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Human Rights Watch welcomes the opportunity to provide this written input for the preparation of the Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future, an outcome document to be adopted during the upcoming [Summit of the Future](#).

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- Affirm states' human rights obligations to enact law and policies that impose [public service obligations](#) on any private entities involved in the delivery of goods and services essential for human rights as articulated by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Include a specific commitment to universal social protection and tangible progress on human rights aligned social protection floors by 2030 ([SDG 1.3](#)). Programs that embrace universality, such as universal child benefits or universal old age pensions, are not only rights-aligned, but also more effective in reaching those most at risk of poverty. The right to social security includes the guarantee of income protection throughout one's life and should be designed for the long term, including for future generations.
- Include minimum spending benchmarks for universal social protection. Affirm countries' ability to finance universal social protection, even those with lower incomes.
- Affirm states' commitments to regulating corporate conduct to ensure respect for human rights and be consistent with international human rights standards, and holding corporate actors to account if they commit or enable human rights abuses at home or abroad, including through the enactment of appropriate domestic legislation.
- Affirm the rights of all