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New eco-social contracts

- Recognises that addressing current and future challenges entails **broadening** our understanding of “social contract” to include the rights of nature, biodiversity, and sustainable development;
- Explores concrete, deliberative processes that can create ‘eco-social contracts’ at national and community level; and sustain them afterwards through ‘pilot’ projects that help move words to action;

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

GRAN-ESC recommends that the Pact:

- Considers the “Green Economy dialogues” approach to community-led sustainable development policymaking, ensuring broad-based popular support for ambitious and transformative approaches, as well as accelerating and then securing gains over the medium term and broadens this into a comprehensive eco-social contract approach;
- Address the need for a comprehensive roadmap of what a structural eco-social transition should look like, which policy measures are the most important, and the investment cases for different approaches;
- Push back against national approaches to green transition that remain uncoordinated and perhaps even mutually incompatible, engendering competition rather than cooperation towards green goals and threatening to undermine the speed and effectiveness of the green transition;
- Emphasise that national measures alone will be insufficient to address the scale of the challenge, and risk leaving emerging economies in the majority world behind;
- Create a UN-backed multilateral framework to create coherence and cooperation, driving long-term investment towards specific structural policy changes which remain acutely under-

- Create fair fiscal contracts at national and global levels, through promoting progressive tax systems, combatting IFF and tax evasion, and reforming the international financial architecture by strengthening the role of the UN in tax matters, solving the global debt crisis, and mobilising financial resources to support just transitions in the Majority World.

Chapter II. International peace and security

None.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

None.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

GRAN-ESC recommends that the Pact:

- Fully recognise the vital importance of giving marginalised groups more of a say in shaping both present policy-making and the future outcomes of those policies, specifically with focus on children, and an intersectional focus on young people, those yet to be born, people living with disabilities, and indigenous groups;
- Seek to create participatory and deliberative spaces and processes that will allow for the above-mentioned marginalised groups to provide genuine insights and participation, rather than the mere co-option of their views;
- Ensure that the “Just” part of “Just Transition” attends to both justice today, within communities that are transitioning, and in the future, considering rights & needs of children, young people, and generations yet to be born - including future humans many generations hence.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

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- Empower a greater role for labour groups and the voices of labour to shape governance and policy, as part of greater democratisation of shared multi-stakeholder multilateral institutions and the full implementation of human rights and ILO conventions;

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