High Commission Nairobi (Nairobi) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-increases-support-for-unicef-flood-relief-efforts>

²⁸³⁸ UK and Saudi Arabia to step up vital aid funding for conflict-hit areas, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 6 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-saudi-arabia-to-step-up-vital-aid-funding-for-conflict-hit-areas>

²⁸³⁹ UKAEA awards £9.6m to six organisations for fusion projects, UK Atomic Energy Authority (London) 15 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukaea-awards-96m-to-six-organisations-for-fusion-projects>

²⁸⁴⁰ UK ramps up aid funding to help feed more than 850,000 people in Yemen, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 15 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-ramps-up-aid-funding-to-help-feed-more-than-850000-people-in-yemen>

²⁸⁴¹ British AI pioneers share £1 million in prizes as government unveils inaugural Manchester Prize finalists, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-ai-pioneers-share-1-million-in-prizes-as-government-unveils-inaugural-manchester-prize-finalists>

²⁸⁴² Bank Rate maintained at 5.25% - June 2024, Bank of England (London) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 1 July 2024. <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy-summary-and-minutes/2024/june-2024>

²⁸⁴³ Sunnica Energy Farm development consent decision announced, Planning Inspectorate (London) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 10 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sunnica-energy-farm-development-consent-decision-announced>

²⁸⁴⁴ Record breaking funding for clean energy in Britain, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 10 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-breaking-funding-for-clean-energy-in-britain>

and cheap electricity including a GBP1.1 billion investment for offshore wind energy production. The budget aims to improve domestic energy security and economic growth for the future.

On 8 August 2024, the Minister of Export Gareth Thomas announced a joint United Kingdom and Polish export credit with a EUR249 million loan for Turkish renewable energy investment company Kalyon Enerji, enabling the construction of Turkey's second-largest solar project to date.²⁸⁴⁵ The project will increase Turkey's power production and secure Turkey's energy sector through new solar power plants. Upon completion, the project could generate enough renewable electricity to power over 65,000 households in Turkey annually.

On 2 October 2024, Energy Secretary Ed Miliband addressed the newly reactivated Solar Taskforce aimed at speeding up the country's energy independence and clean power.²⁸⁴⁶ The taskforce is comprised of leading figures from the energy industry and regulatory organisations and is focused on the delivery of solar energy across the country. Homegrown, renewable energy will help reduce the UK's dependence on volatile fossil fuels.

On 10 October 2024, The UK announced the Long Duration Electricity Storage investment support scheme which will increase investment in the energy sector and unlock billions in funding.²⁸⁴⁷ The scheme will remove barriers that prevent the building of new storage capacity helping to create back up renewable energy. The result is a steady supply of clean, home, grown energy, which would protect the country from the unpredictable global gas market.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to address the global economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. New actions by the Treasury and the Environment Ministry to promote resilient food and energy supply chains represent strong compliance with two of the four aspects of this commitment. Meanwhile, actions to increase energy supply and promote agricultural productivity, alongside actions to make energy consumption more affordable, represent strong action to keep prices stable and continue the UK's progress towards returning to the target rate of inflation. Finally, the UK has taken strong action to promote fiscal resilience and sustainability in developing countries experiencing major economic shocks due to the war in Ukraine, by offering conditional debt relief and new development assistance disbursements to accelerate domestic energy supply.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zeyang Xie

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine.

On 15 February 2024, Ford and General Motors opened up partnerships to compete with China on a global level.²⁸⁴⁸ The Chief Executive Officers of Ford and General Motors opened up partnerships to

²⁸⁴⁵ UK and Poland target green exports with €249 million financing for solar project, UK Export Finance (London) 8 August 2024. Access Date: 10 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-breaking-funding-for-clean-energy-in-britain>

²⁸⁴⁶ Solar taskforce meets in drive for clean power, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 2 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/solar-taskforce-meets-in-drive-for-clean-power>

²⁸⁴⁷ New scheme to attract investment in renewable energy storage, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (London) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 22 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scheme-to-attract-investment-in-renewable-energy-storage>

²⁸⁴⁸ Ford, GM CEOs open to partnerships to compete with China, Reuters (n/a) 15 February 2024. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/ford-ceo-open-working-with-rivals-compete-with-china-2024-02-15/>

cut electric vehicle technology costs to compete with China. With pressures from investors to return more cash, Ford and General Motors have focused on reducing the costs of Electric Vehicles.

On 22 February 2024, the United States approved the expansion in the Midwest of the sales of gasolines with higher blends of ethanol.²⁸⁴⁹ The United States and the Renewable Fuels Association are working together to ensure consumers have proper access to the gasoline and ethanol mixture. With this, consumers in the Midwest will have access to the E15 gasoline starting in the summer of 2025.

On 23 February 2024, the United States, in cooperation with partners from the G7, the European Union, and Australia, introduced phase two of the price cap on Russian oil.²⁸⁵⁰ The price cap limits the Kremlin's oil profits while avoiding damage to vital energy markets. Phase two continues the work of the price cap into 2024.

On 5 March 2024, the Treasury Department announced new initiatives to increase the supply of affordable housing across the United States.²⁸⁵¹ The Biden administration has taken on this initiative to take a step towards resolving the issue of affordable housing. The United States plans on using unspent funds accumulating to USD350 billion to invest in federal housing programs.

On 29 March 2024, the United States Energy Information Administration released its monthly export report for liquefied natural gas.²⁸⁵² The report shows that since 1 December 2023, LNG exports from the United States have increased significantly.

On 3 April 2024, the United States Department of Agriculture allows USD1.5 billion available to farmers as an investment in agriculture.²⁸⁵³ The access to these funds is part of an initiative to allow farmers to protect their agriculture and maintain their farmland in response to climate change effects. The initiative seeks to boost and maintain agriculture in the United States and to properly allocate to supply and demand.

On 21 May 2024, the Biden Administration issued a statement stating that to keep gasoline prices stable and not at risk at fluctuating, the administration had decided to sell 1 million barrels of gasoline.²⁸⁵⁴ The Biden Administration wants to stabilize the value of gasoline in the state as one of the goals of the administration is making gas cheaper for their citizens. The price of gasoline naturally tends to spike in the summer due to increased demand, therefore selling 1 million barrels is better in hindsight to have cheaper gas prices.

²⁸⁴⁹ US approves E15 gasoline sales expansion in Midwest starting 2025, Reuters (New York) 22 February 2024. Access Date: 7 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/biden-administration-approves-e15-gasoline-sales-expansion-midwest-states-2024-02-22/>

²⁸⁵⁰ Phase Two of the Price Cap on Russian Oil: Two Years After Putin's Invasion (Washington) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/featured-stories/phase-two-of-the-price-cap-on-russian-oil-two-years-after-putins-invasion>.

²⁸⁵¹ US Treasury eases rules on unspent COVID aid to boost affordable housing, Reuters (Washington) 5 March 2024. Access Date: 8 March 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/us/us-treasury-ease-rules-covid-aid-boost-affordable-housing-supply-2024-03-05/>

²⁸⁵² NATURAL GAS (Washington) 29 March 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2024. <https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n9133us2m.htm>

²⁸⁵³ USDA Makes \$1.5 Billion Available to Help Farmers Advance Conservation and Climate-Smart Agriculture as Part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda, United States Department of Agriculture (Minnesota) 3 April 2024. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/04/03/usda-makes-15-billion-available-help-farmers-advance-conservation>

²⁸⁵⁴ Biden Administration Will Release 1 Million Barrels of Gasoline, New York Times (New York) 21 May 2024. Access Date: 28 May 2024. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/21/us/politics/biden-gasoline-reserve-sale.html?searchResultPosition=28>

On 17 July 2024, the United States Federal Reserve stated that data from the manufacturing industry showed a rise in output leading to a 0.4 per cent higher result than expected.²⁸⁵⁵ In comparison to the year prior, the manufacturing industry in all sectors: automotive, electrical equipment, mining and others has seen a rise in their sector with a larger output. This shows optimism for the American manufacturing industry foreshadowing a boost in the manufacturing sector as demands for U.S. products rise.

On 5 August 2024, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal stated that the country of Ukraine has received USD3.9 billion as a grant from the United States.²⁸⁵⁶ Ukraine states that the money given will be redistributed to wages for teachers as well as public service employees and those in the lower income demographic. The grant was given to Ukraine as a way to be financially stable in the midst of the ongoing war with Ukraine and to assist in restructuring and rebuilding Ukraine.

On 14 August 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that inflation had fallen to 2.9% in July 2024.²⁸⁵⁷

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to address the adverse economic impacts of the war in Ukraine. It has done so through its efforts to maintain a healthy global energy supply chain through domestic imports and foreign policy. However, the United States has failed to contribute to stabilizing global grain supply chains.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Zoba Mobeen

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to address the adverse effects of the Ukraine conflict on the global economy.

On 7 December 2023, European Union and China held their 24th summit in Beijing.²⁸⁵⁸ At the summit EU President Ursula von der Leyen focused on improving supply chain and industrial cooperation between China and the EU. Leaders from the EU and China also focused on improving bilateral economic cooperation and urged China to avoid assisting Russia in undermining sanctions.

On 1 January 2024, the European Commission updated an energy, climate change, and environment report on liquefied natural gas, projecting for global liquefied natural gas (LNG) to increase slightly in 2024, alleviating pressure on gas markets and resulting in lower prices in Europe, with the EU's reliance on US gas growing, yet infrastructural limitations persist, prompting increased investments in LNG terminals.²⁸⁵⁹

²⁸⁵⁵ US manufacturing output beats expectations with 0.4% rise in June, Reuters (Washington) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 27 July 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/us/us-manufacturing-output-beats-expectations-with-04-rise-june-2024-07-17/>

²⁸⁵⁶ Ukraine receives \$3.9 bln grant from US, prime minister says, Reuters (Kyiv) 5 August 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.reuters.com/world/ukraine-receives-39-bln-grant-us-prime-minister-says-2024-08-05/>

²⁸⁵⁷ Consumer Price Index Summary, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Washington) 14 August 2024, Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

²⁸⁵⁸ 24th EU-China Summit: engaging to promote our values and defend our interests, European Commission (Brussels) December 7 2023, Access Date 29 March 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/12/07/24th-eu-china-summit-engaging-to-promote-our-values-and-defend-our-interests>.

²⁸⁵⁹ Liquefied Natural Gas, European Commission (Brussels) January 2024. Access Date: 5 March 2024. https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/liquefied-natural-gas_en

On 26 February 2024, European Union ministers proposed and endorsed short-term measures to address farmers' concerns on the operation of agriculture activities, focusing on reducing administrative burden and red tape amidst ongoing protests.²⁸⁶⁰

On 28 February 2024, European Council and Parliament approved the mid-term revision of the EU long-term budget for EU provision of predictable financial support to help Ukraine in its recovery, reconstructions, and modernization through the Ukraine Facility.²⁸⁶¹

On 7 March 2024, The European Central Bank released its monetary policy decision to keep three key interest rates; the interest rates on the main refinancing operations, on the marginal lending facility, and the deposit facility will remain unchanged at 4.50 per cent, 4.75 per cent, and 4.00 per cent respectively.²⁸⁶² Maintaining unchanged interest rates can balance economic growth and inflation by managing demand and avoiding contractionary effects. This approach supports stability and recovery amid geopolitical uncertainties such as the war in Ukraine.

On 7 March 2024, members of the European Parliament voted to extend the temporary suspension of import duties and quotas on Ukrainian agricultural exports to the EU for another year to support Ukraine amid Russia's ongoing aggression.²⁸⁶³

On 19 March 2024, the European Humanitarian forum pledged more than EUR7.7 billion in humanitarian funding for 2024 aimed to increase funding to bridge the humanitarian resource gap, address conflict, preserve humanitarian space, promote international humanitarian law, align humanitarian aid with development and peace initiatives and enhance climate financing in conflict-prone and climate-vulnerable regions.²⁸⁶⁴

On 8 April 2024, the European Council announced a provisional deal to suspend import duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports into the EU until June 2025.²⁸⁶⁵ The Council stated that this move not only economically supports the EU but reinforces the protection of sensitive agricultural products within the EU.

On 11 April 2024, members of European Parliament adopted measures to reform the EU electricity market, aiming to make it more stable, affordable and sustainable, with provisions to protect consumers, encourage energy investments through Contracts for Difference and allow the EU to declare regional or EU-wide electricity price crises.²⁸⁶⁶

²⁸⁶⁰ Rapid Structural Responses to the crisis facing the agricultural sector, Agriculture and Fisheries Council (Brussels) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/agrifish/2024/02/26>

²⁸⁶¹ EU long-term budget for 2021-2027: Council concludes the mid-term revision. European Council. 28 February 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/28/eu-long-term-budget-for-2021-2027-council-concludes-the-mid-term-revision/>

²⁸⁶² Monetary Policy Decision. European Central Bank. 7 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2024/html/ecb.mp240307~a5fa52b82b.en.html>.

²⁸⁶³ First go-ahead to renewing trade support for Ukraine and Moldova. European Parliament. 7 March 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240304IPR18762/first-go-ahead-to-renewing-trade-support-for-ukraine-and-moldova>

²⁸⁶⁴ European Humanitarian Forum pledges over €7.7 billion for global crises. European Commission. 19 March 2024. Access Date: 5 March 2024. https://commission.europa.eu/news/european-humanitarian-forum-pledges-over-eu77-billion-global-crises-2024-03-19_en

²⁸⁶⁵ Ukraine: Council backs the renewal of EU's autonomous trade measures, European Council (Brussels) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/04/08/ukraine-council-backs-the-renewal-of-eu-s-autonomous-trade-measures/>

²⁸⁶⁶ Parliament adopts reform of the EU electricity market, European Parliament (Brussels) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240408IPR20316/parliament-adopts-reform-of-the-eu-electricity-market>

On 11 April 2024, members of European Parliament adopted measures to facilitate the integration of renewable and low-carbon gases, including hydrogen, into the EU gas market, aiming to decarbonize the energy sector, enhance renewable gas and hydrogen production, and address energy supply disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions, particularly the Russian war against Ukraine.²⁸⁶⁷ The directive and regulation focus on transparency, consumer rights, and support for those at risk of energy poverty, with the regulation also allowing member states to limit gas imports from Russia and Belarus and promoting investments in hydrogen infrastructure and sustainable energy sources.

On 23 April 2024, the European Parliament endorsed the extension of temporary trade liberalization measures for Ukraine, suspending import duties and quotas on Ukrainian agricultural products until June 2025 to support the country amid its conflict.²⁸⁶⁸ The regulation includes a condition, acting as a safeguard for EU farmers, where the Commission may take swift action and impose any measures it deems necessary should there be significant disruption to the EU market or the markets of one or more EU member states due to Ukrainian imports.

On 23 April 2024, members of European Parliament endorsed a revision of EU fiscal rules aimed at enhancing clarity, fostering investment, tailoring regulations to individual member states, and increasing flexibility.²⁸⁶⁹ The revised rules, agreed upon between the European Parliament and member state negotiators in February, include strengthened protections for government investment capabilities, criteria for debt reduction, and enhanced dialogue processes. The regulations will come into effect upon formal approval by the Council.

On 24 April 2024, the European Parliament approved new rules requiring firms to mitigate their negative impact on human rights and the environment.²⁸⁷⁰ The rules adopt a new “due diligence” directive, which requires that firms and their partners prevent, end or mitigate adverse impacts on human rights and the environment, including slavery, child labour, and pollution through fines of up to five per cent of companies’ net worldwide turnover for non-compliance, and a transition model to align business models with the Paris Agreement’s global warming limit of 1.5 degrees celsius.

On 24 April 2024, the European Parliament adopted a draft law with proposed technical modifications to the EU’s common agricultural policy which would change the rules for three environmental conditionalities farmers must adhere to receive funding and create more flexibility for EU countries to grant exemptions to standards, controls, and penalties for non-compliance.²⁸⁷¹ This regulation must now be approved by Council and is being expedited through the urgent procedure by the parliament.

On 24 April 2024, the European Parliament’s approval was secured for the EU to exit from the Energy Charter Treaty, following a recommendation that enabled the Council to adopt the decision by a

²⁸⁶⁷ MEPs approve reforms for a more sustainable and resilient EU gas market, European Parliament (Brussels) 11 April 2024. Access Date: 12 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240408IPR20317/meps-approve-reforms-for-a-more-sustainable-and-resilient-eu-gas-market>

²⁸⁶⁸ MEPs approve trade support measures for Ukraine with protection for EU farmers, European Parliament (Brussels) 23 April 2024. Access Date: 24 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20577/meps-approve-trade-support-measures-for-ukraine-with-protection-for-eu-farmers>

²⁸⁶⁹ New EU fiscal rules approved by MEPs, European Parliament (Brussels) 23 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20583/new-eu-fiscal-rules-approved-by-meps>

²⁸⁷⁰ Due diligence: MEPs adopt rules for firms on human rights and environment, European Parliament (Brussels) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20585/due-diligence-meps-adopt-rules-for-firms-on-human-rights-and-environment>

²⁸⁷¹ Parliament approves a revision of the EU’s common agricultural policy, European Commission (Brussels) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20582/parliament-approves-a-revision-of-the-eu-s-common-agricultural-policy>

qualified majority, due to the nature of the Treaty, established in 1994, being criticized for hindering climate protection efforts.²⁸⁷²

On 25 April 2024, the European Parliament approved the Net-Zero Industry Act to support the production of renewable, nuclear, industrial decarbonization, grid, energy storage, and biotech technologies.²⁸⁷³ The act aims to develop the EU internal market for industrial decarbonization, and to support the manufacturing of specific energy technologies that complement EU climate and energy objectives.

On 30 May 2024, the European Council adopted a new regulation aimed at levying tariffs on Russian and Belarusian grain imports.²⁸⁷⁴ The goal of this regulation is to, in practice, halt the export of these products to the European Union.

On 25 June 2024, the European Union began accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova, marking a significant step towards their integration into the Union amid ongoing reforms and challenges.²⁸⁷⁵

On 1 July 2024, at the ECB Forum on Central Banking, President Christine Lagarde highlighted the ECB's success in reducing inflation from 10.6 per cent in October 2022 to 2.6 per cent recently, necessitating the first rate cut in June 2024. ²⁸⁷⁶She emphasized the ECB's vigilance in maintaining inflation expectations anchored amidst significant economic uncertainties and policy challenges.

On 10 July 2024, the European Parliament reaffirmed its support for Ukraine, urging the EU to continue sanctions against Russia and Belarus, and to tackle sanctions circumvention.²⁸⁷⁷ The resolution also calls for the confiscation of Russian state-owned assets, increased military support for Ukraine and long-term financial assistance for its reconstruction, while condemning Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's recent visit to Russia.

On 17 July 2024, the EU commemorated the 10th anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, honoring the 298 victims and expressing support for truth and justice.²⁸⁷⁸ The EU emphasized that evidence confirms the missile used was from the Russian Federation and urged Russia to accept responsibility and cooperate with ongoing international proceedings.

²⁸⁷² MEPs consent to the EU withdrawing from the Energy Charter Treaty, European Commission (Brussels) 24 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20549/meps-consent-to-the-eu-withdrawing-from-the-energy-charter-treaty>

²⁸⁷³ MEPs Adopt plans to boost Europe's Net-Zero technology production, European Commission (Brussels) 25 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20568/meps-adopt-plans-to-boost-europe-s-net-zero-technology-production>

²⁸⁷⁴ Council sets higher tariffs on Russian and Belarusian grain products, European Council (Brussels) 30 May 2024. Access Date: 15 August 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/05/30/council-sets-higher-tariffs-on-russian-and-belarusian-grain-products/>

²⁸⁷⁵ EU Opens Accession Negotiations with Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 24 June 2024. Access Date: 30 June 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_24_3461

²⁸⁷⁶ Monetary Policy in and Unusual Cycle: The Risks, The Path and The Costs, European Central Bank (Brussels) 1 July 2024. Access Date: 2 July 2024. <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/key/date/2024/html/ecb.sp240701~ba1ae1bd25.en.html>

²⁸⁷⁷ Newly elected Parliament reaffirms its strong support for Ukraine, European Parliament (Brussels) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 25 July 2024. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240710IPR22810/newly-elected-parliament-reaffirms-its-strong-support-for-ukraine>

²⁸⁷⁸ Ukraine: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, European Council (Brussels) 16 July 2024. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/07/16/ukraine-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-occasion-of-the-10th-anniversary-of-the-downing-of-malaysia-airlines-flight-mh17/>

On 24 July 2024, the Council extended the EU's economic sanctions against Russia for six more months, until January 31, 2025, due to ongoing destabilizing actions in Ukraine.²⁸⁷⁹ These sanctions, initially introduced in 2014 and expanded since February 2022, include broad sectoral restrictions and measures to counteract sanctions circumvention.

On 24 July 2024, the Council established excessive deficits for Belgium, France, Italy, Hungary, Malta, Poland, and Slovakia, and confirmed that Romania has not taken effective action to address its deficit.²⁸⁸⁰ Member states must now take corrective measures to align with EU budgetary criteria, with formal recommendations expected in November.

On 6 August 2024, the European Council approved the first payment of nearly €4.2 billion under the EU's Ukraine Facility to support Ukraine's macro-financial stability and public administration.²⁸⁸¹ This decision follows Ukraine's successful fulfillment of the necessary reforms outlined in the Ukraine Plan, which includes public financial management, governance, and energy reforms, as part of its EU accession process.

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to address the adverse effects of the Ukraine conflict on the global economy. This includes efforts to ensure energy and food security, substantial financial aid to Ukraine and other affected countries, and the maintenance of stable monetary policies. These actions demonstrate the EU's commitment to stability and resilience in the face of geopolitical uncertainty.

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment to address the adverse effects of the Ukraine conflict on the global economy. Through initiatives aiming to ensure energy and food security, providing substantial financial aid to Ukraine and other developing countries heavily impacted by economic stability, and maintaining stable monetary policies, the EU has exhibited a commitment to stability and resilience in the face of geopolitical uncertainty.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁸⁷⁹ Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: Council renews economic sanctions for a further 6 months, European Council (Brussels) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/07/22/russia-s-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-council-renews-economic-sanctions-for-a-further-6-months/>

²⁸⁸⁰ Stability and growth pact: Council launches excessive deficit procedures against seven member states, European Council (Brussels) 26 July 2024. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/07/26/stability-and-growth-pact-council-launches-excessive-deficit-procedures-against-seven-member-states/>

²⁸⁸¹ Council gives green light to first payment of nearly €4.2 billion under the Ukraine Facility, European Council (Brussels) 6 August 2024. Access Date: 7 August 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/08/06/council-gives-green-light-to-first-payment-of-nearly-42-billion-under-the-ukraine-facility/>

9. Education: High Quality Education

“We are committed to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.”

G20 New Delhi Summit Communiqué

Assessment

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

Background

The commitment to high-quality education is crucial for ensuring inclusive, equitable and sustainable development. G20 members understand the significant role education plays in fostering innovation, socioeconomic growth, social cohesion, and reducing gender disparity, thus recognizing the imperative to invest in and provide equitable and quality education.²⁸⁸² Especially as the recognition of education as a fundamental driver to addressing persisting challenges increases, it has been underscored across various commitments through its summit history, and G20 members aim to leverage their collective influence and resources through collaborative governance.

Education has been a recurring topic in G20 summits since the group’s inception. G20 Leaders emphasized education as a part of their commitment to sustainable growth at the 2011 Cannes² and 2012 Los Cabos Summit and reducing youth unemployment and to promote mobility and employability at the 2013 St. Petersburg and 2014 Brisbane Summit.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, it gained significant traction as G20 Leaders recognized the significance of education and skills training to keep up with evolving needs and market changes.⁶ Emphasizing its

²⁸⁸² G20 Education Ministers' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2021. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/210622-education.html>

role in fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development built foundation for subsequent discussions and actions regarding education within the G20 framework.

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 members reaffirmed the crucial role of education and to prioritize achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality education.²⁸⁸³ Within their pledges to ensure quality education, they emphasized digital inclusivity and ethical technology use, as well as to support educators and students in addressing the learning gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic and building a more equitable and resilient education system.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 Education Ministers attributed a particular focus on the G20 education agenda under the Indonesian Presidency – discussions centring on universal quality education, digital technology, solidarity and partnership in education and the future of work.²⁸⁸⁴ Acknowledging education as a human right and promoting lifelong learning, they committed to fostering global partnerships for education recovery, addressing educational disparities, ensuring data privacy in digital education, effective integration of digital technology and traditional teaching models, and preparing learners for the evolving workforce. They also emphasized the significance of providing quality education, aligning with the United Nations’ education transformation efforts, under all circumstances, especially during global crises and conflicts.

Commitment Features

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, leaders committed to “inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.”²⁸⁸⁵

Definitions and Concepts

“Commit” is understood to mean “to do or perform, to pledge or bind to a certain course or policy.”²⁸⁸⁶

“Inclusive” is understood to mean “all parties are included in the discussion and decision making process taking into account relative capabilities.”²⁸⁸⁷ In the context of this commitment, it refers to making education and skills training accessible to all groups, especially the disadvantaged and vulnerable, reducing barriers to technological infrastructure and supporting the holistic development of learners through the acknowledgement of parents, teachers and communities.²⁸⁸⁸

“Equitable” is understood to mean “fair and just as indicated by law.”²⁸⁸⁹ In this context, it represents supporting all learners and ensuring universal quality education, particularly for those in vulnerable situations who face disproportionate risks and challenges in learning,²⁸⁹⁰ as a result of gender, age,

²⁸⁸³ G20 Education Ministers' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2021. Access Date: 3 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/210622-education.html>

²⁸⁸⁴ G20 Chair's Summary: Education Ministerial Meeting, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/220901-education.html>

²⁸⁸⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

²⁸⁸⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2023.

²⁸⁸⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2023.

²⁸⁸⁸ Outcome Document and Chair's Summary - G20 Education Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230622-education.html>

²⁸⁸⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 February 2023.

²⁸⁹⁰ G20 Chair's Summary Education Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/G20-EMM-2022_Chairs-Summary.pdf

mental and physical disability, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, and other forms of discrimination.²⁸⁹¹

“High-quality [education]” refers to the provision of a comprehensive, qualified and well-supported program that “promotes peace and security and drives improved health and life outcomes.” In this context, it involves “highly qualified, competed and motivated teachers”; quality Early Childhood Education and Care (foundational learning skills);²⁸⁹² and working together with and providing support to schools to keep pace with developing technology and address needs of teachers and students.²⁸⁹³

“Education” is understood to mean the “process of being educated or educating, teaching and learning in schools.”²⁸⁹⁴ It can also be interpreted as “formal instruction and supervised practice, especially in a skill, trade, or profession.”²⁸⁹⁵ In this context, it refers to environments and frameworks in place, such as schools, for foundational educational content (i.e. literacy, numeracy, and socio-emotional skills),²⁸⁹⁶ technology and pedagogy as well as effective mechanisms for learning assessment and learner retention.

“Skills training” is understood to mean the “process of teaching or learning the specific skills necessary for a particular job, activity or [environment].”²⁸⁹⁷ In the context of this commitment, it refers to the provision of Technical and Vocational Education and Training opportunities, including “expanded work-based learning; digital learning environments; and promotion of green transitions,”²⁸⁹⁸ in order to effectively respond to the needs of the labour market, as well as help learners “thrive in life and work and contribute to equitable, inclusive and sustainable societies.”²⁸⁹⁹

“Those in vulnerable situations” is understood as referring to “children and adolescents; women and girls; refugees, migrants and asylum-seekers;” and those with mental and physical disabilities;²⁹⁰⁰ as well as children and girls in conflict zones and crises;²⁹⁰¹ the elderly; ex-combatants; religious and ethnic minorities;²⁹⁰² and LGBTQ+-identifying persons.²⁹⁰³ These groups are more likely to suffer from educational inequalities, facing access to quality education, and face discrimination.

²⁸⁹¹ Outcome Document and Chair's Summary - G20 Education Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230622-education.html>

²⁸⁹² Toyama-Kanazawa Declaration by G7 Education Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 May 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/2023-education.html>

²⁸⁹³ Outcome Document and Chair's Summary - G20 Education Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230622-education.html>

²⁸⁹⁴ Education, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/education>

²⁸⁹⁵ Educating, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/educating>

²⁸⁹⁶ Outcome Document and Chair's Summary - G20 Education Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230622-education.html>

²⁸⁹⁷ Skills training, Collins Dictionary (Glasgow) n.d. Access Date: 4 February 2024.

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/skills-training>

²⁸⁹⁸ Outcome Document and Chair's Summary - G20 Education Ministerial Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2024. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230622-education.html>

²⁸⁹⁹ G20 Chair's Summary Education Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2024. https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/G20-EMM-2022_Chairs-Summary.pdf

²⁹⁰⁰ Ensuring the right to education for vulnerable groups, UNESCO (Paris) 11 May 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/en/right-education/vulnerable-groups>

²⁹⁰¹ Toyama-Kanazawa Declaration by G7 Education Ministers' Meeting, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 May 2023. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/2023-education.html>

²⁹⁰² Vulnerable Groups, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (Beirut) n.d. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://archive.unescwa.org/vulnerable-groups>

²⁹⁰³ Vulnerable Groups, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://violenceagainstchildren.un.org/content/vulnerable-groups>

General Interpretive Guidelines

The commitment can be broken down into two components: 1) providing high-quality education for all, including to those in vulnerable situations; and 2) providing high-quality skills training for all, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. To achieve full compliance, G20 members must act to address both areas in an inclusive and equitable manner.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that have taken strong action to BOTH make education inclusive for those in vulnerable situations and make skills training inclusive for those in vulnerable situations. In terms of education, this includes ensuring foundational literacy, numeracy and socio-emotional skills in early education, especially for vulnerable groups (such as remote, displaced and marginalized communities), as measured against international and regional benchmarks (e.g., proficiency level, gross enrolment rates); making changes in national policy to expand and strengthen education services; financially support costs for education or set out inclusive and quality educational standards; and ensuring equitable access to technological infrastructure. Regarding skills training, that refers to building or investing in teacher capacity to improve working conditions and career attractiveness, providing accessible vocational, postsecondary and adult education and training through significant programs and initiatives; developing learners' skills in crucial, dominant and growing vocational areas (i.e. fundamentals, STEAM [science, technology, arts, engineering, arts, mathematics], entrepreneurship, digital and green technologies); and deepening inter-university and school connections. To receive a +1, the G20 member must have taken strong action to all of one and most or all of the other.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members that have taken strong action in one of the two divisions of education and skills training or moderate action in both education and skills training. Examples of strong actions are stated above. Meanwhile, moderate action may include repeated verbal affirmations of support to novel and impactful educational or skills training initiatives; not insignificant progress towards increasing equity/inclusivity and/or quality of either its education or skills training services; general but unsubstantial allocation of funds towards improving education and/or skills training without a specific goal of improving equity, inclusivity and/or quality; and maintaining existing initiatives to provide education or skills training to little or moderate success.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member has taken weak or no action to ensure or provide, or has been shown to actively not provide, inclusive, equitable and high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Examples of non-action or weak actions may include failing to follow through with commitments to support education or skills training initiatives, attending meetings centred on advancing education and skills training that do not result in any meaningful action, and making insufficient (solely verbal) and vague commitments to support education and/or skills training in developing countries and vulnerable communities.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has not complied with their commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations, in any form.
0	The G20 member has partially complied with their commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.
+1	The G20 member has fully complied with their commitment to provide inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 9 February 2024, Secretary of Education Carlos Torrendell led Assembly No. 129 of the Federal Education Council to establish the initial guidelines for the National Literacy Plan. Jurisdictional worktables developed and shared literacy strategies. Organizers established bases to compare local policy with national literacy policy. The National Literacy Plan aims to increase the “development of appropriate reading and writing levels for third grade students, to guarantee equitable literacy opportunities” and serve as a vehicle for accelerated learning in future years. This policy seeks to ensure that students, specifically children, of all backgrounds throughout the country learn to read and write proficiently.²⁹⁰⁴

On 29 February 2024, Human Capital Minister Sandra Pettovello and President Javier Milei issued a joint decree eliminating the previous job aid programme in favour of two new “Volver al Trabajo” and “Acompañamiento Social” schemes in a dual system. Specifically, the “Volver al Trabajo” programme targets people 18 to 49, and seeks to increase work skills and boost social inclusion and employability into the formal job market through assistance with labour exchange services, training, skill certification, and productive enterprise promotion. The “Acompañamiento Social” programme primarily targets support to those over 50 and mothers of four or more children, both vulnerable groups who face significant challenges with inclusion and support in education and skills training.²⁹⁰⁵

On 7 March 2024, Argentina announced that the federal government will increase the amount of funding given to the provinces for education, renewing a prior provision mandating a certain percentage of federal taxes to provincial education. This will increase the wages for teachers and will help prevent teachers strikes, thus keeping children in school and learning.²⁹⁰⁶

On 26 June 2024, Secretary Torrendell inaugurated the first Federal Roundtable for Teacher Training 2024. The roundtable presented proposals and aims to improve the teaching capabilities and offer more standardisation throughout the country.²⁹⁰⁷

On 4 July 2024, President Milei and the Minister of Human Capital Sandra Pettovello launched the National Literacy Plan.²⁹⁰⁸ The plan includes both national and jurisdictional elements and aims to enhance literacy especially by the third grade marker. The plan aims for that every child to be able to read, write, and produce work.

²⁹⁰⁴ The Federal Education Council agreed on the axes of the National Literacy Plan, Argentina Ministry of Education (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-consejo-federal-de-educacion-acordo-los-ejes-del-plan-nacional-de-alfabetizacion>

²⁹⁰⁵ Argentina’s government eliminates Potenciar Trabajo job help scheme, Buenos Aires Times (Buenos Aires) 29 February 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.batimes.com.ar/news/argentina/argentinas-government-eliminates-potenciar-trabajo-job-help-scheme.phtml>

²⁹⁰⁶ Government backtracks, will give provinces additional funding for education, Buenos Aires Herald (Buenos Aires) 7 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://buenosairesherald.com/politics/government-backtracks-will-give-provinces-additional-funding-for-education>

²⁹⁰⁷ Primera Mesa Federal Docente 2024, Ministerio de Capital Humano (Buenos Aires) 26 June 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/primera-mesa-federal-docente-2024>

²⁹⁰⁸ Milei lanzó el Plan Nacional de Alfabetización en San Juan, Ministerio de Capital Humano (Buenos Aires) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/milei-lanzo-el-plan-nacional-de-alfabetizacion-en-san-juan>

On 11 July 2024, the Secretary Torrendell and National Braille and Talking Book Publishing House Coordinator, María Eugenia Caram held a meeting to make audio recordings and braille translations available throughout the national library system.²⁹⁰⁹

On 5 September 2024, the Ministry of Human Capital announced a 75 per cent increase of Progresar scholarships which aim to help young people complete compulsory education, study at a higher level or pursue professional training.²⁹¹⁰

On 5 September 2024, Secretary Torrendell, with the Executive Director of the National Institute of Technological Education Ludovico Grillo signed a framework agreement with the National Technological University which aims to establish permanent cooperation for the development of academic and scientific projects.²⁹¹¹ These include coordinated strategy, the creation of educational initiatives such as exchange programs, the promotion of training pathways and the utilization of information to improve course and career offerings.

On 20 September 2024, Minister Pettovello reaffirmed Argentina's commitment to the training of all citizens and the improvement of the study plans of the police force.²⁹¹²

On 3 October 2024, Secretary Torrendell concluded the Federal Roundtable for Teacher Training, focusing on the new curricular guidelines for teacher training and opening dialogue on a federal work plan for implementation.²⁹¹³

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Argentina has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by developing a new National Literacy Plan and increasing education funding. The literacy program targets all children including those in vulnerable situations and aims to reduce regional disparities. Argentina has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by implementing new programs on vocational training and skill development for adults with specific programs for older adults and mothers.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 31 January 2024, Minister of Education Jason Clare and Western Australia Minister of Education Tony Buti signed a declaration of intent to increase government funding for public schools from 95

²⁹⁰⁹ Derecho a leer: fondos pedagógicos accesibles para personas con discapacidad visual, Ministerio de Capital Humano (Buenos Aires) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/derecho-leer-fondos-pedagogicos-accesibles-para-personas-con-discapacidad-visual>

²⁹¹⁰ Human Capital Announces the Increase of Progresar Scholarships by 75%, Ministry of Human Capital (Buenos Aires) 5 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/capital-humano-anuncia-el-aumento-de-las-becas-progresar-en-un-75>

²⁹¹¹ The Ministry of Human Capital and the UTN Agree on Joint Actions for the ETP, Ministry of Human Capital (Buenos Aires) 5 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-capital-humano-y-la-utn-acuerdan-acciones-conjuntas-para-la-etp>

²⁹¹² Pettovello and Bullrich are moving forward in setting standards for the training of police forces throughout the country, Ministry of Human Capital (Buenos Aires) 20 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/pettovello-y-bullrich-avanzan-en-fijar-estandares-para-la-formacion-de-las-fuerzas>

²⁹¹³ II Federal Board of Teacher Training, Ministry of Human Capital (Buenos Aires) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ii-mesa-federal-de-formacion-docente>

per cent to 100 per cent. The Australian government will provide half that increase. The agreement stated that the most disadvantaged schools will receive the additional funding first.²⁹¹⁴

On 20 February 2024, the Australian Government pledged to invest AUD3.5 million to develop evidence-based tools and professional learning to support teachers. The new programs aim to create safe, engaging and accessible learning environment for educators and students.²⁹¹⁵

On 23 February 2024, Australian Education Ministers committed to an action plan addressing gender-based violence in higher education. The action plan indicates their goals to prevent and respond to gender-based violence more appropriately to ensure safe environment for students, staff and the community as a whole and ultimately end it through collective efforts with various stakeholders.²⁹¹⁶

On 26 April 2024, the Department of Education opened grant applications for the expanded High Achieving Teachers Program. The grants fund teaching accreditation including training and entry into the classroom. The expanded grant round plans to support 1,395 successful applicants further their career training. The program aims to include more educators from diverse backgrounds including Indigenous peoples, those with disability, teacher aides and those in remote locations.²⁹¹⁷

On 11 July 2024, Minister Clare and Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney announced AUD8.5 million for organizations that support high school attainment and university access for Indigenous students.²⁹¹⁸

On 31 July 2024, Minister Clare committed the government to spend an additional AUD736.7 million over the next five years on education in the Northern Territory as part of a bilateral agreement. Both sides spending commitments aim to fully fund schools in the territory under new national targets. The agreement also includes metrics to increase literacy, numeracy, attendance, graduation, and Aboriginal and Islander employment opportunities.²⁹¹⁹

On 7 August 2024, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth Anne Aly announced AUD80 million in grants to 475 early-childhood education centres in disadvantaged communities to boost access to early learning through facility improvements and expansion.²⁹²⁰

²⁹¹⁴ Statement of Intent – Western Australia, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 8 February 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/resources/statement-intent-western-australia>

²⁹¹⁵ Engaged Classrooms: Supporting all students to achieve, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/engaged-classrooms-supporting-all-students-achieve>

²⁹¹⁶ Australian Education Ministers agree way forward on gender-based violence in higher education, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 23 February 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/about-department/announcements/australian-education-ministers-agree-way-forward-genderbased-violence-higher-education>

²⁹¹⁷ Expansion of the High Achieving Teachers Program, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/expansion-high-achieving-teachers-program>

²⁹¹⁸ More support for first nations students, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024. <https://ministers.education.gov.au/clare/more-support-first-nations-students>

²⁹¹⁹ Landmark agreement signed to fully fund Northern Territory schools and invest in key reforms, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024. <https://ministers.education.gov.au/clare/landmark-agreement-signed-fully-fund-northern-territory-schools-and-invest-key-reforms>

²⁹²⁰ Supporting early learning in regional and disadvantaged communities, Australian Government Department of Education (Canberra) 7 August 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024. <https://ministers.education.gov.au/aly/supporting-early-learning-regional-and-disadvantaged-communities>

On 20 September 2024, as part of the government's Regional University Study Hubs Program, the Fleurieu Regional Study Hub was opened in South Australia.²⁹²¹ This hub aims to provide opportunities for regional and remote students to have better access to university without having to leave their community.

On 25 September 2024, the Australian and Tasmanian Governments signed an agreement to increase funding to Tasmanian public schools to 100 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).²⁹²² Australia committed to increasing current contributions from 20 per cent to 22.5 per cent of the SRS by 2029.

On 30 September 2024, phase two of the High Achieving Teachers Program Expansion Pilots was announced by the Department of Education.²⁹²³ Under the pilots, candidates will be able to undertake paid teaching experience while receiving their teaching qualification. The pilots will also focus on recruiting people from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Australia has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by developing increasing funding for public schools, prioritizing underprivileged schools, and improving inclusivity on campuses. Australia has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by expanding a teacher's training program that aims to include diverse and vulnerable populations.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Daini Shah

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 16 January 2024, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva signed law N° 14.818 which established the program Pé-de-meia, a financial-educational incentive program for public high school students. The law allocates BRL7.1 billion for the program. The program will provide BRL200 to students monthly and will include a savings portion, allowing students to accumulate annual incentives of BRL1,000 for high school attendance above 80 per cent, which they can withdraw only after graduating.²⁹²⁴ This program intends to promote the completion of secondary studies particularly for those students at risk of dropping out due to their vulnerable economic situation.²⁹²⁵

On 12 March 2024, President Lula and Minister of State for Education Camilo Santana announced the creation of 100 new campuses of the Federal Institutes of Education, Science and Technology (IFs).

²⁹²¹ New Regional University Study Hub opens in South Australia, Department of Education (Canberra) 20 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/new-regional-university-study-hub-opens-south-australia>

²⁹²² Increased Funding for Public Schools in Tasmania, Department of Education (Canberra) 25 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/increased-funding-public-schools-tasmania>

²⁹²³ New and Innovative employment-based pathways into teaching announced, Department of Education (Canberra) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.education.gov.au/newsroom/articles/new-and-innovative-employmentbased-pathways-teaching-announced>

²⁹²⁴ Pé-de-Meia beneficiará cerca de 31 mil alunos no ES, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 4 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024 <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/pe-de-meia-beneficiara-cerca-de-31-mil-alunos-no-es>

²⁹²⁵ LEI N° 14.818 DE 16 DE JANEIRO DE 2024, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 16 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://legislacao.presidencia.gov.br/atos/?tipo=LEI&numero=14818&ano=2024&ato=ef2MTQE1ENZpWT460>

The IFs will produce 140 thousand spaces, primarily for technical courses integrated into secondary education.²⁹²⁶

On 13 March 2024, Minister Santana announced BRL102 million over eight years to the Montevideo group which brings together 41 universities from Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay during the Regional Conference for Higher Education. As well, Minister Santana announced BRL20 million to fund 500 graduate and post-graduate scholarships.²⁹²⁷

On 13 March 2024, Minister Santana, Cuban Minister for Higher Education Walter Baluja García and president of the Brazilian Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel Denise Pires de Carvalho signed a cooperation agreement on the field of higher education during the CRES+5 Conference. The agreement established the facilitation of academic mobility of students between Brazil and Cuba.²⁹²⁸

On 19 March 2024, the Ministry of Education launched the program Pé-de-meia in the state of Paraná, which is now the sixth out of 26 Brazilian states where the program implementation has begun.²⁹²⁹

On 15 April 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that students will be able to request an exemption from the registration fee for the National High School Exam.²⁹³⁰ This exemption will be available for students with have demonstrated socioeconomic vulnerability.²⁹³¹

On 25 April 2024, Ministry of Education, National Institute of Education Studies and Research and National Commission for the Assessment of Higher Education, organized the Twentieth Anniversary Seminar of the National Higher Education Assessment System (Sinae). The event discussed innovations for the Sinae including the reformulation of undergraduate courses, the format of tests, and standards of expected performance to contribute to the quality of higher education.²⁹³²

On 11 June 2024, BRICS Education Ministers met and agreed to expand the BRICS Network University project and to create a group to solve the issue of mutual recognition of qualifications.²⁹³³

²⁹²⁶ Novos Institutos Federais vão gerar 140 mil novas vagas, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 12 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/novos-institutos-federais-va-gerar-140-mil-novas-vagas>

²⁹²⁷ Higher education under debate, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. (Brasilia) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.iesalc.unesco.org/en/2024/03/13/higher-education-under-debate/>

²⁹²⁸ Brazil and Cuba sign cooperation agreement during CRES+5, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 13 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/marco/brazil-and-cuba-sign-cooperation-agreement-during-cres-5>

²⁹²⁹ MEC lança programa Pé-de-Meia no Paraná, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 19 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/centrais-de-conteudo/avisos-de-pauta/mec-lanca-programa-pe-de-meia-no-parana>

²⁹³⁰ Participantes do Pé-de-Meia têm direito à isenção no Enem, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 12 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/participantes-do-pe-de-meia-tem-direito-a-isencao-no-enem>

²⁹³¹ Aberta solicitação de isenção para o Enem 2024, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 15 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/aberta-solicitacao-de-isencao-para-o-enem-2024>

²⁹³² Seminário debate modernização do Sinaes, Government of Brazil (Brasilia) 25 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/seminario-debate-modernizacao-do-sinaes>

²⁹³³ For the first time, the BRICS Education Ministers met at one venue in a new expanded format and outlined priorities for further work, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia (Moscow) 11 June 2024. Access date: 11 August 2024. <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/84272/>

On 20 September 2024, the Ministry of Education signed a partnership with the Ministry of Research and Higher Education of the Kingdom of Norway which aims to exchange information and opportunities between both countries at all levels of education.²⁹³⁴

On 2 October 2024, the Ministry of Education announced the offering of over five thousand vacancies in its Mulheres Mil Program which offers free professional qualification courses to women in situations of socioeconomic vulnerability.²⁹³⁵

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Brazil has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by mitigating economic and other vulnerabilities that prevent students from completing their studies and improving access to higher education. Brazil has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by expanding technical education programs to one hundred new locations across the country.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrea Guaylupo Castañeda

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 20 March 2024, Employment and Social Development Canada announced that Bill C-35, An Act respecting early learning and child care in Canada, received Royal Assent. This legislation enshrines guiding principles for federal investments in a Canada-wide early learning and child care system, which seeks to grant families access to affordable, high-quality, flexible and inclusive programs and services regardless of where they reside. Additionally, the Act supports the principles of the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework which was “co-developed and endorsed by Indigenous leadership and the Government of Canada,” respecting territorial jurisdiction and Indigenous rights.²⁹³⁶

On 1 April 2024, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland announced the launch of a national school food program, with the federal government committing CAD1 billion in five years. The program looks to deliver food to 400,000 additional children per year, especially those from vulnerable groups.²⁹³⁷

On 16 April 2024, Minister Freeland tabled the Budget 2024 Fairness for Every Generation. For high quality public education for all, the budget includes (1) CAD9.5 million to support children from low-income families in graduating high school, (2) CAD50 million for the Supports for Student Learning Program, (3) CAD39.2 million for coding education programming, (4) CAD694.5 million for education on Indigenous reserves, (5) CAD545.1 million for school infrastructure on Indigenous reserves, (6) and CAD167.5 million for Inuit services including education. For post-secondary education, the

²⁹³⁴ MEC signs partnership with the Norwegian Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (Brasilia) 20 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/setembro/mec-firma-parceria-com-ministerio-da-educacao-superior-da-noruega>

²⁹³⁵ Mulheres Mil: More than 5 thousand vacancies will be offered until December, Ministry of Education (Brasilia) 2 October 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/outubro/mulheres-mil-mais-de-5-mil-vagas-serao-ofertadas-ate-dezembro>

²⁹³⁶ New federal law helps ensure families will benefit from affordable early learning and child care for generations to come, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 20 March 2023. Access Date: 4 April 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/03/new-federal-law-helps-ensure-families-will-benefit-from-affordable-early-learning-and-child-care-for-generations-to-come.html>

²⁹³⁷ Federal government commits to creation of national school food program, CBC (Ottawa) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2024. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/national-school-food-program-announcement-1.7160384>

budget (1) aims to make it easier for parents to save for their child's education by making enrollment in the CAD2,000 Canada Learning Bond automatic, (2) extending the retroactive time frame for receiving the bond, (3) extending the increase in Canada Student Grants from CAD3,000 to CAD4,200 for an additional year, (4) similarly extending interest-free Canada Student Loans from CAD210 to CAD300 per week, (5) CAD242.7 million to increase First Nations access to post-secondary education, and CAD5.2 million for the Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning that provides post-secondary education to First Nations students in their communities. For skills training, the budget includes (1) CAD207.6 million for the Student Work Placement Program, (2) CAD351.2 million for the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy and (3) CAD60 million for Indigenous Friendship Centres that provide educational and employment services.²⁹³⁸

On 12 May 2024, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jenna Sudds announced that Canada inked Early Learning and Childcare agreement amendments with provinces and territories that unlock CAD625 in funding.²⁹³⁹

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.²⁹⁴⁰ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

On 11 July 2024, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities Kamal Khara presented the Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities.²⁹⁴¹ The plan focuses heavily on training for Canadians with disabilities.²⁹⁴²

On 15 July 2024, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien announced CAD370 million in funding for 200 projects that will provide employment and skill development for 22,000 youth. The projects target those with barriers to training and employment.²⁹⁴³

On 7 August 2024, Minister Sudds, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs Dominic LeBlanc and New Brunswick Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Bill Hogan unveiled an early learning and child care action plan. The plan includes CAD426 million to expand access including for training that support educators in attaining their needed Early Childhood Educator certifications. The headline figure includes CAD30 million earmarked for inclusive measures to support children with additional needs and to ensure equality

²⁹³⁸ Budget 2024 Fairness for Every Generation, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://budget.canada.ca/2024/report-rapport/budget-2024.pdf>

²⁹³⁹ Supporting Mothers with \$10-a-day child care, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 12 May 2024. Access Date: 19 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/05/supporting-mothers-with-10-a-day-child-care.html>

²⁹⁴⁰ G7 Education Ministers' Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

²⁹⁴¹ Government of Canada launches the Employment Strategy for Canadians with Disabilities, Employment and Social Development Canada (Toronto) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/07/government-of-canada-launches-the-employment-strategy-for-canadians-with-disabilities.html>

²⁹⁴² Employment Strategy for Canadians with Disabilities, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 11 July 2024. Access Date: 24 July 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/disability-inclusion-action-plan/employment-strategy.html>

²⁹⁴³ Minister Ien announces funding for over 200 youth employment projects, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/07/minister-ien-announces-funding-for-over-200-youth-employment-projects.html>

between anglophones and francophones as well as CAD12.4 million to improve location accessibility for underserved communities and CAD2.7 million for Indigenous collaboration.²⁹⁴⁴

On 13 September 2024, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages Randy Boissonault announced CAD2.9 million in funding for nine projects under the Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy's Investments in Training Equipment stream to bolster training through the purchasing of equipment.²⁹⁴⁵

On 27 September 2024, Member of Parliament Terry Sheehan, on behalf of Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien, announced CAD1.7 Million in funding, over four years for the Sault Community Centre for their Transition to Independence Program which empowers participants to overcome socioeconomic circumstances and transition into the labour force or return to education.²⁹⁴⁶

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Canada has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by increasing supports and services in schools especially for low-income and Indigenous students, investing in nutritional resources to improve vulnerable children's learning, and expanding access to post-secondary education for all. Canada has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by investing in youth skills programs including work placements and training including dedicated centres for Indigenous peoples.

Therefore, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Betel Woldu

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 11 January 2024, the Ministry of Education announced a list of 184 primary and secondary schools across the country that are recognized as AI education bases.²⁹⁴⁷ The designated schools will house pilot programs aiming to boost educational quality.²⁹⁴⁸

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Education, Chinese National Commission for The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Shanghai Municipal People's Government organized the 2024 World Digital Education Conference (WDEC). The conference highlighted the importance of integrating technology into education with the goal of "[empowering]

²⁹⁴⁴ Governments of Canada and New Brunswick announce Early Learning and Child Care Action Plan, Employment and Social Development Canada (Moncton) 7 August 2024. Access Date: 24 August 2024.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/08/governments-of-canada-and-new-brunswick-announce-early-learning-and-child-care-action-plan.html>

²⁹⁴⁵ Government of Canada invests in skilled trades training in Alberta, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 13 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/09/government-of-canada-invests-in-skilled-trades-training-in-alberta.html>

²⁹⁴⁶ MP Sheehan announces funding for the Sault Community Centre to support skills training for young people, Employment and Social Development Canada (Ottawa) 27 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2024/09/mp-sheehan-announces-funding-for-the-sault-community-career-centre-to-support-skills-training-for-young-people.html>

²⁹⁴⁷ Chinese education authorities publish list of 184 primary, secondary school AI education bases, Global Times (Beijing) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 15 March 2024. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202401/1305239.shtml>

²⁹⁴⁸ Promoting AI for future innovators: 184 primary, secondary schools in China chosen to explore new models, Global Times (Beijing) 1 March 2024. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202403/1307987.shtml>

classroom teaching, self-guided learning, school governance, educational innovation, and international exchange.”²⁹⁴⁹

On 30 January 2024, the Ministry of Education, National Commission for UNESCO and Shanghai Municipal People’s Government presented the international version of the National Smart Education Platform at the WDEC. The platform aims to provide freely accessible quality education around the world. The platform provides 780 courses in six languages.²⁹⁵⁰

On 19 March 2024, the Ministry of Education announced the approval to add 24 new majors for undergraduate programs, including national security studies and electronic information materials, with the aim of fostering higher education paths that better align with recent technological developments and the country’s national strategy.²⁹⁵¹

On 28 March 2024, the Ministry of Education launched the comprehensive application of its Smart Education of China platform for primary and secondary schools as part of the National Strategy for Educational Digitalization, with the goal of expanding high-quality educational resources, boosting educational reform and innovation, fostering development of education in all regions, and supporting digitally enabled quality improvement in basic education.²⁹⁵²

On 18 April 2024, the Ministry of Education issued the Notice on Further Improving Undergraduate Programs at Regular Higher Education Institutions with the aim of promoting “more targeted talent cultivation, making a greater contribution to the development of new-quality productive forces, and better serving Chinese-style modernization.”²⁹⁵³ The notice highlights some requirements such as the need to annually update the undergraduate program directory and improve mechanisms for establishing and modifying undergraduate program categories.

On 18 April 2024, Minister of Education Huai Jinpeng attended and spoke at the Eighth Meeting of Education Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states, which was held in Moscow, Russia.²⁹⁵⁴ The minister stated that China will make efforts to develop signature programs to better education and seek cooperation among SCO countries in education. The meeting also issued the Joint Communiqué of the Eighth Meeting of Education Ministers of SCO Member States and reached consensus on the joint development of guidelines for collaboration in digital education among SCO countries.

On 26 April 2024, Vice Minister of Education Weng Tiehui attended the 2024 Conference on Education Planning in Minority-settled Regions which was held in Guiyang. The event aimed to establish a plan of action for 2024 regarding the best strategies to improve education in regions inhabited by minorities. Vice Minister Vice Minister Tiehui attended the event and delivered a speech.

²⁹⁴⁹ 2024 World Digital Education Conference opens in Shanghai, Chinese Ministry of Education. Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 29 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202401/t20240131_1113592.html

²⁹⁵⁰ China unveils international version of National Smart Education Platform, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024.

http://en.moe.gov.cn/features/2024WorldDigitalEducationConference/News/202402/t20240201_1113779.htm

²⁹⁵¹ Newly added undergraduate majors including national security studies better serve national strategy, Global Times (Beijing) 19 March 2024. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202403/1309132.shtml>

²⁹⁵² Smart Education of China platform launches comprehensive application, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 28 March 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202404/t20240401_1123431.html

²⁹⁵³ MOE to further optimize undergraduate programs at regular HEIs, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 19 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202404/t20240422_1127027.html

²⁹⁵⁴ Huai Jinpeng attends 8th SCO Education Ministers Meeting, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 20 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202404/t20240421_1126658.html

The conference emphasized access to high-quality education for minority groups as vital to promote modernization and national unity in China.²⁹⁵⁵

On 26 April 2024, the Ministry of Education launched the Initiative on Lifelong Learning for All and the Empowerment of Industrial Workers Through Digital Learning action plan.²⁹⁵⁶ Both these initiatives support skill development and the latter targets industrial workers as a vulnerable population for continuing education.

On 27 April 2024, the Ministry of Education outlined the implementation of a school dropout reporting mechanism, to prevent dropouts and enhance student retention within the education system. The new structure focuses on “vulnerable student groups, including orphans, children left behind in rural areas, those living with migrant worker parents in urban areas, and adolescents featured in criminal cases.”²⁹⁵⁷

On 22 May 2024, Vice Minister of Education Chen Jie and Minister of Education of Belarus Andrei I. Ivanets co-chaired the 7th Meeting of the Education Cooperation Subcommittee of the China–Belarus Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee, where they pledged cooperation on areas such as digital education and exchange study abroad programs.²⁹⁵⁸

On 6 June 2024, the Ministry of Education organized a meeting to push forward implementation of the “Chief Teacher Plan” (CTP) and the Rural Young Teacher Training Plan (RYTTP) in primary and secondary schools in the Central and Western Regions. The CTP and RYTTP aim to identify and train teachers that can help boost the quality of education in rural regions.²⁹⁵⁹

On 11 June 2024, BRICS Education Ministers met and agreed to expand the BRICS Network University project and to create a group to solve the issue of mutual recognition of qualifications.²⁹⁶⁰

On 12 June 2024, Vice Minister Chen Jie and Russian Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education Dmitry Afanasiev co-chaired the 24th meeting of the Subcommittee on Educational Cooperation of the China–Russia Committee on Humanities Cooperation. The sides discussed cooperation on basic education, vocational training, and higher education.²⁹⁶¹

On 29 July 2024, Vice Minister of Education Wang Jiayi held a meeting to advance the National Excellent Primary and Secondary Teacher Training Plan and its implementation.²⁹⁶²

²⁹⁵⁵ 2024 conference on minority education held in Guiyang, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202404/t20240430_1128406.html

²⁹⁵⁶ Opening Ceremony of Lifelong Learning Week 2024 held in Shenyang, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 26 April 2024. Access Date: 30 April 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202404/t20240430_1128338.html

²⁹⁵⁷ China works to reduce compulsory education dropout rates, State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 28 April 2024. Access Date: 19 July 2024.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202404/28/content_WS662e0a7fc6d0868f4e8e6857.html

²⁹⁵⁸ 7th Meeting of the Education Cooperation Subcommittee of the China–Belarus Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee convened in China, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 23 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202405/t20240527_1132820.html

²⁹⁵⁹ Conference held to promote “Chief Teacher Plan” in rural schools, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202406/t20240611_1135069.html

²⁹⁶⁰ For the first time, the BRICS Education Ministers met at one venue in a new expanded format and outlined priorities for further work, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia (Moscow) 11 June 2024. Access date: 11 August 2024. <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/84272/>

²⁹⁶¹ Chen Jie attends China–Russia educational cooperation meeting in Russia, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202406/t20240614_1135669.html

²⁹⁶² Meeting on primary and secondary teacher training held in Tianjin, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202408/t20240802_1143882.html

On 30 July 2024, Vice Minister of Education Wu Yan delivered a speech on vocational training laying out priorities including regional specificities and announcing an international conference on vocational education.²⁹⁶³

On 7 September 2024, Minister Jie met with Minister of National Education and Scientific Research of Burundi Dr. François Havyarimana in Beijing to discuss practical cooperation with Burundi in areas such as teacher training and capacity building, engineering and vocational education, digital education, and language teaching.²⁹⁶⁴

China has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. China has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by launching the National Smart Education Program which provides free online education across the world, bolstering digital offerings in schools, and aiming to improve education for minority populations. China has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by launching initiatives to support vocational and educational development including for industrial workers and expanding post-secondary program offerings.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrea Guaylupo Castañeda

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 20 December 2023, Director General of Higher Education and Professional Integration Anne-Sophie Barthez launched the campaign for Disability Doctoral Contracts. The program will provide three years of funding for 30 post-graduate students with disabilities.²⁹⁶⁵

On 22 December 2023, the Ministry of National Education and Youth implemented new measures for the 2024 academic year prioritizing greater quality and more inclusive education. At the level of primary education, Minister of National Education and Youth, Gabriel Attal, unveiled government priorities to (1) reduce the number of students per classroom, (2) double kindergarten sections for vulnerable, education-prioritized areas, (3) and create inclusive schools with education support and autism teaching units. At the secondary level, the government seeks to implement “the knowledge shock” program in middle and high schools to improve mathematics, French and history-geography levels; and create preparatory college classes.²⁹⁶⁶

²⁹⁶³ China advances reform of modern vocational education system, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024.

²⁹⁶⁴ Chen Jie meets with Burundi education minister, Ministry of Education (Beijing) 7 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202409/t20240909_1149823.html

²⁹⁶⁵ Objet : campagne nationale contrats doctoraux handicap 2024, Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche (Paris) 20 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

²⁹⁶⁶ Rentrée scolaire 2024 : des moyens renforcés pour mettre en œuvre le choc des savoirs, Ministère de l'éducation nationale et de la jeunesse (Paris) 22 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024. <https://www.education.gouv.fr/rentree-scolaire-2024-des-moyens-renforces-pour-mettre-en-oeuvre-le-choc-des-savoirs-380376>

On 28 December 2024, President Emmanuel Macron signed decree No. 2023-1396 to boost training quality. The measures increase transparency requirements and quality checks to ensure trainees receive skill training that meets national standards.²⁹⁶⁷

On 30 January 2024, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal delivered the government's declaration of general policy to the National Assembly and addressed governmental priorities concerning work, public services and education, among other sectors.²⁹⁶⁸ In terms of education, the government intends to introduce level groups in high schools, regulate the use of screens on and off campus, reform teacher training, and strengthen funding to support students with disabilities.

On 1 February 2024, Minister of Labour, Full Employment and Integration Olivier Duspot and Minister Delegate for Vocational Education and Training Carol Grandjean announced the extension of apprenticeship subsidies worth EUR6,000 per student for 2024. Students with disabilities can receive additional funding under the program.²⁹⁶⁹

On 28 February 2024, President Macron announced that the Ministry of Higher Education and Research will allocate EUR2 million annually to three higher education institutions to demonstrate projects relating to disability inclusion and accessibility.²⁹⁷⁰

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry of National Education and Youth announced the implementation of an extra academic year called "prépa-seconde," aimed for students who have been admitted to higher education institutions but have not obtained their national patent diploma or want to reinforce previous knowledge.²⁹⁷¹

On 17 June 2024, Minister of State for Development and International Partnerships Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, unveiled France's new international strategy on basic education (2024-2028). The strategy focuses on educational quality in developing countries to achieve the fourth Sustainable Development Goal. It targets "access to inclusive and equitable education," gender equality, and crisis response. Other key priorities include enhancing educational quality through lifelong teacher training, strengthening governance and financial support for education systems and integrating digital technology and environmental education.²⁹⁷²

²⁹⁶⁷ Renforcement de la qualité en matière de formation professionnelle, Ministère du travail, de la santé et des solidarités (Paris) 1 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

<https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/renforcement-de-la-qualite-en-matiere-de-formation-professionnelle>

²⁹⁶⁸ Ce qu'il faut retenir de la déclaration de politique générale de Gabriel Attal, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 30 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 March 2024.

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/ce-quit-faut-retenir-de-la-declaration-de-politique-generale-de-gabriel-attal>

²⁹⁶⁹ Développement de l'apprentissage : le Gouvernement maintient en 2024 l'aide au recrutement d'un alternant, Ministère du travail, de la santé et des solidarités (Paris) 1 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

<https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/developpement-de-l-apprentissage-le-gouvernement-maintient-en-2024-l-aide-au>

²⁹⁷⁰ Appel à projets : universités inclusives démonstratrices, Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche (Paris) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/contrats-doctoraux-handicap-campagne-nationale-2024-94329>

²⁹⁷¹ The second class for the 2024-2025 school year, Ministry of National Education and Youth (Paris) 6 May 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2024.

<https://www.education.gouv.fr/la-classe-prepa-seconde-pour-l-annee-scolaire-2024-2025-413922>

²⁹⁷² France is launching a new international strategy on basic education, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Relations (Paris) 17 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 June 2024

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/priority-sectors/education-and-professional-training/article/education-france-is-launching-a-new-international-strategy-on-basic-education>

On 27 June 2024, the Ministry of National Education and Youth published priorities for the 2024 school year, titled “No Student Left Behind.”²⁹⁷³ The document outlines plans for “need groups” by subject, vocational high school reform implementation, renewal for internship and skill development programs, and measures to promote gender equality.

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.²⁹⁷⁴ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

France has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. France has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by implementing measures to reduce class sizes, especially in vulnerable areas, create autism teaching units, expand higher education preparation, launch an international basic education strategy and improve math and French attainment. France has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by increasing transparency and quality protocols for vocational programs, subsidizing apprenticeship programs including for those with disabilities, and improve higher education access for those with disabilities.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sarabi Giles Candela

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations, in Germany.

On 5 December 2024, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs announced funding and opened grant applications for skills training projects, particularly for people with disabilities.²⁹⁷⁵

On 31 January 2024, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Hubertus Heil announced that the Office for Migration and Refugees will launch a new vocational language course for refugees.²⁹⁷⁶

On 2 February 2024, the Federal government and German states reached an agreement on the StartChances program. The program commits EUR20 billion over ten years to support four thousand disadvantaged schools.²⁹⁷⁷

²⁹⁷³ Ne laisser aucun élève au bord du chemin : la circulaire de rentrée 2024, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse (Paris) 27 June 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 July 2024.

<https://www.education.gouv.fr/ne-laisser-aucun-eleve-au-bord-du-chemin-la-circulaire-de-rentree-2024-414640>
²⁹⁷⁴ G7 Education Ministers' Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

²⁹⁷⁵ Förder-bekannt-machung des Bundes-ministeriums für Arbeit und Soziales für die Förderperiode 2024, Bundesministerium für arbeit und soziales (Berlin) 29 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Meldungen/2023/foerderbekanntmachung-des-bmas-2024.html>

²⁹⁷⁶ Im Betrieb arbeiten und Deutsch lernen: Neuer Job-Berufssprachkurs für Geflüchtete, Bundesministerium für arbeit und soziales (Berlin) 31 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

²⁹⁷⁷ Bund und Länder einigen sich auf Startchancen-Programm, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Berlin) 2 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/pressemitteilungen/de/2024/02/02022024-Startchancen.html#searchFacets>

On 2 February 2024, the Bundestag passed the 2024 Budget Law.²⁹⁷⁸ The budget includes EUR5.2 billion for universities, EUR4.1 billion for additional supports for students in the classroom, EUR52.3 million for teacher training, EUR101 million for public vocational institutes, EUR33.2 million for vocational schools, EUR26.3 million for public schools, and EUR5 million for Jewish educational centres.²⁹⁷⁹

On 28 February 2024, Minister Heil, Minister of Education Bettina Stark-Watzinger, Italian Minister for Labor and Social Policy Marina Elvira Calderone and Italian Minister for Education and Merit Giuseppe Valditara signed a Declaration of Intent on vocational training cooperation. The agreement commits the countries to bolster exchanges for apprenticeships and training, especially for disadvantaged youth.²⁹⁸⁰

On 29 February 2024, Minister Stark-Watzinger announced that the Ministry of Education and Research released funding guidelines for the StartChances program and its scientific supports in schools. The program aims to combat educational gaps based on socio-economic background and instill equality of opportunity.²⁹⁸¹

On 6 March 2024, the Federal Cabinet passed amendments to the Federal Training Assistance Act. The new provisions include grants of EUR1,000 to students from households receiving social benefits.²⁹⁸²

On 7 March 2024, the Ministry of Education published Career Orientation for People with Refugee and Migration Experience funding guidelines. The program guidelines help implement and operationalize government training supports for refugees and immigrants.²⁹⁸³

On 4 April 2024, Director of Malikal Zentrum Institute Adam Pamma and Indonesian Head of the Industrial Human Resources Development Agency (BPSDMI) of the Ministry of Industry, Masrokhan signed a joint memorandum of understanding on the development of industrial vocational education and training with the Indonesian Ministry of Industry. The partnership aims to increase opportunities for collaboration among vocational education units in the two countries, as well as increase the quality of human resources produced by Indonesia's vocational education units looking to enter German industries.²⁹⁸⁴

²⁹⁷⁸ German parliament approves 2024 budget, but further troubles loom, Politico (Berlin) 2 February 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.politico.eu/article/german-parliament-approves-budget-for-2024-but-financial-woes-continue/>

²⁹⁷⁹ Entwurf eines Gesetzes über die Feststellung des Bundeshaushaltsplans für das Haushaltsjahr 2024, der Bundestag (Berlin) 18 August 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/20/078/2007800.pdf>

²⁹⁸⁰ Deutschland und Italien verlängern ihre Zusammenarbeit in der Berufsbildung und Arbeitsmarktpolitik, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (Berlin) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2024/deutschland-italien-verlaengern-zusammenarbeit-berufsbildung-arbeitsmarkt.html>

²⁹⁸¹ Stark-Watzinger: Wir sorgen für größtmögliche Wirkung des Startchancen-Programms, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Berlin) 29 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/pressemitteilungen/de/2024/02/29022024-FoerderrichtlinieSCP.html>

²⁹⁸² Stark-Watzinger: Wir machen das BAföG noch besser, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Berlin) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/pressemitteilungen/de/2024/03/060324-BAFoeG-Reform.html#searchFacets>

²⁹⁸³ Stark-Watzinger: Mit BOFplus unterstützen wir Geflüchtete und Zugewanderte noch gezielter auf dem Weg in eine Ausbildung oder berufliche Qualifizierung, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (Berlin) 7 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024.

²⁹⁸⁴ Indonesia, Germany partner on industrial vocational training, Antara (Jakarta) 4 April 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/310116/indonesia-germany-partner-on-industrial-vocational-training>

On 29 April 2024, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs announced funding and opened grant applications for skills training projects, particularly for people with disabilities.²⁹⁸⁵

On 14 June 2024, President of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder Christine Streichert-Clivot announced recommendations to strengthen STEM education and educational quality in Germany.²⁹⁸⁶

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.²⁹⁸⁷ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

On 24 September 2024, Minister Stark-Watinger and Minister Lindner accepted the OECD's proposal for a national financial education strategy for Germany, with coordination to take place later in the year.²⁹⁸⁸

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Germany has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by reaching an agreement on a program to increase opportunities in schools with students from disadvantaged backgrounds and funding for additional classroom supports for students with additional needs. Germany has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by opening grants for skills training for people with disabilities, creating new grants for training for those from low-income backgrounds, and establishing dedicated vocational language training and other supports for immigrants and refugees.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Isebela Sousa

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 4 December 2023, the Department of School Education and Literacy announced that they have reformed their Samgra Shiksha 2018-2019 program, “Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education” and will implement an updated version, modelled after the National Education Policy 2020. The modified program mandates that students receive an equitable classroom experience, accommodating diverse needs and learning styles and encouraging an active approach to learning. Additionally, the department targeted a stronger working relationship between State Councils of Educational Research and Training and Direct Institutes of Education and Training to refine more

²⁹⁸⁵ Förder-bekannt-machung des Bundes-ministeriums für Arbeit und Soziales, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und soziales (Berlin) 29 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Meldungen/2024/foerderbekanntmachung-des-bmas.html>.

²⁹⁸⁶ Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany adopts updated recommendation to promote MINT(STEM) education, Kultusminister Konferenz (Bonn) 14 June 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024. <https://www.kmk.org/presse/pressearchiv/mitteilung/kultusministerkonferenz-beschliesst-aktualisierte-empfehlung-zur-foerderung-der-mint-bildung.html>

²⁹⁸⁷ G7 Education Ministers' Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

²⁹⁸⁸ BMBF and BMF accept OECD proposal for a national financial education strategy for Germany, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Berlin) 24 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/pressemitteilungen/de/2024/09/240924-Finanzbildungsstrategie.html#searchFacets>

integrated programs, such as National Initiatives for School Heads' and Teachers Holistic Advancement, for training teachers at the elementary and secondary level.²⁹⁸⁹

On 1 February 2024, Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharam presented the 2024 budget to the House of the People.²⁹⁹⁰ The budget includes (1) INR375 billion for Samagra Shiksha program that promotes inclusive and equitable quality education for primary and secondary students, (2) INR124.67 billion for the national school meals program, (3) INR15.76 billion for educational empowerment programs, (4) INR60.5B for the Schools for Rising India program, (5) INR12.5 billion for the Strengthening Teacher-Learning and Results for States scheme which provides supplementary supports to the Samagra Shiksha program, (6) INR159.28 billion for central universities, (7) INR15.58 billion for the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protasahan Yojana program which provides merit scholarships to those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, (8) INR18.15 billion for the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan program promoting increased access and equity in state higher education, (9) INR6 billion for the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme, (10) INR10.37 Billion for Gramodyog Vikas Yojana scheme which promotes village industry including through training programs, and (11) INR48.24 billion for the Prime Minister's Vishwakarma program which offers eighteen trades professions certification as well as basic and advanced training programs with stipends to improve access.²⁹⁹¹

On 9 March 2024, Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan announced the launch of a series of initiatives directed at creating more inclusive, innovative and equitable measures in providing high quality education. The initiatives consist of INR90 billion to the regions for infrastructure upgrades to District Institutes for Education and Training which train teachers, a National Professional Standard for Teachers, National Mission for Mentoring, State Councils for Educational Research and Training, and early childhood care and education primers that will be available across 22 Indian languages and braille.²⁹⁹²

On 3 June 2024, Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education Shri K. Sanjay Murthy and Joint Secretary Archana Sharma Awasthi signed a Memorandum of Understanding to rollout the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform across the country. The platform aims to provide students with free access to high quality books in one hundred languages.²⁹⁹³

On 11 June 2024, BRICS Education Ministers met and agreed to expand the BRICS Network University project and to create a group to solve the issue of mutual recognition of qualifications.²⁹⁹⁴

²⁹⁸⁹ Government Initiatives Promoting Gender Equality in Education: A Comprehensive Overview, India Education Diary (Odisha) 4 December 2023. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://indiaeducationdiary.in/government-initiatives-promoting-gender-equality-in-education-a-comprehensive-overview/>

²⁹⁹⁰ Budget 2024: Full text of Nirmala Sitharaman's speech in Parliament, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/business/budget-2024-full-text-of-nirmala-sitharamans-speech-in-parliament-101706769826064.html>

²⁹⁹¹ Expenditure Profile 2024-2025, Ministry of Finance Budget Division (New Delhi) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/eb/vol1.pdf>

²⁹⁹² Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches various initiatives in School and Teacher Education, Ministry of Education (New Delhi) 9 March 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2013066>

²⁹⁹³ Department of School Education Signs MoU with the National Book Trust under Department of Higher Education to Develop an Institutional Framework for Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya, Ministry of Education (Delhi) 3 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://dssel.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/update/PIB2022615.pdf>

²⁹⁹⁴ For the first time, the BRICS Education Ministers met at one venue in a new expanded format and outlined priorities for further work, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia (Moscow) 11 June 2024. Access date: 11 August 2024. <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/84272/>

On 13 June 2024, Ministry of Education published an advisory to improve provisions for “children with special needs” who attend government aid schools or education programs receive assistance with school expenses and lunch meals.²⁹⁹⁵

On 30 July 2024, Minister Pradhan unveiled the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme 2.0 Portal.²⁹⁹⁶ The scheme increases access to skill training and skill building employment opportunities in line with India’s broader strategy.

On 30 September 2024, the Ministry of Education, in cooperation with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs finalized the detailed action plan for the implementation of a flagship program aimed at the development of tribal villages across India.²⁹⁹⁷ The focus of this initiative is to foster educational inclusion.

India has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. India has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by funding inclusive education programs including supplementary supports for regions, launching initiatives across Indian languages to boost access for minorities and allocating additional funds to the national school meal program to improve learning ability for low-income students. India has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by funding a variety of training programs including those with stipends to improve access and language inclusive policies.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mia Rodrigo

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 14 December 2024, Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Abdul Halim Iskandar signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nahdlatul Ulama University to support development in disadvantaged villages.²⁹⁹⁸

On 7 February 2024, Special Staff to the Minister of Manpower Caswiyono Rusydie Cakrawangsa announced a new apprenticeship and internship program to Japan for youth in the Batang Regency.²⁹⁹⁹

On 4 April 2024, Head of the Industrial Human Resources Development Agency (BPSDMI) of the Ministry of Industry, Masrokhan and Director of Malikal Zentrum Institute Adam Pamma signed a joint memorandum of understanding on the development of industrial vocational education and

²⁹⁹⁵ Ministry of Education issues advisory to States/UTs to ensure RTE entitlements and nutritional support under PM-Poshan to Children with Special Needs, Ministry of Education (Delhi) 13 Junw 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://dsel.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/update/moe-rte-1306.pdf>

²⁹⁹⁶ Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches NATS 2.0 portal, disburses Rs. 100 Cr Stipends through DBT to young graduates and diploma holders for on-the-job training, Ministry of Education (Delhi) 30 July 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/PIB2039276.pdf

²⁹⁹⁷ DoSEL Drives Educational Advancements for Tribal Communities at PM-JUGA Manthan Shivir, Ministry of Education (New Delhi) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://dsel.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/update/PIB2060827.pdf>

²⁹⁹⁸ GANDENG UNUTARA, GUS HALIM PERCEPAT PEMBANGUNAN DESA DI MALUKU UTARA, Kementerian Desa, Pembangunan Daerah Tertinggal Dan Transmigrasi Republik Indonesia (Ternate) 14 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://kemendes.go.id/berita/view/detil/4917/gandeng-unutara-gus-halim-percepat-pembangunan-desa-di-maluku-utara>

²⁹⁹⁹ Kemnaker Siap Fasilitas Pemuda Batang Magang ke Jepang, Kementerian Ketenagakerjaan Republik Indonesia (Betang) 7 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.kemnaker.go.id/news/detail/kemnaker-siap-fasilitas-pemuda-batang-magang-ke-jepang>

training with the Indonesian Ministry of Industry. The partnership aims to increase opportunities for collaboration among vocational education units in the two countries, as well as increase the quality of human resources produced by Indonesia's vocational education units looking to enter German industries.³⁰⁰⁰

On 22 April 2024, Secretary General of the Ministry of Manpower Anwar Sanusi announced Indonesia's plans to launch the Job Training Center Transformation program at its Vocational Training and Productivity Center following bilateral talks with President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Akihiko Tanaka. The program targets training and upskilling and includes specific offerings for prospective migrant workers in language and cultural education.³⁰⁰¹

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, and high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Indonesia has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by launching job training, apprenticeships, international vocational cooperation and higher education supported development programs including in disadvantaged areas and for prospective migrant workers. Indonesia had not taken strong action to advance high quality education for all during the compliance period.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Daini Shah

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 26 January 2024, the Council of Ministers approved a new National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) law as proposed by the Ministry of Education. This law allows more flexibility in using the national financing fund, allowing the PNRR to address regional demands and exempting regions' co-financing obligations.³⁰⁰²

On 21 February 2024, the Minister of Education and Merit Giuseppe Valditara confirmed commitments to address educational disparities between the southern and northern regions of Italy. The Agenda Sud, allocates EUR502 million to the region, with emphasis placed on resources for students with disabilities.³⁰⁰³

On 28 February 2024, Minister for Labor and Social Policy Marina Elvira Calderone, Minister Valditara, German Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Hubertus Heil and Minister of Education Bettina Stark-Watzinger signed a Declaration of Intent on vocational training cooperation. The

³⁰⁰⁰ Indonesia, Germany partner on industrial vocational training, Antara (Jakarta) 4 April 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2024. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/310116/indonesia-germany-partner-on-industrial-vocational-training>

³⁰⁰¹ Kemnaker Terus Berupaya Tingkatkan Kerja Sama Pengembangan SDM dengan Jepang, Kementerian Ketenagakerjaan Republik Indonesia (Tokyo) 23 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 May 2023. <https://www.kemnaker.go.id/news/detail/kemnaker-terus-berupaya-tingkatkan-kerja-sama-pengembangan-sdm-dengan-jepang>

³⁰⁰² CdM, le misure del MIM per il nuovo dl PNRR, Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 26 January 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/cdm-le-misure-del-mim-per-il-nuovo-dl-pnrr>

³⁰⁰³ Sardegna, Valditara: "Risorse per 502 mln perché i ragazzi proseguano gli studi e non lascino la regione. Puntiamo su Tecnici e Professionali per favorire l'occupazione. Migliorato il servizio scolastico con la figura del preside vicario," Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 March 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/sardegna-valditara-risorse-per-502-mln-perche-i-ragazzi-proseguano-gli-studi-e-non-lascino-la-regione-puntiamo-su-tecnici-e-professionali-per-favorire>

agreement commits the countries to bolster exchanges for apprenticeships and training, especially for disadvantaged youth.³⁰⁰⁴

On 26 March 2024, the Council of Ministers approved a draft law introducing provisions simplifying and digitizing educational procedures. These provisions will simplify the enrollment process for students within state schools and institute a mandatory online report card.³⁰⁰⁵

On 6 April 2024, Minister Giuseppe Valditara signed a new decree that is a part of the Agenda Sud initiative, which aims to provide further support to schools whose pupils present underdeveloped in certain skill areas. The objective aims to target the training of school staff while implementing innovative teaching, organizational, and managerial practices.³⁰⁰⁶

On 14 April 2024, the Ministry of Education and Merit, on the recommendation of Minister Valditara, allocated EUR14 million for the extension of 6,000 school staff contracts. This staff's extended employment was to allow continued support within the school system in pursuit of PNRR and Agenda Sud initiatives.³⁰⁰⁷

On 14 April 2024, Minister Valditara signed a new decree allocating EUR400 million for the financing of summer educational programs which aim towards the development of skills and sociability. This initiative provides economically disadvantaged community members and children the ability to engage in inclusive and productive educational programs over the summer session.³⁰⁰⁸

On 6 June 2024, Minister Valditara signed a decree initiating the permanent hiring of specialized teachers to ensure stable support for disabled and high-need students.³⁰⁰⁹

³⁰⁰⁴ Deutschland und Italien verlängern ihre Zusammenarbeit in der Berufsbildung und Arbeitsmarktpolitik, Bundesministerium für arbeit und soziales (Berlin) 28 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 May 2024. <https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2024/deutschland-italien-verlaengern-zusammenarbeit-berufsbildung-arbeitsmarkt.html>

³⁰⁰⁵ Comunicato stampa del Consiglio dei Ministri n. 75, Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 26 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/comunicato-stampa-del-consiglio-dei-ministri-n-75/25355>

³⁰⁰⁶ Agenda Sud, nuovo decreto per il supporto alle scuole più fragili. Valditara: "Il nostro obiettivo è una scuola di successo per tutti gli studenti", Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 6 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/agenda-sud-nuovo-decreto-per-il-supporto-alle-scuole-piu-fragili-valditara-il-nostro-obiettivo-e-una-scuola-di-successo-per-tutti-gli-studenti>

³⁰⁰⁷ Scuola, il Ministero stanZIA 14 mln per la proroga di 6 mila contratti ATA. Valditara: "Ulteriore impegno per garantire continuità delle attività a sostegno PNRR e Agenda Sud", Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 14 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/scuola-il-ministero-stanzia-14-mln-per-la-proroga-di-6-mila-contratti-ata-valditara-ulteriore-impegno-per-garantire-continuita-delle-attivita-a-sosteg>

³⁰⁰⁸ Piano Estate, 400 milioni di euro alle scuole. Valditara: "Il nostro obiettivo è una scuola punto di riferimento per studenti e famiglie tutto l'anno. Si alle sinergie con associazioni ed enti locali", Ministero dell'istruzione e del merito (Rome) 14 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 April 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/piano-estate-400-milioni-di-euro-alle-scuole-valditara-il-nostro-obiettivo-e-una-scuola-punto-di-riferimento-per-studenti-e-famiglie-tutto-l-anno-si-a>

³⁰⁰⁹ Docenti di sostegno, firmato il decreto per le assunzioni da GPS. Valditara: "Tuteliamo il diritto allo studio e l'effettiva inclusione degli studenti con disabilità", Ministero dell'Istruzione e del Merito (Rome) 6 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/docenti-di-sostegno-firmato-il-decreto-per-le-assunzioni-da-gps-valditara-tuteliamo-il-diritto-allo-studio-e-l-effettiva-inclusione-degli-studenti-con>

On 12 June 2024, Minister Valditara signed a decree that streamlines the transition between state and regional vocational education paths.³⁰¹⁰

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.³⁰¹¹ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

On 11 July 2024, the Ministry of Education and Merit and the Italian Committee for UNICEF ETS Foundation promoted a new program that plans to commence in the upcoming school year.³⁰¹² This program, “Schools for the Rights of Children and Adolescence,” aims to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent in Italian schools to protect the rights of non-discrimination and quality education for all.

On 29 July 2024, the Ministry of Education and Merit confirmed the allocation of EUR515 million and 481 thousand to establish school meal programs and canteens.³⁰¹³ The investment aims to improve access to full time schooling and improve attainment for disadvantaged students.

On 18 September 2024, Minister Valditara signed a decree granting ITS Academy Foundations with EUR55 Million of funding for the development of the technological-professional supply chain.³⁰¹⁴

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Italy has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by allocating funding to address regional differences in education quality while prioritizing programs for students who suffer from disabilities and investing in school food programs. Italy has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by funding summer skills programs, particularly for those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Samantha de Verteuil

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

³⁰¹⁰ Firmato il decreto per la semplificazione dei passaggi tra i percorsi di istruzione professionale statale e i percorsi di istruzione e formazione professionale regionale Valditara: “Concreti possibilita per i giovani di ri-orientare le proprie scelte senza disperdere il bagaglio di competenze acquisite”, Ministero dell’Istruzione e del Merito (Rome) 12 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 June 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/firmato-il-decreto-per-la-semplificazione-dei-passaggi-tra-i-percorsi-di-istruzione-professionale-statale-e-i-percorsi-di-istruzione-e-formazione-prof>

³⁰¹¹ G7 Education Ministers’ Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

³⁰¹² Il Programma "Scuole per i diritti dell'infanzia e dell'adolescenza UNICEF e Ministero dell'Istruzione e del Merito", Ministero dell’Istruzione e del Merito (Rome) 11 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/il-programma-scuole-per-i-diritti-dell-infanzia-e-dell-adolescenza-unicef-e-ministero-dell-istruzione-e-del-merito>

³⁰¹³ Mense scolastiche, al via bando per oltre 515 milioni di euro, Ministero dell’Istruzione e del Merito (Rome) 29 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 July 2024. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/mense-scolastiche-al-via-bando-per-oltre-515-milioni-di-euro>

³⁰¹⁴ ITS Academy, 55 million to the new Foundations. Valditara: “We are strengthening the strategic training channel for the Italian production system”, Ministry of Education and Merit (Rome) 18 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.mim.gov.it/web/guest/-/its-academy-55-milioni-alle-nuove-fondazioni-valditara-rafforziamo-canale-formativo-strategico-per-il-sistema-produttivo-italiano>

On 7 December 2023, the Japanese government announced plans to make university tuition and related expenses free for households with three or more children starting in 2025. There will be no income limit for the program. The free tuition program also seeks to cover “students attending junior colleges, technical colleges and other educational institutions.”³⁰¹⁵

On 17 February 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that it would expand the scope of its financial aid provisions to include certain non-Japanese university Students by April 2024. This expanded eligibility will now include students with a ‘dependent’ status who have completed their schooling from elementary to high school within Japan and plan to work and reside in Japan after graduating from university. The ministry expects 200 students to qualify annually.³⁰¹⁶

On 11 March 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that, starting in April, it will subsidize higher education institutions that create environments abroad where local students and Japanese students can study together. This initiative is an extension of broader government plans to expand Japanese-style higher education globally.³⁰¹⁷

On 15 March 2024, Minister of Justice Ryuji Koizumi introduced legislation to replace the current training program for foreign individuals. The new system intends to train unskilled foreign workers to acquire Type One residency status, granted to foreign workers with specified skills, and allow them to work in Japan for a medium to long term-period.³⁰¹⁸

On 5 June 2024, the Ministry of Education issued an announcement to universities asking admissions offices not to penalize applicants for school absences caused menstrual symptoms in an effort to promote gender fairness.³⁰¹⁹

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.³⁰²⁰ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Japan has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by making higher education tuition free for families with three or more children and expanding financial aid for non-citizens who completed schooling in Japan. Japan has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by making tuition free at technical colleges for families with three or more children.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Samantha de Verteuil

³⁰¹⁵ Japan plans to make university tuition free for large families, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 7 December 2023. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/12/07/japan/society/tuition-free-large-families/>

³⁰¹⁶ Japan’s education ministry to expand aid for non-Japanese students, NHK World-Japan (Tokyo) 17 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20240218_05/

³⁰¹⁷ Tsukuba university to open campus in Kuala Lumpur, The Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo) 11 March 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024. <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/15194640>

³⁰¹⁸ Government OKs bill for new foreign worker training system, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 15 March 2024. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/03/15/japan/foreign-worker-training-system/>

³⁰¹⁹ Universities told not to penalize applicants with menstrual pain, The Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo) 6 June 2024. Access Date: 25 June 2024. <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/15295525>

³⁰²⁰ G7 Education Ministers’ Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 24 January 2024, the Ministry of Education announced plans for comprehensive education reform, including “introduction of the nationwide Neulbom School programs,” promotion of early childhood education and childcare, legislation regarding teacher’s rights, student mental health support, digital education and more. The reform aims to address various challenges like extreme competition, private education and disparities between regions.³⁰²¹

On 27 March 2024, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Lee Jun-Ho presented “Direction of Establishing a Digital Education Normative System” at the tenth Digital Human Capital Development Forum. This system aims to promote safe and effective use of digital technologies for education and emphasizes cooperation of various stakeholders for innovation, equity and growth in the digital age.³⁰²²

On 12 April 2024, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced a plan to offer “104 vocational courses at 77 family centers nationwide.” The courses intend to better support immigrant women and improve their job preparation.³⁰²³

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry of Education announced amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The updated legislation establishes multicultural education centers to improve outcomes for migrant students.³⁰²⁴

On 14 May 2024, the Ministry of Education announced the “Advancement plan for Elementary and Secondary Digital Infrastructure” to support digital-driven classroom innovation through AI digital textbooks. This initiative includes KRW96.3 billion for digital tutors and tech centers to address challenges faced by schools.³⁰²⁵

On 24 June 2024, the Ministry of Education and the Korean Commission for The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hosted the International Forum on Korea-Africa UNESCO Education Nexus to discuss the progress of education in African countries. The forum also involved the collaboration of the Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training and Korea Education and Research Information Service to visit schools and organizations, sharing successful projects implemented in each country. The Deputy Minister of the Planning and Coordination Office at the Ministry of Education said, “We see the Forum as a platform

³⁰²¹ Ministry of Education’s Policy Priorities in 2024, Ministry of Education (Sejong) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://english.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenewal.do?boardID=265&boardSeq=97840&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=2&s=english&m=0201&opType=N>

³⁰²² Draft Digital Education Norms Discussed to Reflect Core Values and Principles of the Digital Age, Ministry of Education (Sejong) 28 March 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024.

<https://english.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenewal.do?boardID=265&boardSeq=98605&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=1&s=english&m=0201&opType=N>

³⁰²³ Vocational programs to help marriage migrants adapt to Korea, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (Sejong) 12 April 2024. Access Date: 29 April 2024. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Society/view?articleId=249870>

³⁰²⁴ Elementary and Secondary Education Act Amended to Support Multicultural Students, Ministry of Education (Seoul) 16 April 2024. Access Date: 27 April 2024.

<https://english.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenewal.do?boardID=265&boardSeq=98742&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=1&s=english&m=0201&opType=N>

³⁰²⁵ Gearing Up for AI Digital Textbooks with Investment in School Digital Infrastructure, Ministry of Education (Seoul) 15 May 2024, Access Date: 20 May 2024.

<https://english.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenewal.do?boardID=265&boardSeq=99036&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=1&s=english&m=0201&opType=N>

for Korea and Africa to exchange experiences in education cooperation and chart a path for the future.”³⁰²⁶

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Korea has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by introducing a comprehensive education reform to improve teaching quality and reduce regional disparities as well as enhancing digital education and targeting supports for migrant student education. Korea has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by introducing dedicated training courses for immigrant women.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Poornashree Surashetti Raju

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 11 February 2024, the Secretary of Public Education Leticia Ramirez Amaya published the School Committees for Participatory Management Guide 2024, that details the educational program “The School Is Ours.” This program aims to instill efficient resource allocation to improve school infrastructure, ensure necessary materials and equipment, extend learning hours, and make food services free. The guide outlines a plan to overcome obstacles in teaching and learning, especially in the most remote and impoverished regions of the country, and to bolster the ability to learn for those from low-income backgrounds through the food program.³⁰²⁷

On 21 February 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Institute of Mexicans Abroad and the California Association for Bilingual Education collaborated to promote strategies and integrate programs to promote bilingual education among California’s Mexican community and on the border.³⁰²⁸

On 5 February 2024, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador tabled constitutional reforms with the Chamber of Deputies. As part of the reforms, teachers’ salaries will be indexed to a rate above inflation and their monthly salary cannot be below the average salary across the country.³⁰²⁹

On 17 April 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Institute of Mexicans Abroad announced the creation of the National Technology Institute (TecNM) with a distance educational offer that allows

³⁰²⁶ UNESCO Forum Held to Promote Sustainable Education Cooperation between, Ministry of Education (Seoul) 25 June 2024. Access Date: 29 June 2024.

<https://english.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenewal.do?boardID=265&boardSeq=100270&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=1&s=english&m=0201&opType=N>

³⁰²⁷ CEAP Guide 2024, Secretary of Public Education (Mexico City) 11 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate Access Date: 17 March 2024. https://laescuelaesnuestra.sep.gob.mx/storage/recursos/material_consulta/GUIAS_2024/foW0scQHcT-2024_02_11_Guia%20de%20CEAP.pdf

³⁰²⁸ Mexico reaffirms its support for bilingual education at CIBE 2024, Institute of Mexicans Abroad (Mexico City) 21 February 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 April 2024. <https://ime.gob.mx/educacion/articulo/mexico-apoyo-edu-bilinguee-cabe-2024>

³⁰²⁹ Constitutional and Legal Reform Initiatives proposed by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, White & Case (Mexico City) 12 February 2024. Access Date: 19 May 2024. <https://www.whitecase.com/insight-alert/constitutional-and-legal-reform-initiatives-proposed-president-andres-manuel-lopez>

access to TecNM academic programs with flexible services and inclusivity to an international Mexican community.³⁰³⁰

On 12 June 2024, the National Institute for Adult Education (NIAE) began implementing the Second National Incorporation and Accreditation Strategy 2024.³⁰³¹ The Ministry of Education announced that the NIAE enrolled 2,770 adults lacking literacy skills along with 5,110 adults into primary education and 9,027 adults into secondary education. In addition, 6,360 students will resume studies through the strategy's implementation.

On 26 June, Secretary of Public Education Leticia Ramírez Amaya announced that the Ministry of Education will provide 160 million free textbooks for schools.³⁰³²

On 1 August 2024, The Ministry of Public Education began implementation meetings on the National Policy on Early Childhood Education to improve quality and access for young learners including those in vulnerable situations.³⁰³³

On 4 October 2024, the Ministry of Public Education announced new Universal Scholarship Rita Cetina Gutiérrez for students of Basic Education, with implementation set for 2025.³⁰³⁴

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Mexico has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by introducing a comprehensive education program to improve infrastructure teaching quality, reduce regional disparities, enroll disadvantaged adult learners and provide nutrition and free textbooks to improve learning ability, especially for those from low-income backgrounds. Mexico has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by improving working conditions and career attractiveness for teachers through wage reforms and by bolstering vocational language training for those around the Mexico-California border.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sarabi Giles Candela

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 11 January 2024, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Cambodia Anatoly Borovik met with Cambodia's Minister of Labour and Vocational Training Heng Sour to discuss cooperation in technical

³⁰³⁰ Educational offer of distance education of the National Technology of Mexico, Institute of Mexicans Abroad (Mexico City) 17 April 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 31 April 2024. <https://ime.gob.mx/educacion/articulo/oferta-tecnm>

³⁰³¹ Boletín 92 Incorpora INEA a más de 23 mil jóvenes y adultos a su oferta educativa: SEP, Secretaría de Educación Pública (Mexico City) 21 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/es/articulos/boletin-92-incorpora-inea-a-mas-de-23-mil-jovenes-y-adultos-a-su-oferta-educativa-sep?idiom=es>

³⁰³² Bulletin 78 In the 2024-2025 School Year, 160 million free textbooks will be distributed: Leticia Ramírez, Ministry of Public Education (Mexico City) 26 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/articulos/boletin-78-en-ciclo-escolar-2024-2025-se-distribuiran-160-millones-de-libros-de-texto-gratuitos-leticia-ramirez>

³⁰³³ Boletín 99 Presenta SEP criterios generales para difundir Política Nacional de Educación Inicial en el país, Secretaría de Educación Pública (Mexico City) 1 August 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/es/articulos/boletin-99-presenta-sep-criterios-generales-para-difundir-politica-nacional-de-educacion-inicial-en-el-pais?idiom=es>

³⁰³⁴ Bulletin 3. SEP announces new Universal Scholarship "Rita Cetina Gutiérrez" for students of Basic Education, Ministry of Public Education (Mexico City) 4 October 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/prensa/boletin-379768?idiom=es>

and vocational training. Russia and Cambodia also agreed to strengthen existing bilateral cooperation and seek other cooperation for the benefit of the two countries.³⁰³⁵

On 29 March 2024, Russian state-owned nuclear company Rosatom and South African energy company Eskom signed a training action plan that aims to “increase employment for African graduates of Russian universities. The plan seeks to provide joint education programs for employees, joint degree programs among partner universities and a train-the-trainers hydrogen program developed by Rosatom. Further, the two companies plan on collaborating to contribute to the Obninsk Tech School for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.³⁰³⁶

On 11 June 2024, BRICS Education Ministers met and agreed to expand the BRICS Network University project and to create a group to solve the issue of mutual recognition of qualifications.³⁰³⁷

On 12 June 2024, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education Dmitry Afanasiev and Chinese Vice Minister Chen Jie co-chaired the 24th meeting of the Subcommittee on Educational Cooperation of the China–Russia Committee on Humanities Cooperation. The sides discussed cooperation on basic education, vocational training, and higher education.³⁰³⁸

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. Russia has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by collaborated with other countries to increase vocational training and employment for certain groups. Russia has not taken publicly accessible action to advance high quality education for all during the compliance period.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Isebela Sousa

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 16 December 2023, the Literature, Publishing and Translation Commission held the Children’s Literary Week fair in Makkah, inviting literature experts to offer “interactive training for children, young adults, and parents.” The purpose of this event was to “develop children’s skills through special literary content” and emphasize the importance of literature. The commission also stated that the fair was intended to give children from different regions the same opportunities, especially those from areas without major cities.³⁰³⁹

On 28 February 2024, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar Al-Khorayef announced the Strategy for Developing Human Capability in Industrial and Mining sectors, alongside the National

³⁰³⁵ Russia ready to continue assisting Cambodia in training technical and vocational resources, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh) 11 January 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501421552/russia-ready-to-continue-assisting-cambodia-in-training-technical-and-vocational-resources/>

³⁰³⁶ Eskom signs training deal with Russian nuclear company, News24 (Cape Town) 29 March 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.news24.com/fin24/companies/eskom-signs-training-deal-with-russian-nuclear-company-20240329>

³⁰³⁷ For the first time, the BRICS Education Ministers met at one venue in a new expanded format and outlined priorities for further work, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia (Moscow) 11 June 2024. Access date: 11 August 2024. <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/84272/>

³⁰³⁸ Chen Jie attends China–Russia educational cooperation meeting in Russia, Ministry of Education of China (Beijing) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202406/t20240614_1135669.html

³⁰³⁹ Makkah’s literary week inspires young minds, Arab News (Riyadh) 16 December 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2426901/saudi-arabia>

Academy for Industry. The program aims to offer specialized training programs for experienced professionals and recent graduates, by bolstering existing initiatives, offering incentives and facilitating industry partnerships. The academy will offer eighteen different training programs and aims to enhance the development of industrial human capital in Saudi Arabia.³⁰⁴⁰

On 28 February 2024, Minister of Energy Abdulaziz bin Salman launched the School of Public Policy, the first college for graduate studies in public policies in Saudi Arabia. “Addressing the Human Capability Initiative conference in Riyadh, Minister bin Salman said that the vision for the “School of Public Policy is to develop the knowledge and skills that the new generation needs to shape public policy both locally and globally.” The new school also aims to empower young people and women.³⁰⁴¹

On 3 March 2024, the Ministries of Education and Investment granted an investment licence to the University of Wollongong, Australia. The move intends to provide “innovative and globally recognized” education and training to international and local students in Saudi Arabia to enrich the country’s educational opportunities.³⁰⁴²

On 3 March 2024, the Ministries of Education and Investment entered a partnership with Arizona State University and Cintana Education Company. This collaboration aims to establish a new university and an affiliated school in Riyadh which will focus on delivering high-quality education. They will feature specialization in fields including science, engineering, and math as well as the training of educational staff.³⁰⁴³

On 1 April 2024, the Ministry of Education approved updated requirements for obtaining licences to open nurseries and kindergartens in different regions. The requirements include obtaining commercial registration and the approval of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the General Directorate of Defence. This is part of Saudi Arabia’s goals of giving proper education to children and ensuring that every child has the right to achieve a quality education.³⁰⁴⁴

On 8 April 2024, the Literature, Publishing, and Translation Commission, in partnership with Cornerstones, initiated the International Training Program to Qualify Literary Agents and Develop Literary Agencies 2024. The program is intended to bolster the capabilities of literary agents within Saudi Arabia by providing them high-quality training.³⁰⁴⁵

On 2 May 2024, the Saudi Council of University Affairs issued a decision to waive the prerequisite that limited admission to students that were from the administrative region of the university. The change “aims to enable male and female students to search for the appropriate academic paths for them, and

³⁰⁴⁰ Minister Al-Khorayef launches strategy for Human Capability Development in Industrial and Mining sectors, Arab News (Riyadh) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/640793/SAUDI-ARABIA/Minister-Alkhorayef-launches-strategy-for-Human-Capability-Development-in-Industrial-and-Mining-sectors>

³⁰⁴¹ Energy minister launches first Saudi School of Public Policy, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 28 February 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/640801/SAUDI-ARABIA/Energy-minister-launches-first-Saudi-nbspSchool-of-Public-Policy>

³⁰⁴² Saudi Arabia grants investment license to University of Wollongong for branch establishment, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 3 March 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/640865/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-grants-investment-license-to-University-of-Wollongong-for-branch-establishment>

³⁰⁴³ Saudi ministries partner with Arizona State University for new educational institutions in Riyadh, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 3 March 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/640867/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-ministries-partner-with-Arizona-State-University-for-new-educational-institutions-in-Riyadh>

³⁰⁴⁴ Saudi Arabia approves updated requirements for operating nurseries and kindergartens, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 1 April 2024. Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/641722/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-approves-updated-requirements-for-operating-nurseries-and-kindergartens>

³⁰⁴⁵ Saudi commission launches international training program for literary agencies, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 8 April 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/641903/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-commission-launches-international-training-program-for-literary-agencies>

to provide opportunities for fair competition for university seats in all government universities throughout Saudi Arabia.”³⁰⁴⁶

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry of Justice's Judicial Training Center in Riyadh hosted the International Conference of Judicial Training. The conference aims to examine trends in global judicial systems and examine factors that shape judicial education training. The conference will explore methods for assessing judicial training and implementing new technologies such as artificial intelligence.³⁰⁴⁷

On 7 May 2024, Minister of Education Yousef Al-Bentan and Canadian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Jean-Phillipe Linteau launched the Saudi-Canadian Education Partnership Forum. The program aims to increasing collaboration on educational development, academic research, medical training, early childhood education and vocational training programs.³⁰⁴⁸

On 13 July 2024, The Saudi Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, created a two-year diploma course in travel and tourism.³⁰⁴⁹ The course comprises part of the government’s Tourism Education Initiative to build necessary skills for the growing industry.

On 24 July 2024, The Ministry of Tourism and Al-Balad Development Co., a Public Investment Fund subsidiary signed an agreement to collaborate to empower national human capital in the tourism sector.³⁰⁵⁰ The partnership will create training, education, and job opportunities for Saudi nationals.

On 31 July 2024, The Saudi Communications, Space and Technology Commission has launched a training program for aerospace engineering students, in collaboration with Boeing.³⁰⁵¹ The program “aims to provide participants with valuable hands-on experience with space technologies and give them the chance to develop their skills in aerospace engineering and sciences.”

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Saudi Arabia has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by establishing new regulations to ensure early education quality and running literature programs designed to benefit those from less urban areas. Saudi Arabia has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by offering new industrial and mining training programs including for those who work in the industry, training for literary agents and by taking steps to open new higher education institutions particularly to benefit youth and women’s development.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Catherine Mageau

³⁰⁴⁶ Secondary school graduates can get enrolled in universities across all Saudi regions, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/642566/SAUDI-ARABIA/Secondary-school-graduates-can-get-enrolled-in-universities-across-all-Saudi-regionsa>

³⁰⁴⁷ International conference on judicial training to explore digital transformation, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 2 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/642579/SAUDI-ARABIA/International-conference-on-judicial-training-to-explore-digital-transformation>

³⁰⁴⁸ Saudi-Canadian education partnership forum enhances bilateral ties in Riyadh, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 8 May 2024. Access Date: 27 June 2024. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/642724/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Canadian-education-partnership-forum-enhances-bilateral-ties-in-Riyadh>

³⁰⁴⁹ Saudi tourism ministry launches diploma program, Arab News (Riyadh) 13 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2549166/saudi-arabia>

³⁰⁵⁰ MoU to drive job creation, training in Saudi hospitality, Arab News (Riyadh) 24 July 2024. Access Date: 4 August 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2555706/saudi-arabia>

³⁰⁵¹ Saudi space commission teams up with Boeing for aerospace engineering training program, Arab News (Riyadh) 31 July 2024. Access Date: 5 August 2024. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2560311/saudi-arabia>

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 21 February 2024, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana delivered the 2024 Budget.³⁰⁵² The budget includes (1) ZAR303 billion for primary and secondary education, (2) ZAR4 billion for additional educational assistants to meet student needs, (3) ZAR1.2 billion for the income-tested Early Childhood Development education grant, (4) ZAR9.3 billion for the national school nutrition program to improve learning ability for food-insecure students, (5) ZAR28.6 billion for skills development, (6) ZAR13.6 billion for technical and vocational education and training, (7) ZAR47.7 billion for universities, (8) ZAR53.6 billion for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme to subsidize higher education for those from low income backgrounds, (9) an extension of the leadership tax incentive for skills development until 2027, and (10) supplemental quality assurance provisions from the Council on Higher Education for post-secondary institutions.

On 14 March 2024, the Department of Basic Education, in collaboration with the African Union, the Association for the Development of Education in Africa and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 's Global Education Monitoring Report, published the Spotlight Report with seven recommendations for the government and Ministry's agenda. The recommendations relate to foundational literacy, mathematics, early-delivery of learning materials, accessibility of materials including in all official languages, targeted teacher supports, student evaluations, and school infrastructure.³⁰⁵³

On 3 May 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa created an inter-ministerial committee on Early Childhood Development (ECD). The committee agreed in its inaugural meeting, to provide universal access to ECD services, prioritizing the most vulnerable. The committee plans for improved intergovernmental coordination, sufficient funding and resources, workforce training and quality control to support service delivery.³⁰⁵⁴

On 11 June 2024, BRICS Education Ministers met and agreed to expand the BRICS Network University project and to create a group to solve the issue of mutual recognition of qualifications.³⁰⁵⁵

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. South Africa has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by allocating funds for primary and secondary education including additional supports, funding a national school meal program, announcing a universal Early Childhood Development service and providing grants to students to disadvantaged backgrounds. South Africa has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by funding higher education

³⁰⁵² 2024 Budget Speech by the Minister of Finance Mr Enoch Godongwana on Wednesday 21 February 2024, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa (Cape Town) 21 February 2024. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.parliament.gov.za/project-event-details/3358>

³⁰⁵³ South Africa: Basic Education Ministry Commits to Improving Foundational Learning for All Children in the Country, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Paris) 14 March 2024. Access Date: 22 March 2024. <https://www.unesco.org/gem-report/en/articles/south-africa-basic-education-ministry-commits-improving-foundational-learning-all-children-country>

³⁰⁵⁴ IMC on Early Childhood Development meets to chart the path forward, South African Government News Agency (Pretoria) 3 May 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2024. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/imc-early-childhood-development-meets-chart-path-forward>

³⁰⁵⁵ For the first time, the BRICS Education Ministers met at one venue in a new expanded format and outlined priorities for further work, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia (Moscow) 11 June 2024. Access date: 11 August 2024. <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/84272/>

financial aid for students from low-income backgrounds, supporting skills development, vocational training and universities and introducing quality improvement measures for higher education.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mehek Berry

Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 22 December 2023, Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin presented the ministry's budget to the General Assembly.³⁰⁵⁶ The budget includes (1) TRY3.7 billion the free textbook distribution for primary students, (2) TRY9.6 billion for primary and secondary school lunch programs to improve the learning ability of disadvantaged students, (3) TRY6.4 billion towards free transportation for students with special needs to their schools, (4) TRY514 million for the Human Resource Development Program, (5) TRY676 million partly for employment education policies, (6) over TRY10 billion for universities, and (7) TRY868 million in tuition subsidies for students in need.³⁰⁵⁷

On 26 February 2024, President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) Serkan Kayalar, along with a Turkish delegation, visited Uzbekistan to strengthen economic ties between the two countries and empower local communities through “skills training and capacity-building initiatives.” During this visit, TIKA President Kayalar emphasized plans to increase entrepreneurship training programs for poverty alleviation and employment departments. Kayalar unveiled, including the establishment of the “Uzbekistan-Türkiye Entrepreneurship Training Center” and the “Uzbek-Turkish Joint Vocational Training Center.”³⁰⁵⁸

On 6 March 2024, Türkiye's Ministry of National Education announced a tender notice for 1500 information technology laboratories and 500 innovative classroom infrastructures.³⁰⁵⁹

On 25 July 2024, Minister of Education Yusuf Tekin finalized a new curriculum for primary and secondary students. The curriculum incorporates social-emotional learning skills, value-action framework, and system thinking as integral parts of all subjects.³⁰⁶⁰

On 3 July 2024, Türkiye's Ministry of National Education launched a Skill Development Program that includes free vocational training exploration opportunities starting from the seventh grade.³⁰⁶¹

³⁰⁵⁶ BAKAN TEKİN, 2024 YILI BÜTÇESİ ÜZERİNDE TBMM GENEL KURULUNA HİTAP ETTİ, Millî Eğitim Bakanlığı (Ankara) 22 December 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 May 2024.

³⁰⁵⁷ 2024 YILI MERKEZİ YÖNETİM BÜTÇE KANUNU TEKLİFİ VE BAĞLI CETVELLER, TÜRKİYE YUZYILI (Ankara) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 May 2024. <https://www.sbb.gov.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Yili-Merkezi-Yonetim-Butce-Kanunu-Teklifi-ve-Bagli-Cetveller.pdf>

³⁰⁵⁸ Turkish delegation visits Uzbekistan to strengthen economic cooperation, Daryo (Tashkent) 26 February 2024. Access Date: 10 April 2024. <https://daryo.uz/en/2024/02/26/turkish-delegation-visits-uzbekistan-to-strengthen-economic-cooperation>

³⁰⁵⁹ Tender Notice for 1500 Information Technology Laboratories and 500 Innovative Classroom Infrastructure Installations, Ministry of National Education (Istanbul) 6 March 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 March 2024. <https://yegitek.meb.gov.tr/www/1500-adet-bilisim-teknolojileri-laboratuvar-ve-500-adet-yenilikci-sinif-altyapisi-kurulumu-ihale-ilani/icerik/3561>

³⁰⁶⁰ TÜRKİYE YÜZYILI MAARİF MODELİ, T.C. Millî Eğitim Bakanlığı (Ankara) 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 June 2024. <https://cdn.eba.gov.tr/icerik/GorusOneri/2024ProgramlarOnayli/2024programortakmetinOnayli.pdf>

³⁰⁶¹ Türkiye empowers middle schoolers with free vocational training, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 4 July 2024. Access Date: 19 July 2024. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/education/turkiye-empowers-middle-schoolers-with-free-vocational-training>

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. Türkiye has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by providing a school meal program to support disadvantaged students, funding free transportation for special needs students, and investing in textbooks for primary education. Türkiye has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by offering subsidized higher education to those in financial need, funding skills development and universities and establishing joint training facilities with Uzbekistan.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Betel Woldu

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 30 January 2024, the Department for Education announced a new framework to ensure high-quality education and better student results. By ensuring that new teachers “receive three or more years of training” based on “the initial teacher training core content framework and the early career framework.” Teachers will be better able to support students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), through high quality oral language and early cognitive development and children’s mental health through this framework.³⁰⁶²

On 19 February 2024, the Department of Education issued a “mobile phones in schools” guidance report set to prohibit mobile phones in schools across England as part of a plan to improve behaviour in classrooms.³⁰⁶³ In an effort to improve behaviour and learning, schools will be supported to prohibit mobile phones through various approaches, including “banning phones from school premises, handing phones in upon arrival and keeping phones locked away at school.”

On 23 April 2024, Secretary of State for Education Gillian Keegan announced GBP200 million to provide up to GBP6,000 per teacher as part of the government’s aim to recruit and retain teachers working in vital Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as well as technical disciplines and early years education.³⁰⁶⁴

On 9 May 2024, Secretary Keegan revealed locations sixteen new schools to support children with special educational needs and disabilities.³⁰⁶⁵

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.³⁰⁶⁶ They called for implementation of comprehensive

³⁰⁶² New framework to support trainee and early career teachers, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 30 January 2024. Access Date: 20 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-framework-to-support-trainee-and-early-career-teachers>

³⁰⁶³ Government launches crackdown on mobile phones in schools, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 19 February 2024. Access Date: 13 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-crackdown-on-mobile-phones-in-schools>

³⁰⁶⁴ Teachers to get up to £6000 extra to teach vital subjects, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 23 April 2024. Access Date: 25 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teachers-to-get-up-to-6000-extra-to-teach-vital-subjects>

³⁰⁶⁵ Government expands support for pupils with SEND, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 17 May 2024. Access Date: 26 June 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-expands-support-for-pupils-with-send>

³⁰⁶⁶ G7 Education Ministers’ Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

On 19 July 2024, Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson launched a Curriculum and Assessment Review to address educational difficulties and guarantee that all state schools teach the national curriculum up to age sixteen.³⁰⁶⁷ The review aims to alleviate barriers holding students back, especially SEND.

On 22 July 2024, Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Secretary Phillipson announced Skills England under new legislation to address the fragmented skills landscape.³⁰⁶⁸ This collaborative skills system will be built in stages over nine to twelve months to assist local communities in building skilled workforces, notably in construction and healthcare, to promote long-term growth.

On 24 September 2024, Prime Minister Starmer and Education Secretary Phillipson announced a new growth and skills levy which will replace the existing apprenticeship levy and include new foundation apprenticeships, giving youth opportunities to earn a wage while developing skills and allowing funding for shorter internships than the current twelve month minimum.³⁰⁶⁹

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. The UK has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by releasing a new framework for teacher training that aims to improve instructional quality, especially for those with SEND. The UK has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by improving working conditions and career attractiveness for teachers through bonus offerings and through additional training for teachers.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mebek Berry

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations.

On 5 December 2023, the Biden-Harris administration announced USD277 million in grant awards through the Education Innovation and Research grant program, which focuses on evidence-based strategies for academic recovery post-pandemic for the most affected students. It also provided increased funding for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs, social engagement programs and rural projects.³⁰⁷⁰

On 22 December 2023, the Biden-Harris administration announced USD44.5 million in grants to the Rural Post-Secondary and Economic Development program encouraging stronger rates of post-

³⁰⁶⁷ Government launches Curriculum and Assessment Review, GOV.UK (London) 19 July 2024. Access Date: 20 July 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-curriculum-and-assessment-review>

³⁰⁶⁸ Skills England to transform opportunities and drive growth, GOV.UK (London) 22 July 2024. Access Date: 3 August 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/skills-england-to-transform-opportunities-and-drive-growth>

³⁰⁶⁹ Prime Minister overhauls apprenticeships to support opportunity, Department for Education (London) 24 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-overhauls-apprenticeships-to-support-opportunity>

³⁰⁷⁰ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$277 Million in Education Innovation and Research Grants to Help Address Academic Recovery, United States Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-announces-277-million-education-innovation-and-research-grants-help-address-academic-recovery>

secondary enrollment and completion within rural communities that support skills for various industries and occupations.³⁰⁷¹

On 17 January 2024, the Biden-Harris administration announced the “Improving Student Achievement Agenda for 2024,” which laid out principles on improving academic participation and performance for children. The agenda outlines the federal government’s strategies on reduced absenteeism, extended learning programs and a continuation of the pandemic relief fund moving into 2024-2025 to further support academic success. The strategy focuses on learners left behind during the pandemic and prioritizes schools most in need.³⁰⁷²

On 22 January 2024, the Department of Education released the “2024 National Educational Technology Plan: A Call to Action for Closing the Digital Access Design and Use Divides.” U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, encourages that technology be integrated into active learning plans to align with their goal to “Raise the Bar in Education.”³⁰⁷³

On 11 February 2024, the Department of Education released the revision of their Equity Action Plan from 2023 into 2024 to support degree completion rates, resource accessibility in education, technical career education and to address the barriers justice-impacted individuals face in education and workforce prep.³⁰⁷⁴

On 3 April 2024, the Department of Education announced their collaborative effort with the Department of Labour to expand equitable and affordable pathways towards the education workforce through increased access to apprenticeship programs, residency and grow-your-owns. The Department of Education pledged USD50 million to support accessible, high-quality educator programs and nearly USD200 million from the Department of Labour to fund ‘Registered Apprenticeship’. Additionally, the departments issued Good Jobs Principles, outlining quality standards of working conditions and increased pay for educators across primary and higher education. USD15 million of the programs will support programs at historically black colleges and universities.³⁰⁷⁵

³⁰⁷¹ Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$44.5 Million to Improve Postsecondary Education Access and Completion for Students in Rural Communities, United States Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2023. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-awards-445-million-improve-postsecondary-education-access-and-completion-students-rural-communities>

³⁰⁷² Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Improving Student Achievement Agenda in 2024, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/01/17/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-improving-student-achievement-agenda-in-2024/>

³⁰⁷³ U.S. Department of Education Releases 2024 National Educational Technology Plan, United States Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 22 January 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-2024-national-educational-technology-plan>

³⁰⁷⁴ Fact Sheet: U.S. Department of Education Releases 2023 Update to Equity Action Plan, Outlines New Commitments to Advance Equity, United States Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 14 February 2024. Access Date: 14 April 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/fact-sheet-us-department-education-releases-2023-update-equity-action-plan-outlines-new-commitments-advance-equity>.

³⁰⁷⁵ U.S. Departments of Education and Labor Continue Biden-Harris Administration’s Push for Better Pay and High-Quality Pathways into Education Professions, United States. Department of Education (Washington D.C), 3 April 2024, Access Date: 1 May 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-labor-continue-biden-harris-administrations-push-better-pay-and-high-quality-pathways-education-professions>

On 9 May 2024, Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona announced a new slate of mental health training offerings for education staff.³⁰⁷⁶ The new programs enable educational attainment for vulnerable communities and add skills for educators.

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.³⁰⁷⁷ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

On 17 July 2024, Secretary Cardona announced regulatory reforms to improve access to higher education.³⁰⁷⁸ The regulations focuses on undocumented immigrants, low income and disabled students.

On 16 September 2024, the Department of Education announced it is awarding grants to eight Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and an additional award to establish a National Technical Assistance Center to Diversify the Workforce Serving Children with Disabilities.³⁰⁷⁹

On 19 September 2024, the Department of Education announced that it had awarded USD50 Million for Hispanic-Serving Institutions to support Hispanic and Latino students and the colleges and universities preparing them for the future.³⁰⁸⁰

On 27 September 2024, the Department of Education announced USD46 Million in grants to establish dedicated technical assistance centers through the Comprehensive Centers program to support state and local educational agencies in advancing resource equity in schools, accelerating academic recovery, strengthening the educator workforce, promoting early school success and supporting English and multilingual learners.³⁰⁸¹

On 1 October 2024, the Department of Education announced USD67 Million for 12 new Magnet Schools Assistance Program awards and two new awards under the Fostering Diverse Schools Demonstration Grant Program, supporting schools and districts in achieving improvement in educational equity.³⁰⁸²

³⁰⁷⁶ During Mental Health Awareness Month, U. S. Department of Education Announces New Actions to Increase Access to School-Based Mental Health Services, U.S. Department of Education (Washington) 9 May 2024. Access Date: 5 June 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/during-mental-health-awareness-month-u-s-department-education-announces-new-actions-increase-access-school-based-mental-health-services>

³⁰⁷⁷ G7 Education Ministers' Declaration (Trieste) G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 25 August 2024. <https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/education/240629-declaration.html>

³⁰⁷⁸ Biden-Harris Administration Releases Proposed Regulations to Increase College Access and Quality, and Strengthen Oversight of Distance Education, U.S. Department of Education (Washington D.C.) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 26 August 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-releases-proposed-regulations-increase-college-access-and-quality-and-strengthen-oversight-distance-education>

³⁰⁷⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Awards Grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities to Diversify the Educator and STEM Workforce, Department of Education (Washington) 16 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/biden-harris-administration-awards-grants-historically-black-colleges-and-stem-workforce>

³⁰⁸⁰ Biden-Harris Administration Awards Nearly \$50 Million to Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Department of Education (Washington) 19 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/biden-harris-administration-awards-nearly-50-million-hispanic-serving-institutions>

³⁰⁸¹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Centers to Advance Educational Opportunity, Foster Academic Achievement and Raise the Bar for Students, Department of Education (Washington) 27 September 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/biden-harris-administration-announces-new-centers-to-advance-educational-opportunity>

³⁰⁸² Biden-Harris Administration Awards Over \$67 Million Through Magnet Schools Program and Fostering Diverse Schools Grants, Department of Education (Washington) 1 October 2024. Access Date: 25 October 2024. <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/biden-harris-administration-awards-over-67-million-through-magnet-schools-program>

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including those in vulnerable situations. The US has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by allocating funds for grant programs to improve attainment for those affected by the pandemic, boost completion rates, and raise post-secondary enrollment rates complemented by a new equity plan. The US has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by funding apprenticeship and residency programs including at historically black colleges and universities.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mia Rodrigo

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations.

On 5 December 2023, the European Commission opened a call for proposals with a budget of EUR22.5 million for Teacher Academies.³⁰⁸³ The objectives of the program include inclusion and diversity.³⁰⁸⁴

On 19 January 2024, the European Commission released a framework to track and improve children's access to essential services including education in line with the European Child Guarantee. The framework aims to benefit children left behind during the pandemic and ameliorate falling reading and math achievement.³⁰⁸⁵

On 24 January 2024, the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation made available EUR22 million for bolstering skill development among other integration and social inclusion initiatives for Ukrainian refugees.³⁰⁸⁶

On 31 January 2024, the European Commission announced an aid package for Myanmar that includes EUR2 million to provide education to school-aged children not receiving schooling.³⁰⁸⁷

On 20 February 2024, the European Commission awarded EUR11 million for 28 Aim-Learn-Master-Achieve projects that provide work training for disadvantaged youth.³⁰⁸⁸

On 23 February 2024, the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee held an event focusing on Vocational Education and Training (VET) to address labour shortages. The

³⁰⁸³ Erasmus+ Teacher Academies, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2023. Access Date: 30 May 2024. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erasmus-edu-2024-pex-teach-aca>

³⁰⁸⁴ Erasmus+ Teacher Academies 2024: how to apply, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2024. https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/erasmus-teacher-academies-2024-how-apply-2024-02-01_en

³⁰⁸⁵ The European Child Guarantee has a new framework to better monitor children's access to education, healthcare and housing conditions, European Commission (Brussels) 19 January 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2024. <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&furtherNews=yes&newsId=10740>

³⁰⁸⁶ €22 million for addressing societal challenges arising from the war on Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2024. <https://european-social-fund-plus.ec.europa.eu/en/news/eu22-million-addressing-societal-challenges-arising-war-ukraine>

³⁰⁸⁷ EU approves over €19 million in humanitarian aid for Myanmar in 2024, European Commission (Brussels) 31 January 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_568

³⁰⁸⁸ Supporting mobility for disadvantaged youth: 28 ALMA projects set to launch, European Commission (Brussels) 20 February 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2024. <https://european-social-fund-plus.ec.europa.eu/en/news/supporting-mobility-disadvantaged-youth-28-alma-projects-set-launch>

interactive workshops and discussions showcased VET to young individuals and aimed to move towards gender equality.³⁰⁸⁹

On 29 February 2024, the European Commission launched calls for proposals for funding through the EU's Erasmus+ program. The new programs aim to address gender balance in Information and Communication Technology education, digital well-being, data literacy in primary and secondary education, women in GreenTech, through the VET stream, skills retraining for adults, school education, and higher education.³⁰⁹⁰

On 29 February 2024, the European Commission announced EUR1.9 million to support dismissed workers in Denmark. The funds aim to provide training for the workers and language skills for non-fluent Danish speakers.³⁰⁹¹

On 29 February 2024, the European Commission announced EUR3 million to support dismissed workers in Germany including through additional training.³⁰⁹²

On 20 March 2024, the European Commission proposed a directive to improve traineeship quality, inclusivity, and non-discrimination.³⁰⁹³

On 11 April 2024, the European Commission and the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union co-hosted the Global Gateway High-Education Event to launch the 59 recommendations suggested by the United Nations High-Level Panel on the Teaching Profession. These recommendations target a global teacher shortage with supports from training, compensation and respect to conditions including smaller class sizes.³⁰⁹⁴

On 11 April 2024, Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen and Zambian Minister of Education Douglas Syakalima signed a EUR110 million grant agreement to improve primary and secondary education quality, improve gender equality, and boost outcomes for learners with disabilities. The Commissioner also signed Youth Mobility for Africa agreements that provide digital and green

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skills opportunities. In addition, Commissioner Urpilainen unveiled the Africa-Europe Youth Academy to further foster knowledge exchanges.³⁰⁹⁵

On 30 April 2024, the European Union committed EUR1 million for education and skills training in Bhutan aimed at quality enhancement and disparity reduction.³⁰⁹⁶

On 22 May 2024, the European Union, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Iraqi Ministry of Education launched an equitable quality education initiative that aims to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Education and will benefit over 100,000 teachers and 30,000 schools.³⁰⁹⁷

On 29 June 2024, the G7 Education Ministers released a declaration reaffirming their commitment to quality, equitable and inclusive education.³⁰⁹⁸ They called for implementation of comprehensive national and local strategies to close divides and reduce systemic inequalities and for reforms to improve vocational education.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all, including for those in vulnerable situations. The EU has taken strong action to advance high quality education for all by funding schooling in Myanmar and by developing a framework to boost post-pandemic educational attainment. The EU has taken strong action to bolster skills training for all by implementing new programs on vocational training and skill development including with specific gender equality and diversity and inclusion aims. EU-funded training also includes programs designed to benefit Ukrainian refugees, dismissed workers including non-native speakers in their country of residence, and disadvantaged youth.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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