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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

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8. Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment

“We commit to further align our actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	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		0	
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States	-1		
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.75		

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit on 15 September 2015, and came into force on 1 January 2016.³⁷²⁷ The 2030 Agenda outlines 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and establishes a 15-year timeline for UN member states to take action to fulfill the goals.³⁷²⁸ The SDGs are a “universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.”³⁷²⁹ The SDGs build on the successes of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), agreed to in September

³⁷²⁷ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017.

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

³⁷²⁸ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017.

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

³⁷²⁹ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017.

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2000. In comparison to the MDGs, the SDGs also include new areas like climate change, innovation, economic inequality, sustainable consumption, peace and justice.³⁷³⁰ The SDGs are as follows:

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;
10. Reduce inequality with and among countries;
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable;
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss;
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.³⁷³¹

The G20 first mentioned the SDGs at the 2015 Antalya Summit. The Leaders' Communiqué introduced the 2030 Agenda and committed to “develop an action plan in 2016 to further align our work with the 2030 Agenda.”³⁷³² At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 reaffirmed its commitment to align “its work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and released the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³⁷³³ The Action Plan intends to contribute to “global efforts to implement the

³⁷³⁰ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

³⁷³¹ Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>.

³⁷³² Antalya G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>.

³⁷³³ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

2030 Agenda, including the SDGs” to ensure that “no one is left behind in our efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve sustainable development and build an inclusive and sustainable future for all.”³⁷³⁴ It stresses the G20’s “comparative advantage” in spearheading global implementation of the 2030 Agenda, given its ability to “add value as a global forum for economic cooperation” as well as its “convening power and its collective ability” to adopt initiatives at the global level.³⁷³⁵ The G20 Action Plan reflects ongoing, mid and long-term G20 commitments to be updated and adapted to reflect the priorities of successive G20 presidencies.³⁷³⁶

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Hamburg Update as the first step in implementing the G20 Action Plan. The Hamburg Update reaffirms and strengthens the G20’s commitment to the 2030 Agenda and “reflects the priorities of the German presidency — resilience, sustainability, responsibility — and continues G20 efforts of leading by example to implement the 2030 Agenda.”³⁷³⁷

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is “to further align our actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods.”³⁷³⁸ “Further align” refers to a continual effort to harmonize actions towards realizing the SDGs. This may include improving old policies, programs, legislation, and other relevant governance systems, as well as implementing new ones. While such efforts do not need to explicitly reference the SDGs, “align” implies that these actions are nevertheless complementary to and in accordance with the SDGs’ implementation. Efforts that advance the achievement of one or multiple SDGs may count towards compliance. This includes both the targeted accomplishment of a particular SDG as well as actions that are in line with towards the SDG framework but do not directly cite the SDGs as its guiding principle. Furthermore, “actions” implies a tangible, physical initiative to do something. Such actions must be conducted both at the domestic and international level.

The purpose of conducting such actions must include supporting developing countries and contributing to the provision of public goods. While “supporting developing countries” and “provision of public goods” are both inherently international in nature, only the former is categorized as an international action. Given the nature of the SDGs, domestic efforts to implement them at the national level inevitably contribute to the provision of global public goods. Thus while the provision of public goods is implicit in any tangible effort to align actions with the SDGs,

³⁷³⁴ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

³⁷³⁵ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>.

³⁷³⁶ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>.

³⁷³⁷ Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-hamburg-update.html>.

³⁷³⁸ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

providing support for developing countries must be a key aspect of international actions in order for the G20 member to achieve full compliance.

Part One: Domestic Actions

Domestic actions refer to concrete efforts at the national level (or in the case of the EU, supranational level) to further align G20 members' policies and activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. While such efforts may also contribute to international public goods, they must be national in nature and focus on domestic priorities, needs, and capacities.³⁷³⁹ For example, domestic actions include, but are not limited to, the creation of new or improvement of old legislation, social welfare programs, policies, incentives and/or other governmental services with a view to implementing or promoting the realization of the SDGs.

Part Two: International Actions

International actions refer to concrete efforts at the international or global level to further align G20 members' and other states' policies and activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. They can include financially or otherwise supporting other states in their implementation of the SDGs, such as contributing to alleviating poverty and hunger in low income countries, or collaborating with other states through cooperative programs and agreements to voluntarily and mutually commit each other to achieving the SDGs.

To fulfill the second part of the commitment, international actions must entail the provision of support for developing countries. For developed economies, examples of this can include but are not exclusive to Aid for Trade programs, Foreign Direct Investment, and other domestic public goods provided on an international scale. Developing economies must demonstrate support for developing countries other than their own, for example, through programs of South-South cooperation and trade. While other international efforts to align actions with the SDGs that do not entail support for developing countries may be noted, they are insufficient alone to fulfill this part of the commitment.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take concrete actions at the domestic and international level to further align their actions with the 2030 Agenda. International efforts must include the provision of support for developing countries.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does not take action at the domestic NOR international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.
0	G20 member does not take action at the domestic OR international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.
+1	G20 member takes action at the domestic AND international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

³⁷³⁹ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>.

On 6-8 September 2017, Argentina hosted the United Nations Economic and Social Council Development Cooperation Forum and High-Level Symposium in Buenos Aires.³⁷⁴⁰ As the President of the G20 and host of the second UN High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) scheduled to take place in March 2019, Argentina is hosting this conference to discuss the potential and contributions of South-South cooperation to poverty eradication and sustainable development.³⁷⁴¹

On 13 September 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development announced the incorporation of 150,000 hectares of land into the Iberá National Park in the Corrientes Province.³⁷⁴² The biodiversity and surface territory of the park will make it one of Argentina's largest protected areas.³⁷⁴³

On 8 November 2017, President Mauricio Macri passed a labor reform bill that will reduce severance payments by 40 per cent with the aim of lowering the cost of doing business.³⁷⁴⁴ The bill will also eliminate some of the benefits offered to employees in case of dismissal under current labour law.³⁷⁴⁵

On 27 September 2017, the Inter-American Development Bank approved a USD200 million loan to the government-run 'Plan Belgrano' program.³⁷⁴⁶ The loan will finance drinking water and sewerage system enhancement, improve environmental and hygiene conditions through wastewater treatment, and boost the management capacity of water and sanitation service providers in Argentina's northwest and northeastern regions.³⁷⁴⁷ The Argentine government has already committed a total budget for 2018 of USD350 million for the implementation of the project.³⁷⁴⁸ The program "will provide sewerage services to 19,000 homes and wastewater treatment services to 130,000 homes."³⁷⁴⁹

³⁷⁴⁰ DCF Argentina High-level Symposium, ECOSOC (Buenos Aires) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2017/dcf-argentina-high-level-symposium>

³⁷⁴¹ DCF Argentina High-level Symposium, ECOSOC (Buenos Aires) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2017/dcf-argentina-high-level-symposium>

³⁷⁴² Continúa el proceso de traspaso para la creación del Parque Nacional Iberá, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/continua-el-proceso-de-traspaso-para-la-creacion-del-parque-nacional-ibera/>

³⁷⁴³ Continúa el proceso de traspaso para la creación del Parque Nacional Iberá, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. (Buenos Aires) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/continua-el-proceso-de-traspaso-para-la-creacion-del-parque-nacional-ibera/>

³⁷⁴⁴ Argentine Unions Agree on Labor Reform Bill, Macri Says, Bloomberg (London) 08 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentine-unions-agree-on-labor-reform-bill-macri-says>

³⁷⁴⁵ Argentine Unions Agree on Labor Reform Bill, Macri Says, Bloomberg (London) 08 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentine-unions-agree-on-labor-reform-bill-macri-says>

³⁷⁴⁶ Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

³⁷⁴⁷ Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

³⁷⁴⁸ La Nación Prevé darle Prioridad al Plan Belgrano, La Gaceta (Buenos Aires) 16 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.lagaceta.com.ar/nota/744874/actualidad/nacion-preve-darle-prioridad-al-plan-belgrano.html>

³⁷⁴⁹ Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan. Inter-American Development Bank, (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

On 11 December 2017, representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Production, Commerce, and Environment and Sustainable Development attended the 2017 Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium, held in the District of Buenos Aires.³⁷⁵⁰ The conference addressed the topic of “Global Economy and Agenda 2030: How can Trade Deliver Jobs and Sustainable Development?”³⁷⁵¹ One of the main topics was the challenges faced by Latin America in the new global economy, and how to create fairer and more inclusive multilateral treaties for Sustainable Development.³⁷⁵²

On 19 December 2017, President Macri passed a pension reform bill shifting the retirement age from 65 to 70 for men, and from 60 to 63 for women.³⁷⁵³ The changes are also expected to lower the amounts paid to pensioners.³⁷⁵⁴

On 5 January 2018, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development announced the creation of the Fund for the Protection of Native Forest Ecosystems.³⁷⁵⁵ This fund is part of the Argentine government’s general budget for 2018, and is meant to reinforce the Argentine government’s commitment to a sustainable environmental policy.³⁷⁵⁶

On 9 February 2018, the Ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development and AgroIndustry reached a consensus with regards to sustainable policies for the forest industry.³⁷⁵⁷ The two ministries established a few priority areas including the prevention of forest fires, an early alert system, and the formulation of a public-private agreement.³⁷⁵⁸

On 28 February 2018, Minister of Interior Affairs Rogelio Frigerio announced the execution of 1,100 projects by the ministry for a value of over ARS5,600 million in the Northern Provinces of

³⁷⁵⁰ Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium 2017, International Institute for Sustainable Development (New York) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/events/trade-and-sustainable-development-symposium-2017/>

³⁷⁵¹ Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium 2017, International Institute for Sustainable Development (New York) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/events/trade-and-sustainable-development-symposium-2017/>

³⁷⁵² Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium 2017, International Institute for Sustainable Development (New York) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/events/trade-and-sustainable-development-symposium-2017/>

³⁷⁵³ Argentina Passes Pension Reform Despite Violent Protests, BBC News (Buenos Aires) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-42416195>

³⁷⁵⁴ Argentina Passes Pension Reform Despite Violent Protests. BBC News (Buenos Aires) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-42416195>

³⁷⁵⁵ Se Creó el Fondo Fiduciario para la Protección Ambiental de los Bosques Nativos, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/sin-categoria/se-creo-el-fondo-fiduciario-para-la-proteccion-ambiental-de-los-bosques-nativos/>

³⁷⁵⁶ Se Creó el Fondo Fiduciario para la Protección Ambiental de los Bosques Nativos. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/sin-categoria/se-creo-el-fondo-fiduciario-para-la-proteccion-ambiental-de-los-bosques-nativos/>

³⁷⁵⁷ Hacia una Política Sustentable para la Industria Forestal. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/hacia-una-politica-sustentable-para-la-industria-forestal/>

³⁷⁵⁸ Hacia una Política Sustentable para la Industria Forestal. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/hacia-una-politica-sustentable-para-la-industria-forestal/>

Argentina.³⁷⁵⁹ These projects are part of the Argentine government's bid to address entrenched issues of regional inequality and reaffirm its commitment to federalism.³⁷⁶⁰

On 19 March 2018, Argentina hosted the first meeting of Finance Ministers and Bank Governors, marking the beginning of its G20 presidency.³⁷⁶¹ Argentina set the agenda with a focus on key issues affecting the global economy, such as international financial architecture, the international tax system and financial regulations.³⁷⁶²

On 17 April 2018, Argentina hosted the G20 Sustainability Working Group's (GSWG) first meeting of the year in Buenos Aires.³⁷⁶³ During the meeting, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina Rabbi Sergio Bergman announced the launch of a program to build sources of renewable energy.³⁷⁶⁴ The program intends to increase the proportion of renewable energy in the country's total energy, by attracting foreign investment and creating partnerships.³⁷⁶⁵

On 23 May 2018, the New Competition Law, enacted on 15 May 2018, entered into force.³⁷⁶⁶ The purpose of this new law is to bring the country's antitrust regime in line with international best practices through substantial modifications including 1) the adoption of a pre-merger regime with higher notification thresholds and shorter review periods; and 2) the creation of a more independent competition authority and a court to review appeals on matters relating to competition law.³⁷⁶⁷

On 14 June 2018, the Lower House of Congress approved a bill liberalizing abortion laws.³⁷⁶⁸ The new bill will allow women to access legal abortions after fourteen weeks if the pregnancy resulted from rape, if the woman's health is at risk, or if the fetus suffers from severe malformations.³⁷⁶⁹

³⁷⁵⁹ Más de 1100 obras en el Norte Argentino para Impulsar su Potencia, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/mas-de-1100-obras-en-el-norte-argentino-para-impulsar-su-potencial>

³⁷⁶⁰ Más de 1100 obras en el Norte Argentino para Impulsar su Potencia, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/mas-de-1100-obras-en-el-norte-argentino-para-impulsar-su-potencial>

³⁷⁶¹ Global Economic Leaders Meet in Buenos Aires at the G20 (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/global-economic-leaders-meet-buenos-aires-g20>

³⁷⁶² Global Economic Leaders Meet in Buenos Aires at the G20 (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <https://www.g20.org/en/news/global-economic-leaders-meet-buenos-aires-g20>

³⁷⁶³ Argentina Aims for a Delicate Climate Balance in the G20. Inter Press Service (Buenos Aires) 20 April 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/04/argentina-aims-delicate-climate-balance-g20/>

³⁷⁶⁴ Argentina Aims for a Delicate Climate Balance in the G20. Inter Press Service (Buenos Aires) 20 April 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/04/argentina-aims-delicate-climate-balance-g20/>

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³⁷⁶⁶ Argentina's New Competition Law: The Modernisation of the Argentinian Competition Law Regime. Competition Policy International. 21 May 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018.

<https://www.competitionpolicyinternational.com/argentinas-new-competition-law-the-modernisation-of-the-argentinian-competition-law-regime/>

³⁷⁶⁷ Argentina's New Competition Law: The Modernisation of the Argentinian Competition Law Regime. Competition Policy International. 21 May 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018.

<https://www.competitionpolicyinternational.com/argentinas-new-competition-law-the-modernisation-of-the-argentinian-competition-law-regime/>

³⁷⁶⁸ Argentina's Lower House of Congress Approves Bill Liberalizing Abortion Laws. CNN (Washington) 14 June 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <https://www.CNN.com/2018/06/14/americas/argentina-abortion-bill-passes/index.html>

On 26 July 2018, in collaboration with the International Development Bank (IDB), Argentina launched a project to benefit small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency.³⁷⁷⁰ The Government of Argentina aims to encourage SMEs to invest in energy efficiency by providing greater access to financing and lowering the eligibility criteria for accessing loans.³⁷⁷¹ In addition to this program, the IDB is supporting Argentina with USD3.6 million in technical cooperation grants geared towards promoting energy efficiency investments by SMEs.³⁷⁷²

Argentina has made significant investments in renewable energy at the domestic level, especially through its investment in improving water-related infrastructure and engaging the private sector in the renewable energy transition by facilitating access to loans. Argentina has advanced gender equality by liberalizing abortion laws, and it has engaged with the international community by hosting international forums to coordinate financial policies.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 30 September 2017, the Australian government announced that it would be sending help to Vanuatu following a threat of volcanic eruption on Ambae Island.³⁷⁷³ To help with necessary evacuation, the Australian government sent HMAS Choules to the island to rescue the 11,000 residents.³⁷⁷⁴ In addition, it pledged AUD250,000 for supplies such as water and food, to “fund aerial surveillance of affected areas,” and to aid the Vanuatuan authorities in managing the displaced population.³⁷⁷⁵

³⁷⁶⁹ Argentina’s Lower House of Congress Approves Bill Liberalizing Abortion Laws. CNN (Washington) 14 June 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <https://www.CNN.com/2018/06/14/americas/argentina-abortion-bill-passes/index.html>

³⁷⁷⁰ Argentina to Invest in Sustainable Energy with IDB Support. International Development Bank (Washington) 26 July 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/argentina-invest-sustainable-energy-idb-support>

³⁷⁷¹ Argentina to Invest in Sustainable Energy with IDB Support. International Development Bank (Washington) 26 July 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/argentina-invest-sustainable-energy-idb-support>

³⁷⁷² Argentina to Invest in Sustainable Energy with IDB Support. International Development Bank (Washington) 26 July 2018. Access Date: 9 September 2018. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/argentina-invest-sustainable-energy-idb-support>

³⁷⁷³ Media Release by the Hon Julie Bishop and Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ministry of Defense (Canberra) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170930.aspx

³⁷⁷⁴ Media Release by the Hon Julie Bishop and Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ministry of Defense (Canberra) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170930.aspx

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On 14 October 2017, Australia increased humanitarian assistance to Vanuatu due to its need of evacuation, following the threat of volcanic eruption in September.³⁷⁷⁶ Australia increased its humanitarian assistance to AUD3 million.³⁷⁷⁷ Australia also sent a team of humanitarian and military personnel to assist the Vanuatuan authorities.³⁷⁷⁸

On 1 November 2017, the Department of Health announced the expansion of the Better Access initiative (MBS).³⁷⁷⁹ This initiative aims to increase patients' access to mental health professionals.³⁷⁸⁰ MBS is a telehealth service for psychological therapy, and it is delivered through a video conference between the patient and a health professional.³⁷⁸¹ The Australian government declared that it would fund this initiative with AUD9.1 million over four years.³⁷⁸²

On 20 November 2017, the Ministry for the Environment and Energy hosted the National Food Waste Summit at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.³⁷⁸³ The purpose of this summit was to bring in "stakeholders from industry, business, academia, government and the not-for-profit sector" to find ways to decrease the food waste in Australia.³⁷⁸⁴ On the same day, the National Food Waste Strategy was launched by the Minister for the Environment and Energy, which outlined future efforts to decrease food waste in Australia.³⁷⁸⁵

On 6 March 2018, the Australian government pledged to provide AUD5.5 million to aid Somalia during its severe drought.³⁷⁸⁶ This aid will be used to supply vulnerable communities in Somalia, which includes "emergency food, clean water and shelter."³⁷⁸⁷ Minister of Foreign Affairs Julie

³⁷⁷⁶ Australia's Humanitarian Assistance to Vanuatu, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/investment-priorities/building-resilience/humanitarian-preparedness-and-response/Pages/australias-humanitarian-assistance-to-vanuatu.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁷ Australia's Humanitarian Assistance to Vanuatu, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/investment-priorities/building-resilience/humanitarian-preparedness-and-response/Pages/australias-humanitarian-assistance-to-vanuatu.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁸ Australia's Humanitarian Assistance to Vanuatu, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/investment-priorities/building-resilience/humanitarian-preparedness-and-response/Pages/australias-humanitarian-assistance-to-vanuatu.aspx>

³⁷⁷⁹ Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners through the MBS (Better Access) Initiative, Department of Health (Canberra) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth-betteraccess>

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³⁷⁸¹ Telehealth Psychological Services for People in Rural Areas, Department of Health (Canberra) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-ba-telehealth>

³⁷⁸² Telehealth Psychological Services for People in Rural Areas, Department of Health (Canberra) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-ba-telehealth>

³⁷⁸³ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

³⁷⁸⁴ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

³⁷⁸⁵ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

³⁷⁸⁶ Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

³⁷⁸⁷ Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

Bishop also mentioned in her press release that this aid will be carried out by the United Nations and other partners.³⁷⁸⁸

On 31 August 2018, Australia signed a free trade agreement with Indonesia.³⁷⁸⁹ The Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement will eliminate tariffs on various Australian exports, including copper cathodes, car parts, and leather goods; while making Indonesian goods more accessible to Australian producers.³⁷⁹⁰

On 12 September 2018, the Australian government announced the National Forest Industries Plan, which will support the renewable timber and wood-fibre industry.³⁷⁹¹ Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources David Littleproud and Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Senator Richard Colbeck announced in a joint media release that the Australian government has committed AUD20 million over four years to this plan.³⁷⁹² This contribution will aid in the forestry industry in its goal of planting one billion trees.³⁷⁹³

On 13 September 2018, the Australian government announced that it will aid Papua New Guinea (PNG) in fighting infectious diseases, following the recent outbreak of polio, measles and whooping cough.³⁷⁹⁴ Australia will contribute AUD10 million to support PNG's vaccination campaign and to increase regular immunisations, in order to ensure the prevention of future cases.³⁷⁹⁵

On 16 September 2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs Marise Payne announced that Australia will be aiding the Philippines following Super Typhoon Mangkhut.³⁷⁹⁶ The Australian government committed to providing AUD800,000 in supplies, which will include "sleeping mats, blankets, hygiene and shelter kits for up to 25,000 individuals in the most affected areas."³⁷⁹⁷ The relief effort

³⁷⁸⁸ Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

³⁷⁸⁹ Scott Morrison clinches 'win-win' free trade deal with Indonesia (Sydney) 31 August 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/scott-morrison-clinches-win-win-free-trade-deal-with-indonesia-20180831-p50141.html>

³⁷⁹⁰ Australia signs free trade deal with Indonesia (Waltham) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://logisticsmagazine.com.au/australia-and-indonesia-close-free-trade-deal/>

³⁷⁹¹ A billion new plantation trees – forestry's plan for the future, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (Canberra) 12 September 2018. Access Date: September 17 2018.

<http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/littleproud/Pages/Media-Releases/billion-plantation-trees.aspx>

³⁷⁹² A billion new plantation trees – forestry's plan for the future, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (Canberra) 12 September 2018. Access Date: September 17 2018.

<http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/littleproud/Pages/Media-Releases/billion-plantation-trees.aspx>

³⁷⁹³ A billion new plantation trees – forestry's plan for the future, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (Canberra) 12 September 2018. Access Date: September 17 2018.

<http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/littleproud/Pages/Media-Releases/billion-plantation-trees.aspx>

³⁷⁹⁴ \$10 million boost for immunisation in PNG, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 13 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/mp_mr_180913.aspx

³⁷⁹⁵ \$10 million boost for immunisation in PNG, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 13 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/mp_mr_180913.aspx

³⁷⁹⁶ Humanitarian assistance to the Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 16 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/mp_mr_180916.aspx

³⁷⁹⁷ Humanitarian assistance to the Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 16 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/mp_mr_180916.aspx

and supply distribution will be completed in collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross. The Australian government has stated that it will be open to additional contributions if requested.³⁷⁹⁸

Through investments and improvements in the areas of food waste, forestry, accessibility of healthcare, and foreign aid, Australia has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 4 September 2017, President Michel Temer signed four multilateral documents issued by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.³⁷⁹⁹ The documents are the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and the New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.³⁸⁰⁰

On 21 October 2017, President Temer signed a decree authorizing the conversion of approximately BRL4 billion in fines into environmental investments during a visit to the Caiman farm in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul.³⁸⁰¹ Deputy Sarney Filho said that this decree “transforms [the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA)] from a monitoring body into an effective agent of recovery and sustainable development.”³⁸⁰²

On 11 November 2017, President Temer issued a new labour law aimed at improving labour conditions in three areas.³⁸⁰³ The new labour law allows pregnant women to request leave, improves

³⁷⁹⁸ Humanitarian assistance to the Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 16 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/mp_mr_180916.aspx

³⁷⁹⁹ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁸⁰⁰ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁸⁰¹ Environmental fines may be converted into recovery actions for degraded areas, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 October 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/10/environmental-fines-may-be-converted-into-recovery-actions-for-degraded-areas>

³⁸⁰² Environmental fines may be converted into recovery actions for degraded areas, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 October 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/10/environmental-fines-may-be-converted-into-recovery-actions-for-degraded-areas>

³⁸⁰³ Government issues executive order adjusting labour rules, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-issues-executive-order-adjusting-labour-rules>

working hours with the “12-36 shift system,” and ameliorates conditions for self-employed and part-time workers.³⁸⁰⁴

On 27 November 2017, during the 2017 Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.³⁸⁰⁵ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.³⁸⁰⁶ The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.³⁸⁰⁷ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.³⁸⁰⁸ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza’s recovery plans.³⁸⁰⁹ IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south during the Expo.³⁸¹⁰

On 30 November 2017, the Ministries of Environment and Tourism, the Chico Mendes Institute for the Conservation of Biodiversity (ICMBio), and the Brazilian Tourism Board signed a new agreement to cooperate in promoting ecotourism in Brazil’s protected areas.³⁸¹¹ The agreement is part of the Brazilian government’s effort to promote sustainable development and educate the population in regards to the importance of conservation.³⁸¹²

On 19 December 2017, Secretary-General of the Presidency Moreira Franco reaffirmed the Brazilian government’s commitment to invest BRL212.4 million in eleven regional airports.³⁸¹³ The

³⁸⁰⁴ Government issues executive order adjusting labour rules, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-issues-executive-order-adjusting-labour-rules>

³⁸⁰⁵ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

³⁸⁰⁶ UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

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³⁸¹¹ Agreement will Promote eco-tourism in Brazil, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 11 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/agreement-will-promote-eco-tourism-in-brazil>

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³⁸¹³ Brazil to Invest R\$ 212.4 million in regional airports, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 19 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/brazil-to-invest-r-212-4-million-in-regional-airports>

investments are part of the Time to Move Forward programme, which aims to address infrastructural deficits.³⁸¹⁴

On 21 December 2017, Brazil hosted the 51st Mercosur trade bloc summit.³⁸¹⁵ The meeting emphasized Brazil's cooperation with the Pacific Alliance formed by Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru, referencing this among other important South-South trade agreements.³⁸¹⁶

On 4 January 2018, the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) committed BRL54 billion in renewable energy related infrastructure to be implemented this year.³⁸¹⁷ According to BNDES, 60 per cent of this amount will be invested in wind and solar power.³⁸¹⁸

On 23 February 2018, Brazil participated in the first session of intergovernmental negotiations on the draft Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration held in New York.³⁸¹⁹ Brazil emphasized that the principle of non-criminalization of migration needs to be a guiding concept in the elaboration of the Compact.³⁸²⁰ It also held the view that it is necessary to broaden the options to legalize the status of illegal immigrants.³⁸²¹

On 1 March 2018, Minister of the Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil presented the work promoted by the Brazilian National Commission for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a ceremony in Brasilia.³⁸²² The minister used the occasion to promote the 2017-2019 Action Plan of the National Commission for the SDGs, which aims to strengthen institutional mechanisms and improve the implementation of the SDGs across ministries and different levels of government.³⁸²³ The plan is comprised of five strategic axes: Management and Governance of the

³⁸¹⁴ Brazil to Invest R\$ 212.4 million in regional airports, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 19 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/brazil-to-invest-r-212-4-million-in-regional-airports>

³⁸¹⁵ New Stage of Mercosur brings more agreements and closer ties with several countries, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/new-stage-of-mercosur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

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³⁸¹⁷ BNDES to finance up to R\$ 54bn in infrastructure by 2019, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2018/01/bndes-to-finance-up-to-r-54bn-in-infrastructure-by-2019>

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³⁸¹⁹ Governments Hold First Negotiation on Migration Compact, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/governments-hold-first-negotiations-on-migration-compact/>

³⁸²⁰ Governments Hold First Negotiation on Migration Compact, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/governments-hold-first-negotiations-on-migration-compact/>

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³⁸²² Brazil Steps up its Efforts to Implement the 2030 Agenda. Localizing the SDGs. 14 March 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <http://localizingthesdgs.org/story/view/184>

³⁸²³ Brazil Steps up its Efforts to Implement the 2030 Agenda. Localizing the SDGs. 14 March 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <http://localizingthesdgs.org/story/view/184>

Commission, Dissemination of the 2030 Agenda, The Brazilian 2030 Agenda, Territorialization and Tracking and Monitoring.³⁸²⁴

On 18 March 2018, Brazil hosted the 8th World Water Forum. The goal of the forum is to enhance dialogue of the decision-making processes of water management at the global level.³⁸²⁵ The forum discussed moving towards implementation, bridging the platform of science and technology to water issues and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.³⁸²⁶ In anticipation of this event, the regional government of Bahia signed a letter of compromise titled “Pact for Water Security in the State of Bahia.”³⁸²⁷

On 4 April 2018, the Brazilian government held an energy auction led by the National Energy Agency (EPE).³⁸²⁸ Luis Augusto Barroso, head of EPE, explained that the auction targets distribution companies that allocate shares of the total energy demand to renewable technologies including wind and solar energy. The goal of the auction is to make national energy demand compatible with the future of energy security.³⁸²⁹ By adopting this strategy, Brazil aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 37 per cent below 2005 levels by 2025, with a subsequent indicative contribution of reducing GHG emissions by 43 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.³⁸³⁰

On 27 July 2018, Prime Minister Temer, along with the other leaders of BRICS, issued the 'Johannesburg Declaration,' underlining their commitment to implement the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.³⁸³¹ In the statement, leaders pledged their support to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) for its role in coordinating and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 agenda, and called upon developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.³⁸³² The Declaration further reaffirms cooperation

³⁸²⁴ Brazil Steps up its Efforts to Implement the 2030 Agenda. Localizing the SDGs. 14 March 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <http://localizingthesdgs.org/story/view/184>

³⁸²⁵ Towards Brasília gathers 550 people in Salvador, World Water Council (Marseille) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/node/764>

³⁸²⁶ Towards Brasília gathers 550 people in Salvador, World Water Council (Marseille) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/node/764>

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³⁸²⁸ There is a Long Positive Road Ahead for Solar in Brazil. Energy Transition The Global Energiewende. 13 April 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <https://energytransition.org/2018/04/there-is-a-long-positive-road-ahead-for-solar-in-brazil/>

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³⁸³¹ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

³⁸³² BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

and collaboration on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable access and benefit sharing of biological resources.³⁸³³

On 16 August 2018, the Ministry of Mines and Energy released the Electric System Monitoring Report, which demonstrated that renewable energy sources accounted for 81.9 per cent of Brazil's installed capacity for energy generation.³⁸³⁴

On 30 August 2018, the Ministry of Health contributed an estimated USD3 million to boosting infrastructure and providing ambulatory equipment in the States of Goiás, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Pará, Pernambuco e Rio Grande do Sul.³⁸³⁵ This action is a response to constitutional amendments that greatly reduced the percentage of the national budget allocated to the provision of Health Care services, affecting the ability of vulnerable populations to access basic health services.³⁸³⁶

On 10 September 2018, jointly with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the Brazilian government launched a program to facilitate the integration of Venezuelan refugees.³⁸³⁷ As of late August 2018, 1099 Venezuelan refugees have been relocated from Roraima to other States.³⁸³⁸ The resettlement process is accompanied by a program to reduce cultural and linguistic differences, connect refugees with potential employers and provide them with the necessary credentials to work legally in Brazil.³⁸³⁹

On 12 September 2018, the Ministry of Defense committed 26,000 military troops to soliciting regional tribunals leading up to the 2018 presidential elections.³⁸⁴⁰ The presence of troops is intended

³⁸³³ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

³⁸³⁴ Renewable Sources Generated 88% of Energy in Brazil in June. Agencia Brazil. 16 August 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <http://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/economia/noticia/2018-08/renewable-sources-generated-88-energy-brazil-june>

³⁸³⁵ Saúde Recebe Reforço R\$ 11milhoes para UPAs e Unidades Especializadas. Governo do Brasil. 31 August 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/saude/2018/08/saude-recebe-reforco-de-r-11-milhoes-para-upas-e-unidades-especializadas>

³⁸³⁶ Brazil's Health Catastrophe in the Making. 20 July 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/saude/2018/08/saude-recebe-reforco-de-r-11-milhoes-para-upas-e-unidades-especializadas>

³⁸³⁷ Governo e órgãos internacionais estimulam contratação de venezuelanos. Governo do Brasil. 11 September 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/cidadania-e-inclusao/2018/09/governo-e-orgaos-internacionais-estimulam-contratacao-de-venezuelanos>

³⁸³⁸ Governo e órgãos internacionais estimulam contratação de venezuelanos. Governo do Brasil. 11 September 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/cidadania-e-inclusao/2018/09/governo-e-orgaos-internacionais-estimulam-contratacao-de-venezuelanos>

³⁸³⁹ Governo e órgãos internacionais estimulam contratação de venezuelanos. Governo do Brasil. 11 September 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/cidadania-e-inclusao/2018/09/governo-e-orgaos-internacionais-estimulam-contratacao-de-venezuelanos>

³⁸⁴⁰ Eleições 2018 serão auxiliadas por mais de 26 mil militares: Tropas asseguram normalidade de votação nos estados que solicitaram a presença das forças armadas. Governo do Brasil. 12 September 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/seguranca-e-justica/2018/09/eleicoes-2018-serao-auxiliadas-por-mais-de-26-mil-militares>

to facilitate the voting process and secure democratic principles of universal suffrage throughout localities.³⁸⁴¹

Brazil has undertaken concrete efforts at the national level to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, through actions including social welfare programs, the improvement of legislation, and infrastructure investment. Brazil has also taken actions at the international level through collaborative programs to commit to achieving the 2030 Agenda, especially through South-South cooperation and trade with other developing economies.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sofia Kavlin

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 1 November 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland announced Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.³⁸⁴² The plan, set to be implemented over the next five years, aims to address social, economic, and political gender inequalities against women and is a part of Canada's 'feminist foreign policy' platform.^{3843,3844} The plan, amongst other goals, will invest CAD450 million in the United Nations Women, Peace, and Security Agenda projects, CAD150 million to support local women's organizations and movements that fight against gender inequality, and CAD650 million into global efforts for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.³⁸⁴⁵ By 2022, the plan aims to ensure that 95 per cent of Global Affairs Canada's investments will "specifically target or integrate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls."³⁸⁴⁶

³⁸⁴¹ Eleições 2018 serao auxiliadas por mais de 26 mil militares: Tropas asseguram normalidade de votacao nos estados que solicitaram a presenca das forcas armadas. Governo do Brasil. 12 September 2018. Access Date 19 September 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/noticias/seguranca-e-justica/2018/09/eleicoes-2018-serao-auxiliadas-por-mais-de-26-mil-militares>

³⁸⁴² Freeland Unveils Government's 5-year Women, Peace, and Security Plan, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Toronto) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-women-peacekeeping-mission-1.4381373>

³⁸⁴³ Freeland Unveils Government's 5-year Women, Peace, and Security Plan, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-women-peacekeeping-mission-1.4381373>

³⁸⁴⁴ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/national_action_plan_wps-plan_national_action_fps.aspx?lang=eng

³⁸⁴⁵ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/national_action_plan_wps-plan_national_action_fps.aspx?lang=eng

³⁸⁴⁶ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/national_action_plan_wps-plan_national_action_fps.aspx?lang=eng

On 16 November 2017, Canada and the United Kingdom jointly announced the formation of the Global Alliance to Power Past Coal.^{3847,3848} The Alliance aims to phase out traditional forms of coal power in favor of new, clean power, to implement policies that will help in doing so, and to cut funding from policies and regulations that promote coal as a source of power.³⁸⁴⁹ By November 2018, the Alliance aims to have 50 partners in total.³⁸⁵⁰

On 20 November 2017, Minister of Natural Resources James Carr announced the Clean Growth Project (CGP), which will provide CAD155 million in funding towards projects and research for “clean technology projects in the areas of energy, mining, and forestry.”³⁸⁵¹ CGP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste, reduce water waste, maintain the safety of water ecosystems, and increase natural energy production.³⁸⁵²

On 20 November 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna and Rwanda’s Minister of Environment Vincent Biruta signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding pledging to cooperate on environmental issues.³⁸⁵³ The two countries pledged to work together on “climate change, the green economy, environmental compliance and enforcement, [and] sustainable urban wetland management,” amongst other environmental commitments.³⁸⁵⁴ Furthermore, the Memorandum of Understanding also includes a commitment to promoting gender equality and the rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as innovative growth.³⁸⁵⁵

On 22 November 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Canada’s new National Housing Strategy.³⁸⁵⁶ The strategy, which aims to “strengthen the middle class, promote sustainable growth for

³⁸⁴⁷ Canada-U.K. Alliance Hopes to Combat Climate Change by Phasing Out Coal, The Toronto Star (Toronto) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/11/16/canada-uk-alliance-hopes-to-combat-climate-change-by-phasing-out-coal.html>

³⁸⁴⁸ Powering Past Coal Alliance Declaration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2016. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/canada-international-action/coal-phase-out/alliance-declaration.html>

³⁸⁴⁹ Powering Past Coal Alliance Declaration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2016. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/canada-international-action/coal-phase-out/alliance-declaration.html>

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³⁸⁵¹ New \$155-Million Clean Growth Program Launched to Address Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html

³⁸⁵² New \$155-Million Clean Growth Program Launched to Address Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html

³⁸⁵³ Canada and Rwanda Agree to Cooperate on Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2017/11/canada_and_rwandaagreeetocooperateonenvironmentalprotectionandcli.html

³⁸⁵⁴ Canada and Rwanda Agree to Cooperate on Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2017/11/canada_and_rwandaagreeetocooperateonenvironmentalprotectionandcli.html

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³⁸⁵⁶ Liberals Detail \$40B for 10-Year National Housing Strategy, Introducing Canada Housing Benefit, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/housing-national-benefit-1.4413615>

Canadians, and lift more Canadians out of poverty,” will provide CAD15.9 billion in funding to repair up to 240,000 community homes and develop up to 60,000 new homes.³⁸⁵⁷ The strategy also aims to cut homelessness by up to 50 per cent.³⁸⁵⁸

On 27 November 2017, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada announced that it would be creating 10,000 paid student internships by 2021.³⁸⁵⁹ The Canadian government will be investing CAD221 million to create these positions.³⁸⁶⁰ The paid internships are intended to prepare students and graduates for jobs in the middle-class workforce and growing the economy.³⁸⁶¹

On 17 January 2018, Minister of International Trade Diversification Jim Carr announced that the Government of Canada will invest CAD6.45 million into six forestry projects in the province of British Columbia.³⁸⁶² The funding will foster innovation in the forestry sector.³⁸⁶³ It will also help to “combat the effects of climate change, create new markets for Canadian forest companies and sustain good, middle-class jobs for Canadians.”³⁸⁶⁴

On 18 January 2018, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Navdeep Bains and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna announced that the Canadian government will divert CAD700 million over five years to the Business Development of Bank of

³⁸⁵⁷ BACKGROUNDER: Canada’s National Housing Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2017/11/backgrounder_canadasnationalhousingstrategy.html

³⁸⁵⁸ Liberals Detail \$40B for 10-Year National Housing Strategy, Introducing Canada Housing Benefit, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/housing-national-benefit-1.4413615>

³⁸⁵⁹ Federal Government Creates 10,000 Paid Internships for Canadian Students and Recent Graduates, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/11/federal_governmentcreates10000paidinternshipsforcanadianstudents.html

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³⁸⁶² Government of Canada Takes Action to Support Innovation in British Columbia’s Forest Sector, Sustain Middle-class Jobs for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 20 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2018/01/government_of_canadatakesactiontosupportinnovationinbritishcolum.html

³⁸⁶³ Government of Canada Takes Action to Support Innovation in British Columbia’s Forest Sector, Sustain Middle-class Jobs for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 20 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2018/01/government_of_canadatakesactiontosupportinnovationinbritishcolum.html

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Canada, in order to aid the innovation of clean technology.³⁸⁶⁵ This initiative aims “to grow Canada’s clean technology industry, protect the environment, and create jobs.”³⁸⁶⁶

On 18 January 2018, Minister Bains and Minister Carr announced the launch of the Clean Growth Hub, which “will focus on supporting companies and projects that produce clean technology, as well as coordinate existing programs and track results.”³⁸⁶⁷

On 24 January 2018, Minister of International Development Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada will invest CAD1.2 million in Dundee Sustainable Technologies, in order to aid the development of cleaner mining practices.³⁸⁶⁸ The funding will go towards the formation of a process that will separate toxic by-products from mining.³⁸⁶⁹

On 21 August 2018, Employment and Social Development Canada announced the launch of Opportunity for All, in which the Canadian government will be investing CAD22 billion to reduce poverty levels by 20 per cent by 2020, with an overall 50 per cent reduction by 2030.³⁸⁷⁰

On 4 September 2018, the Canadian government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.³⁸⁷¹ The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.³⁸⁷² Denmark, Russia, Norway, the United States, China, Iceland, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the European Union approved the draft agreement.³⁸⁷³

³⁸⁶⁵ Government of Canada Investing in Clean Technology, Business Development Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/news_releases/pages/government-canada-investing-clean-technology.aspx

³⁸⁶⁶ Government of Canada Investing in Clean Technology, Business Development Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/news_releases/pages/government-canada-investing-clean-technology.aspx

³⁸⁶⁷ Government of Canada Investing in Clean Technology, Business Development Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/news_releases/pages/government-canada-investing-clean-technology.aspx

³⁸⁶⁸ Investing in Canada’s clean tech ecosystem will promote effective mining waste management while reducing greenhouse gases, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/investing_in_canadascleantechecosystemwillpromoteeffectivemining.html

³⁸⁶⁹ Investing in Canada’s clean tech ecosystem will promote effective mining waste management while reducing greenhouse gases, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/investing_in_canadascleantechecosystemwillpromoteeffectivemining.html

³⁸⁷⁰ Backgrounder: Opportunity for All – Canada’s First Poverty Reduction Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 21 August 2018. Access Date: 19 September 2018. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2018/08/backgrounder-opportunity-for-all--canadas-first-poverty-reduction-strategy.html>

³⁸⁷¹ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

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Through investment in clean energy, gender equality, and economic reforms, as well as cooperation with international agencies and developing countries, Canada has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nadin Ramadan

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 20 July 2017, the State Council Information Office published the National Nutrition Plan, which outlines detailed goals towards the general improvement of national health and nutritional status with a time frame of 2017 to 2030.³⁸⁷⁴ Under the plan, China pledges to decrease anemia rates among children under five years old to 12 per cent.³⁸⁷⁵ The plan also encourages the national agricultural sector to develop organic, green, and pollution-free food, while decreasing the use of oil, salt and sugar in processed foods.³⁸⁷⁶ Furthermore, China pledges to promote research on nutrition legislation and policy-making to ensure the plan's effective execution.³⁸⁷⁷

On 24 August 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published an annual report on the progress of the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³⁸⁷⁸ On international cooperation, China achieved results with its contribution of 5,000 personnel of technical, medical, and other foreign aid experts in developmental projects abroad, benefiting 156 countries.³⁸⁷⁹ China pledged to continue to provide “assistance to the best of its ability within the framework of South-South Cooperation, and support them in its efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve common development.”³⁸⁸⁰

³⁸⁷⁴ 国新办举行《国民营养计划（2017-2030年）》发布会, Xinhua News (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

³⁸⁷⁵ 国新办举行《国民营养计划（2017-2030年）》发布会, Xinhua News (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

³⁸⁷⁶ 国新办举行《国民营养计划（2017-2030年）》发布会, Xinhua News (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

³⁸⁷⁷ China Issues National Nutrition Plan(2017-2030) The State Council (Beijing) July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

³⁸⁷⁸ 中国落实 2030 年可持续发展议程进展报告 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) August 2017. Access Date: 25 November.

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/web/ziliao_674904/zt_674979/dnzt_674981/qtzt/2030kcxzyc_686343/P020170824650025885740.pdf

³⁸⁷⁹ 中国落实 2030 年可持续发展议程进展报告 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) August 2017. Access Date: 25 November.

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³⁸⁸⁰ 中国落实 2030 年可持续发展议程进展报告 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing) August 2017. Access Date: 25 November.

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On 28 August 2017, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) signed a letter of intent in cooperation with Ministry of Science of Technology of China.³⁸⁸¹ In the agreement, UNDP promised to assist China's sustainable development commitment, enabling China to continue its building of 10 national demonstration zones to reduce poverty and improve health, education, and environmental protection.³⁸⁸² China will seek operable policies and experiences that could be implemented through tests in demonstration zones.³⁸⁸³

On 4 September 2017, the Chinese delegation at the 9th BRICS Summit signed four multilateral documents to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.³⁸⁸⁴ The documents were the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.³⁸⁸⁵

On 22 September 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission released a report on China's progress on promoting the use of sustainable energy sources.³⁸⁸⁶ From January 2017 to August 2017, the total investment towards hydropower, nuclear power, and wind power accounted for 71 per cent of the annual national total investment on electricity.³⁸⁸⁷ Compared to the same period of 2016, the investment increased by 3.4 per cent.³⁸⁸⁸

On 23 October 2017, the 19th National Congress laid out China's plan to transform its economy from rapid growth to "high-quality development," meaning that the Chinese government is seeking to switch its priority from economic growth to sustainable development.³⁸⁸⁹ China committed to

³⁸⁸¹ 科技部与联合国开发计划署关于建设国家展示区新示范区的合作意向书 Ministry of Science and Technology (Beijing) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

http://www.most.gov.cn/kjbgz/201708/t20170828_134624.htm

³⁸⁸² 科技部与联合国开发计划署关于建设国家展示区新示范区的合作意向书 Ministry of Science and Technology (Beijing) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

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³⁸⁸³ 国务院关于引领经济新常态 2030 年可持续发展展示区建设方案的通知 State Council (Beijing) 3 December 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2016-12/13/content_5147412.htm

³⁸⁸⁴ Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁸⁸⁵ Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁸⁸⁶ 1-8 月电网工程完成投资同比增长，电源工程完成投资同比下降 National Development and Reform Commission (Beijing) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

http://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fzgggz/gdzctz/tzgz/201709/t20170922_861214.html

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³⁸⁸⁹ Secure a Decisive Victory in Building a Moderately Prosperous Society in All Respects and Strive for the Great Success of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Xi Jinping (Beijing) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/download/Xi_Jinping's_report_at_19th_CPC_National_Congress.pdf

strengthening regulations and monitoring “ecological protection and environmental governance,” in order to improve China’s environmental conditions and contribute reducing the impacts of climate change.³⁸⁹⁰

On 16 November 2017, Premier Li Keqiang announced at the 12th East Asia Summit that China will hold forums on clean and new energy in the near future.³⁸⁹¹ Furthermore, China will initiate talks to address the issue of plastic microbeads in the oceans, looking for answers in international collaboration.³⁸⁹²

On 22 November 2017, China donated USD2 million to the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for children in Somalia affected by drought.³⁸⁹³ Approximately 15,000 children will benefit from China’s donation.³⁸⁹⁴ China’s contributions to Somalia in 2017 also included 2,800 tons of food as humanitarian aid, as well as USD1 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), directed towards aiding internal migrants and refugees in Somalia.³⁸⁹⁵

On 1 January 2018, China introduced an environment tax plan for pollution control.³⁸⁹⁶ The plan would see taxes collected for pollution on a national level based on established rules.³⁸⁹⁷ Besides the establishment of national environmental taxation, China already provides detailed rules on the minimum taxation on each type of pollution.³⁸⁹⁸

On 26 January 2018, during the 48th World Economic Forum, leaders from Alphabet, the Coca-Cola Company, Royal Philips, and Unilever announced the formation of the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE) in partnership with the Governments of China, Indonesia, Rwanda, and Nigeria.³⁸⁹⁹ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently recycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.³⁹⁰⁰

³⁸⁹⁰ Secure a Decisive Victory in Building a Moderately Prosperous Society in All Respects and Strive for the Great Success of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Xi Jinping (Beijing) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/download/Xi_Jinping's_report_at_19th_CPC_National_Congress.pdf

³⁸⁹¹ 李克强在第十二届东亚峰会上的讲话（全文） Xinhua News 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/15/c_1121956535.htm

³⁸⁹² 李克在第十二届峰上的讲话（全文） Xinhua News 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/15/c_1121956535.htm

³⁸⁹³ 中国向联合国儿基会捐款救助索马里儿童 Xinhua News (Beijing) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/22/c_1121993899.htm

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³⁸⁹⁶ 环保税法为绿色展护航 Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

³⁸⁹⁷ 环保税法为绿色展护航 Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

³⁸⁹⁸ 环保税法为绿色展护航 Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

³⁸⁹⁹ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

³⁹⁰⁰ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

On 13 February 2018, the State Council ratified the designation of Shenzhen as a demonstration zone for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.³⁹⁰¹ China will explore policies and systems focusing on environmental recovery, sewage treatment, and comprehensive utilization of waste to identify the most effective policies in each area.³⁹⁰²

On 7 June 2018, the Chinese government completed the “Look Back” inspection project, which monitored the implementation of environmental protection policies in ten provinces of the country. This campaign uncovered 29,245 reports of environmental protection law violations. In the People’s Political Consultative Conference, the Chinese government also issued institutional reforms targeting environmental protection laws for sustainable development.³⁹⁰³

On 10 July 2018, the National People’s Congress Environmental Protection and Resources Conservation Committee of China published a statement on the national determination on “Organic Civilization Construction.” The paper promised to strictly implement under the direct orders of President Xi Jinping and enforce anti-pollution laws and environmental protection.³⁹⁰⁴

On 27 July 2018, President Xi Jinping, along with the other leaders of BRICS, issued the 'Johannesburg Declaration,' underlining their commitment to implement the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.³⁹⁰⁵ In the statement, leaders pledged their support to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) for its role in coordinating and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 agenda, and called upon developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.³⁹⁰⁶ The Declaration further reaffirms cooperation and collaboration on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable access and benefit sharing of biological resources.³⁹⁰⁷

On 3 September 2018, the Chinese government hosted the China-Africa Cooperation Summit. China and 53 African countries published the declaration on the shared goals of China and Africa, expressing intentions to cooperate and willingness to bring the “One Belt One Road” project to Africa for development, while maintaining respect for the national interests and sovereignty of African countries. The parties signed the Beijing Action Plan 2019-2021, which outlined a blueprint

³⁹⁰¹ 国务院关于同意深圳市建设国家可持续发展示范区和新示范区的批复 Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-02/24/content_5268412.htm

³⁹⁰² 国务院关于同意深圳市建设国家可持续发展示范区和新示范区的批复 Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-02/24/content_5268412.htm

³⁹⁰³ “回头看”爆猛料中国保的牙齿“愈加”锋利, Xinhua News (Beijing) 5 July 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/politics/2018-07/05/c_1123080981.htm

³⁹⁰⁴ 关于《全国人民代表大会常委会关于全面加强生态环境保护依法推动打好污染防治攻坚战的决定（草案）》的说明, National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 19 July 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. http://www.npc.gov.cn/npc/xinwen/2018-07/10/content_2057947.htm

³⁹⁰⁵ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

³⁹⁰⁶ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

³⁹⁰⁷ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

for future political, economic and social cooperation in areas such as development and cultural exchange.³⁹⁰⁸³⁹⁰⁹

On 4 September 2018, the Chinese government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.³⁹¹⁰ The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.³⁹¹¹ Denmark, Canada, Norway, the United States, Russia, Iceland, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the European Union approved the draft agreement.³⁹¹²

Through investment in sustainable development projects and innovation, as well as international cooperation and aid provided to developing countries, China has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Leiven He

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 30 June 2017, the Agence du développement française began its project in India to assist the local government in increasing renewable energy resources.³⁹¹³ The objective is to take advantage of India's large hydropower potential.³⁹¹⁴ EUR100 million has been committed to this project, and it is expected to be finished by 30 June 2018.³⁹¹⁵

On 6 July 2017, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot presented the Climate Plan.³⁹¹⁶ Drawn up at the request of the president and prime minister, the Plan calls on all government departments across the board to step up the pace of the energy and climate transition

³⁹⁰⁸ 关于构建更加紧密的中非命运共同体的北京宣言(全文), Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing)

5 September 2018. Access Date: 21 September 2018. <https://focacsummit.mfa.gov.cn/chn/hyqk/t1591944.htm>

³⁹⁰⁹ 中非合作□□-北京行□□划(2019-2021), Foreign Ministry of China (Beijing) 5 September 2018. Access Date: 21 September 2018. <https://focacsummit.mfa.gov.cn/chn/hyqk/t1592247.htm>

³⁹¹⁰ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

³⁹¹¹ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

³⁹¹² The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

³⁹¹³ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

³⁹¹⁴ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

³⁹¹⁵ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

³⁹¹⁶ Climate Plan, Government of France (Paris) 6 July 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/climate-plan>

and of the Paris Agreement's implementation, throughout the five-year term.³⁹¹⁷ The plan also includes the following these goals: 1) developing and subsidizing accessible clean transportation, 2) achieving 100 per cent plastic recycling by 2025, 3) generating carbon-free electricity and eliminating fossil fuel production by 2040, 4) halting imports on products that contribute to deforestation, 5) supporting non-governmental climate advocates, and 6) assist developing countries in the fight against climate change.³⁹¹⁸

On 4 September 2017, the Ministry of Education stated that the education system in France has recently started to go through several changes implemented after President Emmanuel Macron came into office.³⁹¹⁹ One of many changes was the introduction of smaller class sizes at the younger ages of schooling, which, according to studies done, has shown children are more likely to become encouraged to do well in school from the one-on-one interactions they do with their teachers.³⁹²⁰ Primary schools across the country have also lowered the amount of days children are in school for, from 4.5 days to four.³⁹²¹

On 27 October 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food published a press release on its latest actions demonstrating its interest in the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.³⁹²² The release discussed the Ministry's call for projects, announced in September 2017, with a budget of EUR300,000 to increase and conserve genetic diversity in agricultural plants.³⁹²³

On 14 November 2017, President Macron outlined a plan to reduce poverty and unemployment in France's poorest cities, by implementing a revised version of a failed employment plan implemented by prior administrations.³⁹²⁴ The revised plan removes certain application restrictions that previously made it more difficult for impoverished citizens to take part in the plan.³⁹²⁵

³⁹¹⁷ Climate Plan, Government of France (Paris) 6 July 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/climate-plan>

³⁹¹⁸ France plans to end oil and gas production by 2040, Reuters (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 23 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-hydrocarbons/france-plans-to-end-oil-and-gas-production-by-2040-idUSKCN1BH1AQ>

³⁹¹⁹ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

³⁹²⁰ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

³⁹²¹ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

³⁹²² France takes action to preserve cultivated biodiversity, Government of France (Paris) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/france-takes-action-to-preserve-cultivated-biodiversity>

³⁹²³ France takes action to preserve cultivated biodiversity, Government of France (Paris) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/france-takes-action-to-preserve-cultivated-biodiversity>

³⁹²⁴ Macron in poorest French cities, fights 'president of the rich' tag, Radio France Internationale (Paris) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://en.rfi.fr/france/20171114-macron-visits-france-s-poorest-cities-fights-president-rich-label>

³⁹²⁵ Macron in poorest French cities, fights 'president of the rich' tag, Radio France Internationale (Paris) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://en.rfi.fr/france/20171114-macron-visits-france-s-poorest-cities-fights-president-rich-label>

On 20 December 2017, Parliament passed a law to end the production of fossil fuels in France by 2040.³⁹²⁶ The law reiterates President Macron's earlier commitment to shift to an exclusively green energy sector by 2040.³⁹²⁷

On 24 January 2018, the Public Treasury launched the first French sovereign green bond with a maturity period of 22 years.³⁹²⁸ The Green Obligations Assimilables du Trésor (OAT) was issued at EUR7 billion, and is the largest and longest-dated green bond ever issued.³⁹²⁹ With regards to the commitments France made to implement the Paris Agreement under the terms of the Energy Transition and Green Growth Act, France's Green OAT will fund central government budget expenditure under the "Invest for the Future" programme to fight climate change, adapt to climate change, protect biodiversity and fight pollution.³⁹³⁰

On 4 July 2018, the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition presented the biodiversity plan created by the French government, announcing that EUR600 million will be dedicated to scale down the environmental changes across territories throughout the next 4 years. This plan will also provide aid in the form of indicators and maps, which will enable the close monitoring of biodiversity. The six focuses of the plan intend to have a 100 per cent sustainable recycling system by 2025.³⁹³¹

On 19 July 2018, in celebration of the Armistice of 1918, the French government announced its commitment to the launch of the Paris Peace Forum, which aims to become an annual exchange of ideas and initiatives regarding global governments, encompassing themes of peace and security, environment, development, new technologies and promoting inclusive economies.³⁹³²

On 22 August 2018, the Prime Minister's office shared information on the New Digital Regulations convention that was launched in July 2018. The goal of the convention is to adapt the digital strategy and provide a framework for contributions to international discussions. This is to be done by promoting free, open, interoperable and innovative digital technology, in order to ensure human advancement such that men and women alike will be empowered through education while working and being able to exercise their fundamental freedoms.

³⁹²⁶ France bans fracking and oil extraction in all of its territories, The Guardian (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/dec/20/france-bans-fracking-and-oil-extraction-in-all-of-its-territories>

³⁹²⁷ France plans to end oil and gas production by 2040, Reuters (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 23 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-hydrocarbons/france-plans-to-end-oil-and-gas-production-by-2040-idUSKCN1BH1AQ>

³⁹²⁸ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

³⁹²⁹ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

³⁹³⁰ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

³⁹³¹ Unprecedented mobilisation to protect biodiversity, Government of France (Paris) 4 July 2018, Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/unprecedented-mobilisation-to-protect-biodiversity>

³⁹³² Paris Peace Forum call for projects to further good governance, Government of France (Paris) 19 July 2018, Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/paris-peace-forum-call-for-projects-to-further-good-governance>

On 1 September 2018, the French government banned the use of five neonicotinoid (NNI) insecticide substances, which have extremely harmful effects on the environment. NNI specifically harms pollinators, including bees, and thus poses a threat to ecosystems across France.³⁹³³

On 3 September 2018, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian unveiled the new plan which includes increasing development aid by EUR1 Billion in 2019. Minister Le Drian stated that it is necessary for those in a higher tier of the power dynamic to aid those in need. The continent of Africa and the least developed countries will be the priority receivers of the funding.³⁹³⁴

Through transformative efforts in education, food security and sustainability, protection of biodiversity and investing in developing countries, France has committed to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals both domestically and internationally.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sila Naz Elgin

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international level including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 24 July 2017, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture committed EUR537,000 to improve the sustainability of German agriculture, by expanding the availability of pesticides for small crops and agriculture.³⁹³⁵

On 8 August 2017, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture published a brochure to educate the agricultural and forestry sectors in the best practices for the prevention and settlement of infrastructure damage due to extreme weather.³⁹³⁶

On 11 September 2017, Minister of Development Gerd Müller signed an agreement with the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences to train 25 African students in post-graduate agricultural programs on sustainable farming techniques.³⁹³⁷

On 21 September 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR1.8 million in funding to assist Bangladesh in infrastructure and agricultural reconstruction after an unusually strong monsoon.³⁹³⁸

³⁹³³ Ban on neonicotinoid insecticides France is leading the way in Europe, Government of France (Paris) 4 September 2018, Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/ban-on-neonicotinoid-insecticides-france-is-leading-the-way-in-europe>

³⁹³⁴ Development aid set to increase by EU, Government of France (Paris) 5 September 2018, Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/development-aid-set-to-increase-by-eu1bn-in-2019>

³⁹³⁵ Bundeslandwirtschaftsministerium verlängert Förderung des Lückenindikations-Vorhabens, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/064-Lueckenindikationsvorhaben.html>.

³⁹³⁶ Schmidt: "Forschung, Prävention und Hilfe - damit Schäden durch Extremwetterereignisse bestenfalls vermieden werden und Hilfe bereitsteht, wenn Schäden auftreten", Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/067-BroschuereExtremwetterlagen.html>.

³⁹³⁷ German know-how for Africa's agriculture, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. https://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170911_pm_098_German-know-how-for-Africas-agriculture/index.html.

On 27 September 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation committed USD19 million to assist the Dominican Republic rebuild resilient infrastructure in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.³⁹³⁹

On 5 October 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development signed a joint declaration with the Union for the Mediterranean, committing EUR2 million to develop employment opportunities for young women and men in the Mediterranean region.³⁹⁴⁰

On 10 October 2017, Minister Müller signed agreements with Egyptian Investment Minister Sahar Nasr committing EUR320 million to assist Egyptian employment, energy, and education projects.³⁹⁴¹

On 15 October 2017, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid Bärbel Kofler reiterated Germany's commitment to continue fighting global hunger and pointed to EUR633 million spent by Germany in 2017 so far.³⁹⁴²

On 18 October 2017, Minister Müller announced to the World Health Summit of the African Association of German Industry that Germany will continue to support improvements in African health care, including through 51 German hospital partnerships in Africa established in the past year.³⁹⁴³

On 1 November 2017, Minister of the Economy and Energy Brigitte Zypries committed EUR5.2 million to the construction of the "Mittelstand 4.0 Competence Center for Planning and Building," one of twenty such centers designed to support medium-sized businesses in digital innovation.³⁹⁴⁴

³⁹³⁸ Reconstruction after heavy monsoon rainfall in Bangladesh, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.
http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170921_pm_103_Reconstruction-after-heavy-monsoon-rainfall-in-Bangladesh/index.html.

³⁹³⁹ Verwüstete Karibikinsel Dominica erhält Soforthilfe von Klimarisikoversicherung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) Access Date: 6 November 2017.
http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170927_pm_104_Hurrikan-Maria-Dominica-erhaelt-Soforthilfe-von-Klimarisikoversicherung/index.jsp.

³⁹⁴⁰ Germany and UfM join forces to tackle un-employment and promote trade in the Mediterranean, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.
http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/oktober/171005_pm_105_Germany-and-UfM-join-forces-to-tackle-unemployment-and-promote-trade-in-the-Mediterranean/index.html.

³⁹⁴¹ Egypt, Germany sign deals worth 320 million euros to support Cairo's economic reforms, Ahram Online (Cairo) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.
<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/3/12/278571/Business/Economy/Egypt,-Germany-sign-deals-worth--million-euros-to-.aspx>.

³⁹⁴² Welternährungstag am 16.10.17, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Infoservice/Presse/Meldungen/2017/171015_MRHH_Kofler_Welternaehrungstag.html.

³⁹⁴³ Ausbildung für eine bessere Gesundheitsversorgung in Afrika, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.
http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/oktober/171018_Ausbildung_fuer_eine_bessere_Gesundheit_sversorgung_in_Afrika/index.jsp.

³⁹⁴⁴ Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Planen und Bauen heute gestartet, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017.
<http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171101-mittelstand-40-kompetenzzentrum-planen-und-bauen-heute-gestartet.html>.

On 3 November 2017, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development committed to assisting Ethiopia in increasing employment through vocational training, and in becoming resistant to drought through resilient infrastructure and agricultural practices.³⁹⁴⁵

On 6 November 2017, Minister for the Environment Barbara Hendricks opened the 23rd World Climate Conference in Bonn and recommitted to the Paris Agreement and its 1.5 °C global warming target.³⁹⁴⁶ Minister Hendricks also committed EUR50 million in funding for the Adaptation Fund.³⁹⁴⁷ The Adaptation Fund assists developing countries in financing climate adaptation and resilience projects.³⁹⁴⁸

On 6 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR50 million in funding for the Least Developed Countries Fund.³⁹⁴⁹ The Least Developed Countries Fund assists developing countries vulnerable to climate change fund resilience projects.³⁹⁵⁰

On 10 November 2017, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture Peter Bleser committed EUR500,000 to facilitate international cooperation in the adaptation to, and mitigation of, climate change in the agricultural sector.³⁹⁵¹

On 14 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR31 million to the Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership.³⁹⁵² The Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership provides financial support for developing countries in meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement.³⁹⁵³

³⁹⁴⁵ Stabilisierung durch Beschäftigung und Widerstandsfähigkeit gegen Dürre, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 3 November 2017.

http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171103_Aethiopien-Stabilisierung-durch-Beschaeftigung-und-Widerstandsfaehigkeit-gegen-Duerre/index.jsp.

³⁹⁴⁶ Eröffnungsrede zur 23. Weltklimakonferenz, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.

<https://www.bmub.bund.de/rede/eroeffnungsrede-zur-23-weltklimakonferenz/>.

³⁹⁴⁷ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171106_pm_118_UN-Climate-Change-Conference-begins-Germany-supports-developing-countries-in-climate-change-adaptation/index.html.

³⁹⁴⁸ About the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/about/>.

³⁹⁴⁹ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171106_pm_118_UN-Climate-Change-Conference-begins-Germany-supports-developing-countries-in-climate-change-adaptation/index.html.

³⁹⁵⁰ Least Developed Countries Fund – LDCF, Global Environment Facility (Washington, D.C.). Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.thegef.org/about/organization>.

³⁹⁵¹ Klimaschutz und Ernährungssicherung in fairen Ausgleich bringen, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/100-FoerderungWissensplattform.html>.

³⁹⁵² One year of the NDC Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171114_pm_123_One-year-of-the-NDC-Partnership-new-members-and-more-funds-for-climate-action-at-COP23/index.html.

³⁹⁵³ One year of the NDC Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171114_pm_123_One-year-of-the-NDC-Partnership-new-members-and-more-funds-for-climate-action-at-COP23/index.html.

On 15 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR12 million to the Blue Action Fund.³⁹⁵⁴ The Blue Action Fund is a German governmental organization which works to protect oceans and coastlines in developing countries through financial assistance to national and international non-governmental organizations.³⁹⁵⁵

On 23 November 2017, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development committed EUR10 million to fighting violence against women and girls in the countries of South Africa, Lesotho, and Zambia.³⁹⁵⁶

On 25 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR45 million to assist developing countries train technicians in sustainable refrigeration, so as to reach their ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbon reduction targets under the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances.³⁹⁵⁷

On 28 November 2017, Germany committed EUR300 thousand to the International Criminal Court Trust Fund for Victims, an organization dedicated to assisting victims of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.³⁹⁵⁸ This act demonstrates Germany's commitment to global access to justice.³⁹⁵⁹

On 12 December 2017, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr. Friedrich Kitschelt committed EUR100 million to assist Ghana in the creation of private-sector employment and renewable energy production.³⁹⁶⁰

On 13 December 2017, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development opened a migration advisory center in Accra, Ghana, and committed EUR5 million to the project.³⁹⁶¹

³⁹⁵⁴ Deutschland setzt sich für besseren Schutz der Ozeane ein, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171115_pm_125_Deutschland-setzt-sich-fuer-besseren-Schutz-der-Ozeane-ein/index.jsp.

³⁹⁵⁵ About, Blue Action Fund (Frankfurt Am Main). Access Date: 31 December 2017. <http://www.blueactionfund.org/about/>.

³⁹⁵⁶ Maria Furtwängler und Gerd Müller: Gewalt gegen Frauen und Mädchen verhindern, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171123_pm_127_Maria-Furtwaengler-und-Gerd-Mueller-Gewalt-gegen-Frauen-und-Maedchen-verhindern/index.jsp.

³⁹⁵⁷ Bundesregierung baut Unterstützung von Klima- und Ozonschutz in Entwicklungsländern aus, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171125_pm_128_Bundesregierung-baut-Unterstuetzung-von-Entwicklungslaendern-zum-Klima-und-Ozonschutz-aus/index.jsp.

³⁹⁵⁸ Germany contributes €300,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims, The Trust Fund for Victims (The Hague) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/germany-contributes-%E2%82%AC300000-trust-fund-victims>.

³⁹⁵⁹ Germany contributes €300,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims, The Trust Fund for Victims (The Hague) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/germany-contributes-%E2%82%AC300000-trust-fund-victims>.

³⁹⁶⁰ Bei den energiebedingten CO₂-Emissionen rechnet die AG Energiebilanzen mit einer stagnierenden Entwicklung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171212_pm_132_Staatssekretaer-Kitschelt-gibt-Startschuss-fuer-die-Reformpartnerschaft-mit-Ghana/index.jsp.

³⁹⁶¹ Deutschland und Ghana eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Accra, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171213_pm_134_Deutschland-und-Ghana-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Accra/index.jsp.

Migration advisory centers work to create economic opportunities, discourage illegal migration, and assist economic reintegration of returnees.³⁹⁶²

On 23 January 2018, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development opened a migration advisory center in Dakar, Senegal, and committed EUR5.6 million to the project.³⁹⁶³

On 7 February 2018, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy committed EUR4.4 million for the construction of a “Mittelstand 4.0 Competence center” in Siegen.³⁹⁶⁴ The center is designed to assist small and medium-sized enterprises in South Westphalia digitalize.³⁹⁶⁵

On 7 February 2018, the Social Democratic Party and the Christian Democrat Union jointly approved an agreement to form a coalition government, pending approval of the Social Democratic Party membership.³⁹⁶⁶ The agreement included commitments to EUR5.95 billion in education, EUR12 billion in family, child, and social measures, EUR4 billion in social housing, cancelling arms deals to countries involved in the Yemen conflict, phasing out coal-fired power generation, and maintaining a balanced budget.³⁹⁶⁷ On 4 March 2018, the Social Democratic Party membership formally endorsed the agreement.³⁹⁶⁸

On 14 February 2018, Minister Müller committed to opening migration advisory centers in Baghdad and Erbil, Iraq.³⁹⁶⁹ These centers will assist Iraqi refugees in Germany return to Iraq.³⁹⁷⁰

³⁹⁶² Deutschland und Ghana eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Accra, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171213_pm_134_Deutschland-und-Ghana-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Accra/index.jsp.

³⁹⁶³ Deutschland und Senegal eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Dakar, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 January 2018. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/januar/180123_pm_004_Deutschland-und-Senegal-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Dakar/index.jsp.

³⁹⁶⁴ Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär Wiese eröffnet Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Siegen, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180207-parlamentarischer-staatssekretaer-wiese-eroeffnet-mittelstand-4-0-kompetenzzentrum-siegen.html>.

³⁹⁶⁵ Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär Wiese eröffnet Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Siegen, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180207-parlamentarischer-staatssekretaer-wiese-eroeffnet-mittelstand-4-0-kompetenzzentrum-siegen.html>.

³⁹⁶⁶ Germany's parties reach grand coalition deal, Financial Times (London) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.ft.com/content/7469ad50-0be3-11e8-8eb7-42f857ea9f09>.

³⁹⁶⁷ Factbox: Main points of German coalition agreement, Reuters (London) 4 March 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-germany-politics-pact/factbox-main-points-of-german-coalition-agreement-idUSKBN1GG0GY>.

³⁹⁶⁸ Germany coalition deal: Merkel set to lead fourth government, BBC News (London) 4 March 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-43276732>.

³⁹⁶⁹ Entwicklungsminister Müller fordert stärkere internationale Solidarität und verbesserte Investitionsbedingungen, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/februar/180214_pm_011_Mueller-internationale-Solidaritaet-bessere-Investitionsbedingungen-fuer-Irak/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷⁰ Entwicklungsminister Müller fordert stärkere internationale Solidarität und verbesserte Investitionsbedingungen, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/februar/180214_pm_011_Mueller-internationale-Solidaritaet-bessere-Investitionsbedingungen-fuer-Irak/index.jsp.

On 5 April 2018, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development opened “Siegelklarheit.de,” an online portal to help consumers identify legitimate environmental and social accreditation labels.³⁹⁷¹

On 9 April 2018, Parliamentary State Secretary for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr. Maria Flachsbarth committed EUR5 million in scholarships for qualified African women with financial need to pursue master’s degrees in STEM fields.³⁹⁷²

On 12 April 2018, Parliamentary State Secretary for Economic Cooperation and Development Norbert Barthle committed EUR12,000 to assist the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance research best sanitation practices for emergency and refugee situations.³⁹⁷³

On 25 April 2018, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development committed EUR420 million over four years to the Global Environment Facility.³⁹⁷⁴ The Global Environment Facility promotes marine and forest conservation, food security, and climate-friendly urban development.³⁹⁷⁵

On 27 June 2018, Minister Müller called upon the European Union to double its investment in Africa, funded by a financial transaction tax, in order to tackle the core causes of African refugee crises.³⁹⁷⁶

On 28 June 2018, Minister Müller announced that Germany, in partnership with Norway, will financially compensate Ecuador for proven reductions in domestic deforestation.³⁹⁷⁷

³⁹⁷¹ Fairhandels-Messe in Stuttgart: Entwicklungsministerium will mehr Anreize für nachhaltigen Konsum, federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 5 April 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/april/180405_Fairhandels-Messe-in-Stuttgart-mehr-Anreize-fuer-nachhaltigen-Konsum/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷² Neues BMZ-Stipendienprogramm mit der Ostafrikanischen Gemeinschaft, federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 9 April 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/april/180409_Neues-BMZ-Stipendienprogramm-mit-der-Ostafrikanischen-Gemeinschaft/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷³ Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär Barthle eröffnet Forum von Sanitätsexperten der Not- und Übergangshilfe wie auch der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 12 April 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/april/180412_PSt_Barthle-eroeffnet-Forum-von-Sanitaerexperten-der-Not-und-Uebergangshilfe/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷⁴ Deutschland stellt neue Mittel für internationalen Umwelt- und Ressourcenschutz bereit, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 25 April 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/april/180425_Deutschland-stellt-neue-Mittel-fuer-internationalen-Umwelt-und-Ressourcenschutz-bereit/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷⁵ Deutschland stellt neue Mittel für internationalen Umwelt- und Ressourcenschutz bereit, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 25 April 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/april/180425_Deutschland-stellt-neue-Mittel-fuer-internationalen-Umwelt-und-Ressourcenschutz-bereit/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷⁶ Entwicklungsminister Müller fordert Verdopplung der EU-Afrika-Mittel um Flüchtlingskrise zu begegnen, federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 27 June 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/juni/180627_Treffen-mit-EU-Kommissar-Mimica/index.jsp.

³⁹⁷⁷ Deutschland, Norwegen und Ecuador vereinbaren innovative Partnerschaft, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 28 June 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/juni/180628_Deutschland-Norwegen-Ecuador-vereinbaren-Partnerschaft/index.jsp.

On 13 August 2018, Minister for Foreign Affairs Heiko Maas committed EUR250 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees for regional programs, including EUR140 million earmarked for Syria and its neighbouring countries.³⁹⁷⁸

On 14 August 2018, Minister of Transport Andreas Scheuer committed EUR130 million to assist German municipalities improve their public transportation and combat air pollution.³⁹⁷⁹

On 14 August 2018, Minister of Food and Agriculture Julia Klöckner committed EUR3 million to improve healthy, nutritional programs for senior citizens.³⁹⁸⁰

On 5 September 2018, the Federal Ministry for Economics Development and Cooperation committed EUR10 million to restore access to jobs and social services for victims of flooding in southern Laos.³⁹⁸¹

On 7 September 2018, Minister Müller committed EUR13.5 million to assist the UN Children's Fund in providing education programs in Jordan, and called on other countries to commit funds to fill the EUR9 million gap in UNICEF funding.³⁹⁸²

Through international investments in the fields of agricultural innovation, economic development, climate change, disaster preparedness, gender equality, among other areas; and through domestic investments in renewable energy production, economic growth, and agricultural innovation, Germany has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

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India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 17 July 2017, India launched its first solar-powered diesel-electric multiple unit train as part of its initiative to replace diesel with solar panels in powering train systems and components such as air

³⁹⁷⁸ Unterstützung für das Flüchtlingshilfswerk der Vereinten Nationen, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 13 August 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/aussenpolitik/themen/migration/-/2126458>.

³⁹⁷⁹ Weitere 130 Millionen Euro für saubere Luft und modernen ÖPNV, Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (Berlin) 14 August 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/weitere-130-millionen-euro-fuer-saubere-luft-und-modernen-oepnv/>.

³⁹⁸⁰ Klöckner: "Neue Ernährungsinitiative für Seniorinnen und Senioren wird mit drei Millionen Euro gefördert!", Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 14 August 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2018/098-Seniorenernaehrung.html>.

³⁹⁸¹ Laos: Deutschland hilft nach Flutschäden, Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (Bonn) 5 September 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/september/180905_Laos-Deutschland-hilft-nach-Flutschaeden/index.jsp.

³⁹⁸² Kürzungen bei Schulprogrammen in Jordanien: Minister Gerd Müller mahnt Weltgemeinschaft zu Unterstützung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 7 September 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/september/180907_UNICEF-Kuerzungen-Schulprogramme-in-Jordanien/index.html.

conditioning and lights.³⁹⁸³ The trains are estimated to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by nine tonnes per coach each year.³⁹⁸⁴

On 4 September 2017, the Indian Delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.³⁹⁸⁵ The documents signed include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.³⁹⁸⁶

On 6 October 2017, India and the European Union issued a joint statement on clean energy, pledging to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³⁹⁸⁷ This coalition targets a range of issues, including increased energy efficiency, the integration of renewable energy in the electricity system, and the deployment of offshore wind with an aim to develop an electricity system which can integrate renewable energy.³⁹⁸⁸

On 30 October 2017, India signed six agreements to increase trade with Italy.³⁹⁸⁹ Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni to discuss the trade deals to improve cooperation in sectors such as energy and anti-terrorism.³⁹⁹⁰ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.³⁹⁹¹

On 6 November 2017, during the 2017 Pledging Conference for Development Activities, India announced a multi-year contribution of USD100 million to the India-United Nations Development

³⁹⁸³ Renewable Energy Projects in India, Europe Seek to Accelerate Low-carbon Energy Transition, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 7 November 2017.

³⁹⁸⁴ Renewable Energy Projects in India, Europe Seek to Accelerate Low-carbon Energy Transition, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 7 November 2017.

³⁹⁸⁵ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁹⁸⁶ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

³⁹⁸⁷ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

³⁹⁸⁸ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

³⁹⁸⁹ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

³⁹⁹⁰ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

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Partnership Fund to help developing countries increase the quality of life and diminish poverty.³⁹⁹² The fund, launched on 8 June 2017, is managed by the UN Office of South-South Cooperation.³⁹⁹³ It focuses on the developing countries and small island states.³⁹⁹⁴ This contribution comes in addition to the USD10 million that India is contributing to other UN programs in areas of development and food security.³⁹⁹⁵

On 10 November 2017, the Cabinet agreed on the restructuring of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme and approved the provision of INR230 billion to the programme until 2019-2020.³⁹⁹⁶ The updated programme will cover all the rural population across the country and be more flexible, result-oriented, and competitive, enabling the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to reach the goal of increasing the coverage of sustainable piped water supply.³⁹⁹⁷

On 27 November 2017, during the Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.³⁹⁹⁸ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.³⁹⁹⁹ The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.⁴⁰⁰⁰ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.⁴⁰⁰¹ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.⁴⁰⁰²

³⁹⁹² India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmoFJ.html>

³⁹⁹³ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmoFJ.html>

³⁹⁹⁴ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmoFJ.html>

³⁹⁹⁵ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmoFJ.html>

³⁹⁹⁶ Nod for rural water plan revamp, The Times of India (New Delhi) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/nod-for-rural-water-plan-revamp/articleshow/61601959.cms>

³⁹⁹⁷ Nod for rural water plan revamp, The Times of India (New Delhi) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/nod-for-rural-water-plan-revamp/articleshow/61601959.cms>

³⁹⁹⁸ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6d-nFPY>

³⁹⁹⁹ UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

⁴⁰⁰⁰ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6d-nFPY>

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During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south.⁴⁰⁰³

On 1 December 2017, India launched a National Strategic Plan 2017-24 to eradicate HIV/AIDS by 2030.⁴⁰⁰⁴ India is particularly committed to fighting AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).⁴⁰⁰⁵ The Indian government's current focus is preventing the transmission of HIV and syphilis from mother to child.⁴⁰⁰⁶

On 15-16 January 2018, the International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure took place in New Delhi, India.⁴⁰⁰⁷ The workshop is a collaborative effort between the National Disaster Management Authority and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.⁴⁰⁰⁸ During the workshop, Minister of Home Rajnath Singh expressed India's desire to lead a global coalition on reducing damage to critical infrastructure.⁴⁰⁰⁹ India is currently investing in efforts to meet the SDGs by 2030, when a projected 40 per cent of the population will be living in cities.⁴⁰¹⁰

On 1 February 2018, Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley released the national budget, which allocates INR12 billion to implementing a health protection scheme targeted at 100 million poor and vulnerable families.⁴⁰¹¹ The program offers reimbursements of up to INR500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care, for up to 500 million beneficiaries.⁴⁰¹² However, the annual spending on children has decreased in comparison to previous years.⁴⁰¹³ Children are allocated to receive 3.24 per cent of the financial resources of the 2018 budget, which is 0.08 per cent less than in 2017.⁴⁰¹⁴

On 19 March 2018, the International Solar Alliance (ISA), an organization launched by Prime Minister Modi and the former French President François Hollande, held its inaugural conference in

⁴⁰⁰³ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6d-nFPY>

⁴⁰⁰⁴ India's commitment to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic, The Pharma Letter (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 16 December 20. <https://www.thepharmaletter.com/article/india-s-commitment-to-ending-the-aids-epidemic>.

⁴⁰⁰⁵ India's commitment to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic, The Pharma Letter (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 16 December 20. <https://www.thepharmaletter.com/article/india-s-commitment-to-ending-the-aids-epidemic>.

⁴⁰⁰⁶ India's commitment to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic, The Pharma Letter (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 16 December 20. <https://www.thepharmaletter.com/article/india-s-commitment-to-ending-the-aids-epidemic>

⁴⁰⁰⁷ India Workshop Addresses Infrastructure Resilience (Winnipeg) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-workshop-addresses-infrastructure-resilience/>

⁴⁰⁰⁸ India Workshop Addresses Infrastructure Resilience (Winnipeg) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-workshop-addresses-infrastructure-resilience/>

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⁴⁰¹¹ India Says it will Fund the World's Largest National Health Programme, Quartz (New Delhi) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 24 February 2018. <https://qz.com/1195302/budget-2018-india-says-it-will-fund-the-worlds-largest-national-health-programme/>

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⁴⁰¹³ How the Union Budget Fails India's Children, News Click (New Delhi) 10 February 2018. Access Date: 24 February 2018. <https://newslick.in/how-union-budget-fails-indias-children>

⁴⁰¹⁴ How the Union Budget Fails India's Children, News Click (New Delhi) 10 February 2018. Access Date: 24 February 2018. <https://newslick.in/how-union-budget-fails-indias-children>

New Delhi.⁴⁰¹⁵ The ISA's Interim Director-General Upendra Tripathy signed joint declarations with the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), furthering the organization's commitment to accelerate the deployment and reduction of solar costs in developing countries.⁴⁰¹⁶

On 14 April 2018, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the first healthcare and wellness center under Ayushman Bharat Yojna, also known as the National Health Protection Scheme.⁴⁰¹⁷ The scheme aims to create a network of health and wellness centers that will provide primary health care services to communities and provide coverage to up to 40 per cent of India's populations.⁴⁰¹⁸

On 19 April 2018, Prime Minister Modi pledged an additional USD50 million to projects in Commonwealth countries under the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.⁴⁰¹⁹ The fund aims to catalyze the implementation of the SDGs in developing countries in the Commonwealth.⁴⁰²⁰

On 5 June 2018, India announced a plan to phase out single-use plastics in the country by 2022.⁴⁰²¹ The Indian government plans to establish a national and regional marine litter action campaign, as well as a program to measure marine plastic in coastal waters.⁴⁰²²

On 8 June 2018, UN announced that the India-UN Development Partnership Fund has supported 22 SDG-related projects in its first year of operation.⁴⁰²³ Its contributions include early climate warning systems in Pacific countries and governance projects in Africa and Latin America.⁴⁰²⁴

⁴⁰¹⁵ International Solar Alliance Holds Founding Conference (Winnipeg) 5 April 2018. Access Date: 26 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/international-solar-alliance-holds-founding-conference/>

⁴⁰¹⁶ International Solar Alliance Holds Founding Conference (Winnipeg) 5 April 2018. Access Date: 26 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/international-solar-alliance-holds-founding-conference/>

⁴⁰¹⁷ PM Modi rolls out Ayushman Bharat scheme, inaugurates first health centre, Times of India (Mumbai) 14 April 2018. Access Date: 23 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/pm-modi-rolls-out-ayushman-bharat-scheme-inaugurates-first-health-centre/articleshow/63760067.cms>

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⁴⁰¹⁹ India intensifies development cooperation with Commonwealth countries through a US\$50 million dedicated Commonwealth window to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, United Nations Development Programme (New York) 19 April 2018. Access Date: 22 August 2018. <https://www.unsouthsouth.org/2018/04/19/india-intensifies-development-cooperation-with-commonwealth-countries-through-a-us50-million-dedicated-commonwealth-window-to-the-india-un-development-partnership-fund/>

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⁴⁰²¹ On World Environment Day, Governments Announce Bans on Single-Use Plastics (Winnipeg) 7 June 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/on-world-environment-day-governments-announce-bans-on-single-use-plastics/>

⁴⁰²² On World Environment Day, Governments Announce Bans on Single-Use Plastics (Winnipeg) 7 June 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/on-world-environment-day-governments-announce-bans-on-single-use-plastics/>

⁴⁰²³ India-UN Fund Supports 22 Projects for SDG Implementation in First Year (Winnipeg) 12 June 2018. Access Date: 24 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-un-fund-supports-22-projects-for-sdg-implementation-in-first-year/>

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On 27 July 2018, Prime Minister Modi, along with the other leaders of BRICS, issued the 'Johannesburg Declaration,' underlining their commitment to implement the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.⁴⁰²⁵ In the statement, leaders pledged their support to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) for its role in coordinating and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 agenda, and called upon developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.⁴⁰²⁶ The Declaration further reaffirms cooperation and collaboration on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable access and benefit sharing of biological resources.⁴⁰²⁷

On 14 August 2018, India published the first-ever progress report under the Bonn Challenge, an international initiative aiming to restore 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030.⁴⁰²⁸ Co-published by the India Country Office of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, the report titled 'Bonn Challenge and India: Progress on Restoration Efforts across States and Landscapes' highlights the country's current progress and notes that additional efforts are needed.⁴⁰²⁹ The report states that India restored approximately 9.8 million hectares of degraded land between 2011 and 2017, of which nearly 95 per cent of the restoration activities were led by government agencies. The report concludes that the country is appropriately positioned to achieve its commitment pledge of restoring 13 million hectares of degraded land by 2020, and an additional 8 million hectares by 2030.⁴⁰³⁰

Through extensive investment and commitments to improving clean energy and the quality of life, as well as international cooperation to assist developing countries, India has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nammal Khan

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 18 July 2017, during the High-Level Political Forum in New York, the Ministry of National Development Planning published a report in partnership with the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF):

⁴⁰²⁵ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

⁴⁰²⁶ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

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⁴⁰²⁸ India Presents the First Bonn Challenge Country Progress Report (Winnipeg) 16 August 2018. Access Date: 26 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-presents-the-first-bonn-challenge-country-progress-report/>

⁴⁰²⁹ India Presents the First Bonn Challenge Country Progress Report (Winnipeg) 16 August 2018. Access Date: 26 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-presents-the-first-bonn-challenge-country-progress-report/>

⁴⁰³⁰ India Presents the First Bonn Challenge Country Progress Report (Winnipeg) 16 August 2018. Access Date: 26 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-presents-the-first-bonn-challenge-country-progress-report/>

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia.⁴⁰³¹ The report showcased Indonesia's progress in developing a sustainable future for children, specifically through establishing a baseline to monitor the progress on key SDGs.⁴⁰³² In its commitment to reduce child poverty and all forms of violence against children, the Indonesian government stated that "in 2018, several districts will introduce universal child grants for young children, [in] a new approach to provide social protection for children."⁴⁰³³

On 19 July 2017, the National Board of Zakat, responsible for disbursing funds to the poor in Indonesia, agreed to extend its contribution to supporting the achievement of SDGs in Indonesia.⁴⁰³⁴ Through the collaboration with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the implementation of Islamic Finance, the Indonesian government can apply Zakat, a form of almsgiving, towards local SDG plans in underdeveloped communities.⁴⁰³⁵ The first contribution will be assisting the development of a micro hydropower plant in Sumatra island's Jambi province.⁴⁰³⁶

On 1 July 2017, the Ministry of Health launched a mobile health initiative called Hibiscus, in an effort to increase access to health care to residents.⁴⁰³⁷ Hibiscus "aims to deliver quality services, such as antenatal care, HIV testing, mammograms, immunization, blood pressure screenings and health education, directly to the more than 120,000 local residents."⁴⁰³⁸

On 5-8 September 2017, the 48th Pacific Islands Forum leaders' summit was held in Apia, Samoa.⁴⁰³⁹ At this summit, Indonesia restated its commitment to assisting the development of other Pacific island nations.⁴⁰⁴⁰ Director of Technical Cooperation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

⁴⁰³¹ SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

⁴⁰³² SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

⁴⁰³³ SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

⁴⁰³⁴ Indonesia's National Zakat Body extends first contribution to support SDGs, United Nations Development Programme (New York) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017.

<http://www.id.undp.org/content/indonesia/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/07/19/indonesia-s-national-zakat-body-extends-first-contribution-to-support-sdgs.html>

⁴⁰³⁵ Financing for Development and 2030 Agenda, UNDP (New York) 17 November 2017. Date Access: 20 November 2017. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/speeches/2017/financing-for-development-and-2030-agenda.html>

⁴⁰³⁶ Indonesia's National Zakat Body extends first contribution to support SDGs, UNDP (New York) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017.

<http://www.id.undp.org/content/indonesia/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/07/19/indonesia-s-national-zakat-body-extends-first-contribution-to-support-sdgs.html>

⁴⁰³⁷ Addressing inequalities on the road to 'health for all' in Indonesia, World Health Organization (New York). Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/features/2017/addressing-inequalities-indonesia/en/>

⁴⁰³⁸ Addressing inequalities on the road to 'health for all' in Indonesia, World Health Organization (New York). Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/features/2017/addressing-inequalities-indonesia/en/>

⁴⁰³⁹ Indonesia offers increased assistance to Samoa and Pacific, RNZ (Apia) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/339662/indonesia-offers-increased-assistance-to-samoa-and-pacific>

⁴⁰⁴⁰ Indonesia offers increased assistance to Samoa and Pacific, RNZ (Apia) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/339662/indonesia-offers-increased-assistance-to-samoa-and-pacific>

Syarif Alatas stated that Indonesia will renew its technical assistance to Samoa in the form of training, apprenticeships, and scholarships.⁴⁰⁴¹

On 12 September 2017, President Joko Widodo called for an immediate end to the violence taking place in Myanmar's Rakhine state, and sent 34 tons of aid to Rohingya refugees to Bangladesh.⁴⁰⁴² The President noted that this was the first batch of aid resulting from discussions with the Governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh.⁴⁰⁴³

On 25 October 2017, Minister of National Development Planning Bambang Brodjonegoro announced the creation of a regulation to accommodate blended financing in support of SDG programs.⁴⁰⁴⁴ Through the combined support from donor countries and the World Bank, blended financing will create low-cost infrastructure in Indonesia.⁴⁰⁴⁵

In December 2017, the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF), launched in Jakarta in October 2016, "finalized its first investment to help reduce poverty while preserving the habitat of three critically endangered species."⁴⁰⁴⁶ The project is designed to provide a sustainable environment with fair wages for 18,000 marginalized farmers in the provinces of Sumatra and Kalimantan.⁴⁰⁴⁷

In December 2017, in collaboration with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, the Ministry of Industry implemented the Project of Small and Medium Industry Development Based on Improved Service Delivery.⁴⁰⁴⁸ The project is being launched in five provinces: North Sumatra,

⁴⁰⁴¹ Indonesia offers increased assistance to Samoa and Pacific, RNZ (Apia) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/339662/indonesia-offers-increased-assistance-to-samoa-and-pacific>

⁴⁰⁴² The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, WTOP (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://wtop.com/asia/2017/09/the-latest-unhcr-says-370000-rohingya-now-in-bangladesh/>

⁴⁰⁴³ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, WTOP (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://wtop.com/asia/2017/09/the-latest-unhcr-says-370000-rohingya-now-in-bangladesh/>

⁴⁰⁴⁴ Indonesia to create regulation on blended financing, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/10/26/indonesia-to-create-regulation-on-blended-financing.html>

⁴⁰⁴⁵ World Bank to offer blended financing for Indonesia, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/07/26/world-bank-to-offer-blended-financing-for-indonesia.html>

⁴⁰⁴⁶ New financial mechanism helps people, environment in Indonesia, UN Environment (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/new-financial-mechanism-helps-people-environment-indonesia>

⁴⁰⁴⁷ New financial mechanism helps people, environment in Indonesia, UN Environment (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/new-financial-mechanism-helps-people-environment-indonesia>

⁴⁰⁴⁸ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East, and West Kalimantan.⁴⁰⁴⁹ It is being supported by several sources including state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.⁴⁰⁵⁰

In January 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced its plan to establish Indonesian Aid, a single governmental agency for all of Indonesia's international aid programs, with an initial budget of IDR1 trillion.⁴⁰⁵¹ The agency aims to increase the coordination and synergies among Indonesia's aid programmes globally, mainly under the South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework.⁴⁰⁵²

In January 2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi led an Indonesian delegation of non-governmental organizations to the Rakhine state in Myanmar, delivering relief supplies such as food, cloth, and baby supplies.⁴⁰⁵³ The Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar also formed the Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance for Myanmar with the help of 14 aid organizations within Indonesia, pledging USD2 million in humanitarian aid.⁴⁰⁵⁴

On 26 January 2018, during the 48th World Economic Forum, leaders from Alphabet, the Coca-Cola Company, Royal Philips, and Unilever announced the formation of the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE) in partnership with the Governments of China, Indonesia, Rwanda, and Nigeria.⁴⁰⁵⁵ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently recycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.⁴⁰⁵⁶

On 5 February 2018, the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed Practical Arrangements on enhancing South-

⁴⁰⁴⁹ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017.

<http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

⁴⁰⁵⁰ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017.

Access Date: 29 December 2017.

<http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

⁴⁰⁵¹ RI sets up aid agency for int'l assistance, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/10/ri-sets-aid-agency-int-l-assistance.html>

⁴⁰⁵² Indonesia to Establish Single Agency for International Aid, Jakarta Globe (Jakarta) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 18

March 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-establish-single-agency-international-aid/>

⁴⁰⁵³ Indonesian aid to Rakhine State, Myanmar: Islamic humanitarianism, soft diplomacy, and the question of inclusive aid, Oxford Department of International Development 31 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

<http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/indonesian-aid-rakhine-state-myanmar-islamic-humanitarianism-soft-diplomacy-and-question>

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⁴⁰⁵⁵ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

⁴⁰⁵⁶ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

South cooperation and technical collaboration between developing states.⁴⁰⁵⁷ The Arrangement covers a three-year period from 2018 to 2021, and provides a framework for the relationship between Indonesia and the IAEA and identifies areas of cooperation.⁴⁰⁵⁸

On 26 February 2018, TLFF announced its inaugural transaction of USD95 million to help finance a sustainable natural rubber plantation in two Indonesian provinces.⁴⁰⁵⁹ The planted areas will serve as a buffer zone to protect a threatened national park from encroachment.⁴⁰⁶⁰ This transaction is the first corporate sustainability bond in Asia and the first sustainability bond in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.⁴⁰⁶¹

On 6 June 2018, Indonesia received a loan of USD100 million from the World Bank for its National Urban Water Supply Project.⁴⁰⁶² The loan will go towards providing 6 million Indonesians with access to water and sanitation, by improving the performance of water service providers in underserved urban areas.⁴⁰⁶³ The project will support the national government's efforts to invest in at least 40 local government water supply enterprises.⁴⁰⁶⁴

On 31 August 2018, Indonesia signed a free trade agreement with Australia.⁴⁰⁶⁵ The Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement will eliminate tariffs on Australian exports such as copper cathodes, car parts, and leather goods, while making Indonesian goods more

⁴⁰⁵⁷ IAEA and Indonesia Sign Practical Arrangements to Enhance Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries and Strengthen South-South Cooperation (Vienna) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 24 August.

<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/iaea-and-indonesia-sign-practical-arrangements-to-enhance-technical-cooperation-among-developing-countries-and-strengthen-south-south-cooperation>

⁴⁰⁵⁸ IAEA and Indonesia Sign Practical Arrangements to Enhance Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries and Strengthen South-South Cooperation (Vienna) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 24 August.

<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/iaea-and-indonesia-sign-practical-arrangements-to-enhance-technical-cooperation-among-developing-countries-and-strengthen-south-south-cooperation>

⁴⁰⁵⁹ 1st Corporate Sustainability Bond in Asia Issued by TLFF for a Natural Rubber Company in Indonesia, Asia One (Singapore) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <http://www.asiaone.com/corporate-news-media-outreach/1st-corporate-sustainability-bond-in-asia-issued-by-tlff-for-a-natural>

⁴⁰⁶⁰ Financing a natural rubber plantation in Indonesia, promoting sustainable development and green jobs, UN Environment Programme (Nairobi) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/press-release/financing-natural-rubber-plantation-indonesia-promoting-sustainable>

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⁴⁰⁶² World Bank Approves US\$100 Million for Water Supply in Indonesia (Winnipeg) 14 June 2018. Access Date: 27 June 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/world-bank-approves-us100-million-for-water-supply-in-indonesia/>

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⁴⁰⁶⁴ World Bank Approves US\$100 Million for Water Supply in Indonesia (Winnipeg) 14 June 2018. Access Date: 27 June 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/world-bank-approves-us100-million-for-water-supply-in-indonesia/>

⁴⁰⁶⁵ Scott Morrison clinches 'win-win' free trade deal with Indonesia (Sydney) 31 August 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/scott-morrison-clinches-win-win-free-trade-deal-with-indonesia-20180831-p50141.html>

accessible to Australian producers.⁴⁰⁶⁶ Additionally, Australian hospitals and clinics will also be able to provide services in Indonesia.⁴⁰⁶⁷

On 4 September 2018, Indonesia and South Korea reaffirmed their collaboration to continue developing the eco-innovation of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), in an effort to encourage sustainable economic growth.⁴⁰⁶⁸ Both countries will collaborate on three programs relating to the development of SMEs: global innovation forum, technology exchanges, and business matching.⁴⁰⁶⁹

Indonesia has taken concrete actions at the domestic level by addressing issues of child security, health care and land and ocean protection. It has also participated in international collaborations for the implementation of the SDGs. Indonesia has taken actions in support of developing countries by providing humanitarian relief to its neighboring refugee crises and offering developmental aid to support South-South cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nammal Khan

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 28 September 2017, Gian Luca Galletti, Minister of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea opened an international water conference hosted in Milan with the theme of “Rules for Water, Rules for Life” and issued the “Declaration of Milan.”⁴⁰⁷⁰ This declaration was meant to call attention to human rights regarding access to water and sanitation, specifically mentioning the role of women in achieving these rights as a way to bring about gender equality.⁴⁰⁷¹

On 23 October 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Angelino Alfano announced EUR7 million in humanitarian aid to the Rohingya conflict, primarily for food and

⁴⁰⁶⁶ Australia signs free trade deal with Indonesia (Waltham) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://logisticsmagazine.com.au/australia-and-indonesia-close-free-trade-deal/>

⁴⁰⁶⁷ Scott Morrison clinches 'win-win' free trade deal with Indonesia (Sydney) 31 August 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/scott-morrison-clinches-win-win-free-trade-deal-with-indonesia-20180831-p50141.html>

⁴⁰⁶⁸ Indonesia, South Korea to continue to develop eco-innovation of SMEs (Central Jakarta) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/118202/indonesia-south-korea-to-continue-to-develop-eco-innovation-of-smes>

⁴⁰⁶⁹ Indonesia, South Korea to continue to develop eco-innovation of SMEs (Central Jakarta) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 5 September 2018. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/118202/indonesia-south-korea-to-continue-to-develop-eco-innovation-of-smes>

⁴⁰⁷⁰ Water Conference Focus on Gender, Food and Urban Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/water-conferences-focus-on-gender-food-and-urban-resilience/>

⁴⁰⁷¹ Rules of Water, Rules for Life, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Paris) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/rules_of_water_rules_for_life/

healthcare distribution projects carried out by the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross.⁴⁰⁷²

On 30 October 2017, Italy signed six agreements to increase trade with India.⁴⁰⁷³ Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed trade deals aiming to improve cooperation in sectors such as energy and anti-terrorism.⁴⁰⁷⁴ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.⁴⁰⁷⁵

On 16 November 2017, the Italian government and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to resolve issues surrounding climate change.⁴⁰⁷⁶ Specifically, the MOU aims to help Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, who are most likely to be threatened by climate change.⁴⁰⁷⁷ The MOU also launches the Capacity Award Programme to Advance Capabilities and Institutional Training in one Year (CAPACITY), which will work to achieve progress in terms of climate change research and leadership.⁴⁰⁷⁸ Italy will provide EUR2.5 million to CAPACITY over the next five years.⁴⁰⁷⁹

On 30 November 2017, the Italian government published “Italy’s National Energy Strategy 2017.” The strategy highlights Italy’s emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy and details the global and European standards and targets that Italy is working to comply with.⁴⁰⁸⁰

On 7 February 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published the triennial 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan.⁴⁰⁸¹ The document outlines a three-year plan to reduce corruption in various government bodies, including actions to introduce new transparency laws.⁴⁰⁸²

⁴⁰⁷² Alfano: “Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html

⁴⁰⁷³ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

⁴⁰⁷⁴ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

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⁴⁰⁷⁶ UN, Partners Build Capacity in Climate Vulnerable Countries, Highlight Tech for Climate Solutions, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/un-partners-build-capacity-in-climate-vulnerable-countries-highlight-tech-for-climate-solutions/>

⁴⁰⁷⁷ UN, Partners Build Capacity in Climate Vulnerable Countries, Highlight Tech for Climate Solutions, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/un-partners-build-capacity-in-climate-vulnerable-countries-highlight-tech-for-climate-solutions/>

⁴⁰⁷⁸ Italy and UN Launch Fellowship Programme for Climate Vulnerable Countries, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://cop23.unfccc.int/news/italy-and-un-launch-fellowship-programme-for-climate-vulnerable-countries>

⁴⁰⁷⁹ Italy and UN Launch Fellowship Programme for Climate Vulnerable Countries, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://cop23.unfccc.int/news/italy-and-un-launch-fellowship-programme-for-climate-vulnerable-countries>

⁴⁰⁸⁰ Italy’s National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministry of Economic Development of Italy (Rome) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/BROCHURE_ENG_SEN.PDF

On 19 February 2018, Minister for Economic Development Carlo Calenda signed three agreements with the President of Tuscany Enrico Rossi, focusing on efforts to boost research and development in the transport and therapeutic industries.⁴⁰⁸³

On 5 March 2018, the Italian government donated EUR1 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to support emergency education for Palestinian refugee children in Syria.⁴⁰⁸⁴ The EUR1 million will fund the operations of fourteen safe learning spaces that provide both academic and psychosocial support to children, most of whom have been displaced numerous times and suffer from conflict and trauma.⁴⁰⁸⁵

On 7 March 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published a decree implementing the National Energy Efficiency Fund, which will be conducted by the private sector and public administration.⁴⁰⁸⁶ The fund supports efforts to reduce industrial energy consumption and improve energy efficiency of public services and infrastructures.⁴⁰⁸⁷ The ministry will allocate EUR150 million at the start of the operational phase.⁴⁰⁸⁸

On 10 June 2018, the Italian government turned away a rescue boat carrying hundreds of African migrants seeking asylum in Europe.⁴⁰⁸⁹ Interior Minister Matteo Salvini made the decision to turn away the migrant boats as a way to keep his promise to expel and prevent migrants from staying and coming into Italy.⁴⁰⁹⁰

⁴⁰⁸¹ The 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan published, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037690-pubblicato-il-piano-di-prevenzione-della-corruzione-2018-2020>

⁴⁰⁸² The 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan published, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037690-pubblicato-il-piano-di-prevenzione-della-corruzione-2018-2020>

⁴⁰⁸³ Tuscany, agreements on Research and Development for 250 million, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037763-ricerca-e-sviluppo-in-toscana-per-un-valore-di-250-milioni>

⁴⁰⁸⁴ Italy contributes EUR 1 million to emergency appeal to help Palestine refugee children in Syria go to school, UNRWA (Gaza City) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/italy-contributes-eur-1-million-emergency-appeal-help-palestine-refugee>

⁴⁰⁸⁵ Italy contributes EUR 1 million to emergency appeal to help Palestine refugee children in Syria go to school, UNRWA (Gaza City) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/italy-contributes-eur-1-million-emergency-appeal-help-palestine-refugee>

⁴⁰⁸⁶ Energy efficiency, here is the National Fund, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037845-efficienza-energetica-ecco-il-fondo-nazionale>

⁴⁰⁸⁷ Energy efficiency, here is the National Fund, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037845-efficienza-energetica-ecco-il-fondo-nazionale>

⁴⁰⁸⁸ Energy efficiency, here is the National Fund, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037845-efficienza-energetica-ecco-il-fondo-nazionale>

⁴⁰⁸⁹ Italy's New Populist Government Turns Away Ship With 600 Migrants Aboard, New York Times (New York) 11 June 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/11/world/europe/italy-migrant-boat-aquarius.html>

⁴⁰⁹⁰ Italy's New Populist Government Turns Away Ship With 600 Migrants Aboard, New York Times (New York) 11 June 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/11/world/europe/italy-migrant-boat-aquarius.html>

On 20 September 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that it has loaned EUR3 million to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).⁴⁰⁹¹ This loan will be allocated under the African Fund, which will support the reception of the refugees and protect those hosted in Niger.⁴⁰⁹²

Through investing and cooperating with international organizations, as well as providing aid to developing countries, Italy has committed to implementing the SDGs at the international level. Italy has also addressed advancements of SDGs at the domestic level, specifically with regards to the energy sector and environmental standards. However, Italy has also turned away migrants seeking asylum, contradicting paragraph 23 of the Agenda 2030 Declaration regarding the rights of refugees and asylum seekers.⁴⁰⁹³ Therefore, this negative action detracts from Italy's efforts to achieve the latter component of this commitment, which requires G20 members to further align its actions with the SDGs on an international level.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Bianca Meta

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 17 July 2017, Japan participated in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development held by the United Nations, where it presented the Voluntary National Review, a report on Japan's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).⁴⁰⁹⁴ Japan promised to continue its assistance plan for women in developing countries with contributions of USD3 billion from 2016 to 2017.⁴⁰⁹⁵

On 4 October 2017, the International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a grant agreement with the Government of Guinea.⁴⁰⁹⁶ The agreement stipulated Japan's grant aid of up to JPY1.913 billion for the Construction of Primary and Secondary Schools in Urban Areas Phase II.⁴⁰⁹⁷ The project will

⁴⁰⁹¹ € 3 million grant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 20 September 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/finanziamento-di-tre-milioni-di-euro-a-favore-dell-alto-commissariato-delle-nazioni-unite-per-i-rifugiati.html

⁴⁰⁹² € 3 million grant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 20 September 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/finanziamento-di-tre-milioni-di-euro-a-favore-dell-alto-commissariato-delle-nazioni-unite-per-i-rifugiati.html

⁴⁰⁹³ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency (Geneva) Access Date: 7 October 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/2030-agenda-for-sustainable-development.html>

⁴⁰⁹⁴ Japan's Voluntary National Review: Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, UN (New York) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/16445Japan.pdf>

⁴⁰⁹⁵ Japan's Voluntary National Review: Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, UN (New York) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/16445Japan.pdf>

⁴⁰⁹⁶ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

⁴⁰⁹⁷ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

provide constructions of primary and secondary schools, as well as schoolroom furniture and other furnishings in Conakry, Guinea.⁴⁰⁹⁸

On 10 November 2017, the Governments of Japan and Vietnam agreed to sign an exchange of notes concerning Japan's future loan of JPY29,973 for the Ha Nam Investment Climate Improvement Project.⁴⁰⁹⁹ Japan plans to finance Vietnam for its development of roads and drainage facility systems in industrial parks located in Hanoi.⁴¹⁰⁰ It will also provide funds to develop a drainage system in Ha Long City.⁴¹⁰¹

On 14 December, Japan hosted an international conference on universal health coverage (UHC) in Tokyo, jointly with the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), and UN Children's Fund.⁴¹⁰² At the conference, Japan pledged to provide UHC with financial assistance of USD2.9 billion.⁴¹⁰³

On 26 December 2017, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced the implementation of the Basic Strategy and Fukushima Plan for a New Energy Society.⁴¹⁰⁴ Japan will commence a hydration production project of the world's largest scale in Namie Town, and later, use clean hydrogen energy made in Fukushima for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.⁴¹⁰⁵

In December 2017, JICA worked with the Indonesian Ministry of Industry to implement the Project of Small and Medium Industry Development Based on Improved Service Delivery.⁴¹⁰⁶ The program is being launched in five provinces in Indonesia: North Sumatra, Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East, and West Kalimantan. Sources of support include state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.⁴¹⁰⁷

On 7 February 2018, JICA signed a loan agreement with the African Development Fund to provide JPY73.601 billion in Official Development Assistance in support of economic growth and poverty

⁴⁰⁹⁸ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

⁴⁰⁹⁹ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

⁴¹⁰⁰ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

⁴¹⁰¹ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

⁴¹⁰² Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

⁴¹⁰³ Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

⁴¹⁰⁴ Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

⁴¹⁰⁵ Ministerial Council on Renewable Energy, Hydrogen and Related Issues, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/01/09/index.html>

⁴¹⁰⁶ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

⁴¹⁰⁷ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

alleviation in Africa.⁴¹⁰⁸ This fund will go to the African Development Fund Fourteenth Replenishment, an assistance program that promotes private sector development in Africa, launched by the Japanese government and the African Development Bank Group during the 2005 G8 Gleneagles Summit.⁴¹⁰⁹

On 10 July 2018, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the National Institute for Environmental Studies hosted the 16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia. The session promoted mutual learning of research, information exchange on climate change, and cooperative relationships in the Asian region regarding this matter.⁴¹¹⁰

On 2 August 2018, the Japanese government and ASEAN reached an agreement on the Japan-ASEAN Technical Cooperation Agreement. The Japanese government promised to dispatch experts to the ASEAN Secretary to create a linkage and coordinate specific measures of the cooperation. The Japanese government also promised to provide equipment to ASEAN facilities on matters of humanitarian assistance or disaster management.⁴¹¹¹

On 13 July 2017, the Government of Japan announced its decision to dispatch 20 personnel from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force to support the UN Project for African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities. Japanese personnel will instruct engineering personnel in the Republic of Ghana and in the Republic of Nigeria.

On 4 September 2018, the Japanese government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.⁴¹¹² The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.⁴¹¹³ Denmark, Canada, Norway, the United States, China, Iceland, Russia, the Republic of Korea and the European Union approved the draft agreement.⁴¹¹⁴

Through investments and advancements in health care, clean energy, and aid to developing countries, Japan has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

⁴¹⁰⁸ Signing of the Japanese ODA Loans Agreement with the African Development Fund: Contributing to the economic growth and poverty alleviation in the least developed countries in Africa through the first Japanese ODA loan to the African Development Fund, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/02/13/index.html>

⁴¹⁰⁹ Signing of the Japanese ODA Loans Agreement with the African Development Fund: Contributing to the economic growth and poverty alleviation in the least developed countries in Africa through the first Japanese ODA loan to the African Development Fund, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/02/13/index.html>

⁴¹¹⁰ Brief Report of the 16th Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Inventories in Asia, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 19 July 2018. Access Date: 21 September 2018. <https://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2375.html>

⁴¹¹¹ Agreement in Principle on the Japan-ASEAN Technical Cooperation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 21 September 2018. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000078.html

⁴¹¹² The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴¹¹³ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴¹¹⁴ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Leinwen He

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 19 July 2017, President Moon Jae-in's administration announced several new energy goals.⁴¹¹⁵ The goals include a target of generating "20 per cent of [Korea's] electricity with clean renewable energy by 2030, while reducing fossil fuel and nuclear power plants."⁴¹¹⁶ The State Affairs Planning Advisory Committee will also offer incentives to businesses to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.⁴¹¹⁷

On 10 August 2017, the Committee on Public Diplomacy, chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha, held its first meeting.⁴¹¹⁸ The committee brought the private sector and government officials together to discuss effective public-private partnerships and finalized Japan's first 2017-2021 Basic Plan on Public Diplomacy, which will be used as a framework for the Moon administration.⁴¹¹⁹ This action is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, which aims to develop effective institutions at all levels.⁴¹²⁰

On 20 September 2017, Minister Kang announced that Korea will join Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G).⁴¹²¹ P4G is a new alliance between states, business, and civil society to promote implementation of a range of SDGs in developing countries.⁴¹²²

On 27 October 2017, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy Paik Un-Gyu and Saudi Minister of Economy and Planning Adel Fakeih signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a "ministerial level committee to boost cooperation, enhance business networking and ensure sustainable support for the Kingdom's Vision 2030 economic reforms."⁴¹²³ Vision 2030 is a national

⁴¹¹⁵ S. Korea aims to generate 20 pct of electricity with renewables by 2030, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/07/19/0501000000AEN20170719003300320.html>

⁴¹¹⁶ S. Korea aims to generate 20 pct of electricity with renewables by 2030, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/07/19/0501000000AEN20170719003300320.html>

⁴¹¹⁷ S. Korea aims to generate 20 pct of electricity with renewables by 2030, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/07/19/0501000000AEN20170719003300320.html>

⁴¹¹⁸ Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

⁴¹¹⁹ Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

⁴¹²⁰ Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

⁴¹²¹ P4G (Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030) Launch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: Nov 21 2017.

http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/press/speeches/minister/incumbent/index.jsp?menu=m_10_40_10

⁴¹²² RELEASE: P4G Initiative Launches to Accelerate Sustainable Growth Through Innovative Partnerships, World Resources Institute (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.wri.org/news/2017/09/release-p4g-initiative-launches-accelerate-sustainable-growth-through-innovative>

⁴¹²³ Saudi-Korea Vision 2030 Committee launched with access to 400 companies, Arab News (Riyadh) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1186981/saudi-arabia>

development plan aligning Saudi Arabia's economic policies with the SDGs.⁴¹²⁴ Both Saudi Arabia and Japan have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries to continue advancing SDG implementation.⁴¹²⁵

On 31 January 2018, Korea became party to the Food Assistance Convention, which provides aid to developing countries facing food shortages.⁴¹²⁶ The Korean government first announced its intentions to become a member in August 2017.⁴¹²⁷ It has committed an annual minimum of KRW46 billion in assistance in the form of 50,000 tonnes of rice.⁴¹²⁸

On 26 February 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs announced that it will sign a memorandum of understanding with FAC to provide aid to Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, and Syria.⁴¹²⁹

On 27 April 2018, President Moon and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un signed the Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula.⁴¹³⁰ The joint declaration intends to “establish a permanent and solid peace regime on the Korean Peninsula” via disarmament and ceasing “all hostile acts against each other in every domain.”⁴¹³¹

On 4 June 2018, President Moon began a three-day summit with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte “to expand bilateral exchanges and to cooperate on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”⁴¹³² They signed five memoranda of understanding on trade, energy, and infrastructure development in support of Duterte's national development plan, Ambisyon Natin 2040.⁴¹³³

On 23 July 2018, President Moon announced plans to promote economic vitality in reference to planned economic measures, by holding monthly meetings on regulatory reform, accelerating

⁴¹²⁴ Vision 2030, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

⁴¹²⁵ Korea, Saudi Arabia Launch Vision 2030 Committee, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong), 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/pc/pressreleases/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=599&bbs_cd_n=2¤tPage=9&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=

⁴¹²⁶ Republic of Korea: Accession to the Food Assistance Convention, Food Assistance Committee (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/news.aspx>

⁴¹²⁷ ROK Seeking to Become Party to Food Assistance Convention, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018.

http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319079&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=food passistance&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=1&titleNm=

⁴¹²⁸ Republic of Korea: Accession to the Food Assistance Convention, Food Assistance Committee (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/news.aspx>

⁴¹²⁹ S. Korea to sign MOU on overseas food aid, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2018/02/26/0200000000AEN20180226003300320.html>

⁴¹³⁰ Panmunjom Declaration shows will for complete denuclearization, end of war, Office of the President (Seoul) 27 April 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/327>

⁴¹³¹ Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula, Reuters (Seoul) 27 April 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-northkorea-southkorea-summit-statement/panmunjom-declaration-for-peace-prosperity-and-unification-of-the-korean-peninsula-idUKKBN1HY193>

⁴¹³² Leaders of Korea, Philippines expand exchanges, work for denuclearization, Office of the President (Seoul) 5 June 2018. Access Date: 20 June 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/364>

⁴¹³³ Leaders of Korea, Philippines expand exchanges, work for denuclearization, Office of the President (Seoul) 5 June 2018. Access Date: 20 June 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/364>

innovative growth, and “creating anew a secretary in charge of self-employed affairs and listening directly to voices on the ground.”⁴¹³⁴

On 4 September 2018, the Korean government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.⁴¹³⁵ The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.⁴¹³⁶ Denmark, Canada, Norway, the United States, China, Iceland, Japan, Russia and the European Union approved the draft agreement.⁴¹³⁷

On 6 September 2018, President Moon’s administration held its first strategic conference, introducing nine strategies to promote social unity, sustainability, and innovation.⁴¹³⁸ The strategies, covering areas such as income security, medical expenses, and education, will be used to develop a “three-year plan to guarantee a basic life to the people.”⁴¹³⁹

Korea has taken action at the domestic level by focusing efforts on economic and social development. It has taken action at the international level by working to ensure peace on the Korean peninsula. It has supported developing countries by helping the Philippines align its development plan with Ambisyon Natin 2040.

Thus, the Republic of Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ashley Lall

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 19 July 2017, Secretary of Social Development Luis Enrique Miranda announced the incorporation of 600,000 families into the Programa Prospera.⁴¹⁴⁰ The Prospera program consists of

⁴¹³⁴ Gov’t to boost economic vitality: president, Office of the President (Seoul) 23 July 2018. Access Date: 1 August 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/410>

⁴¹³⁵ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴¹³⁶ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴¹³⁷ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴¹³⁸ Inclusive state to guarantee public welfare: president, Office of the President (Seoul) 7 September 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/434>

⁴¹³⁹ Inclusive state to guarantee public welfare: president, Office of the President (Seoul) 7 September 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <http://english1.president.go.kr/President/News/434>

⁴¹⁴⁰ Intensifica la SEDESOL la implementación de programas en beneficio de las familias que menos tienen, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/intensifica-la-sedesol-la-implementacion-de-programas-en-beneficio-de-las-familias-que-menos-tienen-luis-enrique-miranda-nava?idiom=es>

delivering economic support based on the number of children per family, on the condition of smart reinvestment on education, health, and nutrition.⁴¹⁴¹

On September 2017, the Department of Energy announced its commitment to the financing of 964 megawatts of wind and solar capacity across Mexico.⁴¹⁴² The state-owned development bank Banobras will allocate public funds to finance three projects, including the 424 megawatt Reynosa Wind Farm in Tamaulipas, set to be the largest wind facility in Latin America.⁴¹⁴³ The other two projects are the 250 megawatt El Mezquite Wind Park in Nuevo Leon and the 290 megawatt Solar Farms in Aguascalientes.⁴¹⁴⁴

On 9 November 2017, the Secretariat of Social Development (SEDESOL) took measures to increase transparency and accountability in the electoral process by creating the Program for Electoral Shielding.⁴¹⁴⁵ The program aims to prevent the use of public funds for campaigning, suspend government propaganda, and enforce penal, administrative, and enforcement norms with regards to elections.⁴¹⁴⁶

On 10 November 2017, Mexico assumed the presidency of the Inter-American Commission on Social Development of the Organization of American States (OAS).⁴¹⁴⁷ Sub-Secretary of Regional Planning, Evaluation and Development of SEDESOL Javier García Berros announced Mexico's main objectives during its presidency, which include the importance of strengthening of the Inter-

⁴¹⁴¹ Intensifica la SEDESOL la implementación de programas en beneficio de las familias que menos tienen, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁴² Mexican government announces investment in 964 MW of renewable projects, Power Engineering International (Oklahoma) 8 September 2017. Access date: 17 November 2017.

<http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2017/08/mexican-government-announces-investment-in-964-mw-of-renewable-projects.html>

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<http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2017/08/mexican-government-announces-investment-in-964-mw-of-renewable-projects.html>

⁴¹⁴⁵ Instala la Sedesol Comité Central de Legalidad y Transparencia de Blindaje Electoral de cara a las elecciones de 2018, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 9 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017.

<https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/instala-la-sedesol-comite-central-de-legalidad-y-transparencia-de-blindaje-electoral-de-cara-a-las-elecciones-de-2018?idiom=es>

⁴¹⁴⁶ Programa de Blindaje Electoral SEDESOL 2018, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 07 July 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.sedesol.gob.mx/en/SEDESOL/Blindaje_Electoral

⁴¹⁴⁷ Asume México presidencia de la Comisión Interamericana de Desarrollo Social de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 10 November 2017. Access date: 17 November 2017.

<https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/assume-mexico-presidencia-de-la-comision-interamericana-de-desarrollo-social-de-la-organizacion-de-los-estados-americanos?idiom=es>

American Network for Social Protection and the regional adoption of the Multidimensional Poverty Index to improve the level of precision during public interventions.⁴¹⁴⁸

On 21 November 2017, the National Commission of Minimum Salary agreed to increase the minimum salary to a daily amount of MXN88.36, equivalent to a 10.4 per cent increase from the previous rate.⁴¹⁴⁹ The increase will take effect as of 1 December 2017.⁴¹⁵⁰

On 4 December 2017, the Mexican government has hosted a Migration Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta with the goal of addressing the local and global dimensions of developing a Global Compact on Migration.⁴¹⁵¹ The meeting also emphasized the need to protect displaced children as a key element of global migration policies.⁴¹⁵²

On 15 December 2017, Mexico and Guatemala held a meeting to present their respective national social development programs and agreed to enhance regional cooperation in these areas.⁴¹⁵³ Sub-Secretary Berros emphasized the need to develop regional integration through social infrastructure and labour inclusion projects.⁴¹⁵⁴

On 21 December 2017, Mexico attended the 51st Mercosur trade bloc summit hosted in Brazil.⁴¹⁵⁵ The meeting emphasized Brazil's cooperation with the Pacific Alliance, which is comprised of Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Peru, among other important South-South trade agreements.⁴¹⁵⁶

On 27 February 2018, SEDESOL committed MXN767 million to the development of Morelos in 2018.⁴¹⁵⁷ This sum represents a 14 per cent increase from last year's investment, and is intended to improve public infrastructure and services for 621,000 beneficiaries.⁴¹⁵⁸

⁴¹⁴⁸ Asume México presidencia de la Comisión Interamericana de Desarrollo Social de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/assume-mexico-presidencia-de-la-comision-interamericana-de-desarrollo-social-de-la-organizacion-de-los-estados-americanos?idiom=es>

⁴¹⁴⁹ El Salario Mínimo en México Sube a 88.36 Pesos a Partir de Diciembre, Expansión (Mexico City) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://expansion.mx/economia/2017/11/21/el-salario-minimo-en-mexico-sube-a-8836-pesos-a-partir-de-diciembre>

⁴¹⁵⁰ El Salario Mínimo en México Sube a 88.36 Pesos a Partir de Diciembre, Expansión (Mexico City) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://expansion.mx/economia/2017/11/21/el-salario-minimo-en-mexico-sube-a-8836-pesos-a-partir-de-diciembre>

⁴¹⁵¹ Mexico Hosts Migration Stocktaking Meeting, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/mexico-hosts-migration-stocktaking-meeting/>

⁴¹⁵² Mexico Hosts Migration Stocktaking Meeting, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/mexico-hosts-migration-stocktaking-meeting/>

⁴¹⁵³ México y Guatemala unen esfuerzos en materia de desarrollo social, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/mexico-y-guatemala-unen-esfuerzos-en-materia-de-desarrollo-social?idiom=es>

⁴¹⁵⁴ México y Guatemala unen esfuerzos en materia de desarrollo social, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/mexico-y-guatemala-unen-esfuerzos-en-materia-de-desarrollo-social?idiom=es>

⁴¹⁵⁵ New Stage of Mercosur brings more agreements and closer ties with several countries, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/new-stage-of-mercosur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

⁴¹⁵⁶ New Stage of Mercosur brings more agreements and closer ties with several countries, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/new-stage-of-mercosur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

On 27 February 2018, President Enrique Peña Nieto delivered four infrastructural projects in Michoacán.⁴¹⁵⁹ The investment amounted to MXN2.7 million, and consists of three highways and one port intended to improve the state's overall productivity and contribute to the creation of new jobs in the region.⁴¹⁶⁰

On 6 March 2018, the Mexican government presented the results of its implementation of the Guide to Open Anti-Corruption.⁴¹⁶¹ Through this program, Mexico identified 72 strategic databases generated under the guide.⁴¹⁶² In addition, seven new database platforms have been published in collaboration with several government bodies, and another eight will be made available to the public in the coming months.⁴¹⁶³ This effort is part of Mexico's wider anti-corruption strategy, which aims to reduce corruption in government by making official data available to civil society and non-government organizations.⁴¹⁶⁴

On 15 July 2018, during the presentation of Mexico's voluntary national review at the High Level Political Forum in the UN Headquarters, Mexico launched a new online platform to track its progress of implementation with regards to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁴¹⁶⁵ The platform is titled Information System of Sustainable Development Goals (SIODS), and it reports on 66 indicators corresponding to 16 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).⁴¹⁶⁶ It provides a centralized data set from various ministries and government bodies, as well as user-friendly data analysis tools.⁴¹⁶⁷

⁴¹⁵⁷ Sedesol Impulsa el Desarrollo del Estado de Morelos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/articulos/sedesol-impulsa-el-desarrollo-del-estado-de-morelos>

⁴¹⁵⁸ Sedesol Impulsa el Desarrollo del Estado de Morelos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/articulos/sedesol-impulsa-el-desarrollo-del-estado-de-morelos>

⁴¹⁵⁹ Entrega de Infraestructura en el Estado de Michoacán, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/articulos/entrega-de-infraestructura-en-el-estado-de-michoacan>

⁴¹⁶⁰ Entrega de Infraestructura en el Estado de Michoacán, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/articulos/entrega-de-infraestructura-en-el-estado-de-michoacan>

⁴¹⁶¹ Mexico, Primer País en Implementar la Guía Apertura Anti-Corrupción en el Mundo. Coordinación de Estrategia Digital Nacional. 6 March 2018. Date of Access: 17 September 2018. <https://datos.gob.mx/blog/mexico-primer-pais-en-implementar-la-guia-de-apertura-anticorrupcion-en-el-mundo?category=noticias&tag=nula>

⁴¹⁶² Mexico, Primer País en Implementar la Guía Apertura Anti-Corrupción en el Mundo. Coordinación de Estrategia Digital Nacional. 6 March 2018. Date of Access: 17 September 2018. <https://datos.gob.mx/blog/mexico-primer-pais-en-implementar-la-guia-de-apertura-anticorrupcion-en-el-mundo?category=noticias&tag=nula>

⁴¹⁶³ Mexico, Primer País en Implementar la Guía Apertura Anti-Corrupción en el Mundo. Coordinación de Estrategia Digital Nacional. 6 March 2018. Date of Access: 17 September 2018. <https://datos.gob.mx/blog/mexico-primer-pais-en-implementar-la-guia-de-apertura-anticorrupcion-en-el-mundo?category=noticias&tag=nula>

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⁴¹⁶⁵ Mexico's SDG Portal Brings Functionality to Reporting. SDG Knowledge Hub. 28 August 2018. Access date: 17 September 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/mexicos-sdg-portal-brings-functionality-to-reporting/>

⁴¹⁶⁶ Mexico's SDG Portal Brings Functionality to Reporting. SDG Knowledge Hub. 28 August 2018. Access date: 17 September 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/mexicos-sdg-portal-brings-functionality-to-reporting/>

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On 12 August 2018, President-elect Manuel Lopez Obrador pledged to invest more than USD11 million to boosting domestic refining capacity, a major setback from the previous administration's commitment to decreasing dependency on fossil fuels as stated in Mexico's 2016 Voluntary National Review of the 2030 Agenda.⁴¹⁶⁸⁴¹⁶⁹ Lopez Obrador will allocate USD2.6 billion to modernize existing refineries, alongside an additional USD8.4 billion to build a new one in the next three years.⁴¹⁷⁰

On 17 September 2018, the Mexican government announced the achievement of the 2016 presidential decrees issued during COP13.⁴¹⁷¹ During COP13, Mexico committed to expanding protected marine areas in Galapagos, Quintana Roo, and the areas covering the Mexican pacific coast - Nayarit, Jalisco, Michoacán, Colima, Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas.⁴¹⁷² The Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources declared that as of 2018, marine protected areas have been extended by approximately 7 million hectares.⁴¹⁷³

At the international level, Mexico has engaged in south-to-south cooperation by assuming the leadership of the OAS this year, in view of strengthening the Inter-American Network for Social Protection. Mexico has also made concrete efforts at the national level to accomplish the 2030 agenda through improving welfare programs, investing in infrastructure, strengthening data collection and analysis structures and advancing environmental priorities. However, Mexico's investments in refining capacity contravenes its domestic goal to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. This negative action also contradicts SDG 7, affordable and clean energy; and SDG 13, climate action. Therefore, this negative action detracts from Mexico's efforts to achieve the first half of this commitment, which requires G20 members to further align its actions with the SDGs on a domestic level.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

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Russia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

⁴¹⁶⁸ Mexico's Lopez Obrador Pledges More than USD 11billion in Domestic Refineries. Reuters. 13 August 2018. Date of Access: 19 September 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-oil/mexicos-lopez-obrador-pledges-more-than-11-billion-for-refineries-idUSKBN1KY2C1>

⁴¹⁶⁹ Voluntary National Review for the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development: Basis for a Long Term Sustainable Development Vision in Mexico. Federal Government of Mexico. 15 July 2018. Date of Access: 19 September 2018.

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20122VOLUNTARY_NATIONAL_REPORT_060718.pdf

⁴¹⁷⁰ Mexico's Lopez Obrador Pledges More than USD 11billion in Domestic Refineries. Reuters. 13 August 2018. Date of Access: 19 September 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-oil/mexicos-lopez-obrador-pledges-more-than-11-billion-for-refineries-idUSKBN1KY2C1>

⁴¹⁷¹ Ecosistemas Marinos Protegidos de Mexico Suman Casi 70 millones de Hectareas. Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales. 17 September 2018. Date of Access 17 September 2018.

<https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/articulos/ecosistemas-marinos-de-mexico-suman-casi-70-millones-de-hectareas>

⁴¹⁷² Ecosistemas Marinos Protegidos de Mexico Suman Casi 70 millones de Hectareas. Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales. 17 September 2018. Date of Access 17 September 2018.

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On 29 July 2017, the Russian government signed a resolution to apply temporary quantitative restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia.⁴¹⁷⁴ These measures contribute to the preservation of the ozone layer of the atmosphere and comply with the 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.⁴¹⁷⁵

On 2 August 2017, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Culture submitted a draft law to the State Duma on Russia's accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.⁴¹⁷⁶ The Marrakesh Treaty aims to make works accessible to blind, visually impaired, or print-disabled individuals.⁴¹⁷⁷ Russia's draft law aims to broaden individuals' access to books, magazines, teaching aids, and textbooks that have been created under special formats and to facilitate international exchanges of these resources.⁴¹⁷⁸

On 24 August 2017, the Russian government announced the allocation of RUB535 million to the implementation of the next phase of a joint project with the World Food Programme (WFP). The program aims to replace trucks used for transporting humanitarian aid with Russian-made vehicles.⁴¹⁷⁹ Russia will also contribute USD1.5 million to the WFP to develop logistical capacity, such as the integration of Russian KAMAZ trucks into the regional fleets of the WFP trucks.⁴¹⁸⁰

On 4 September 2017, the Russian delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit in order to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.⁴¹⁸¹ The signed documents include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and the New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.⁴¹⁸²

⁴¹⁷⁴ Restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia, Government of Russia (Moscow) 29 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28641/>

⁴¹⁷⁵ Restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia, Government of Russia (Moscow) 29 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28641/>

⁴¹⁷⁶ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, Government of Russia (Moscow) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28679/>

⁴¹⁷⁷ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, Government of Russia (Moscow) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28679/>

⁴¹⁷⁸ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, Government of Russia (Moscow) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28679/>

⁴¹⁷⁹ Re-equipping the UN World Food Programme auto fleet with Russian-made vehicles, Government of Russia (Moscow) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28941/>

⁴¹⁸⁰ Re-equipping the UN World Food Programme auto fleet with Russian-made vehicles, Government of Russia (Moscow) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28941/>

⁴¹⁸¹ Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

⁴¹⁸² Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

On 7 September 2017, the Russian government unveiled a signed resolution approving a new version of a programme on the Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone.⁴¹⁸³ The programme aims to create favourable conditions for the socioeconomic development of the Arctic Zone to ensure Russia's strategic interests and national security in the Arctic.⁴¹⁸⁴ The new version extends the initiative's implementation deadlines to 2025, names the Ministry of Industry and Trade as the initiative's implementer, and expands the list of participants.⁴¹⁸⁵ From 2018 to 2020, it aims to execute pilot projects to establish core development zones and to commission the North Pole ice-resistant self-propelled platform, to establish a modern high-tech shipyard.⁴¹⁸⁶ From 2020 to 2025, the new version also plans to establish and finance core development zones and to create scientific and technical capability to develop technology for manufacturing hi-tech equipment.⁴¹⁸⁷ The programme also intends to determine the long-term management of dangerous nuclear and radioactive objects as well as radioactive waste that has been released onto the seabed.⁴¹⁸⁸ It will develop radio-electronic equipment for accomplishing tasks for the Arctic Zone's socioeconomic development, and provide technological support using specialized vessels of the state marine environmental oversight agency.⁴¹⁸⁹ The programme will also launch the production of high-tech goods for geological prospecting operations and minerals' production and processing in the Arctic Zone.⁴¹⁹⁰

On 3 October 2017, the Russian government announced the approval of the 2030 Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance.⁴¹⁹¹ The strategy aims to improve the prevention and treatment of infectious and parasitic diseases of humans, animals, and plants and to reduce the severity and duration of illnesses.⁴¹⁹² The first stage of the strategy, which will be implemented until 2020, focuses on educating the Russian public on how to appropriately use antimicrobial

⁴¹⁸³ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<http://government.ru/en/docs/29164/>

⁴¹⁸⁴ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁸⁵ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁸⁶ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁸⁷ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁸⁸ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁸⁹ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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⁴¹⁹⁰ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<http://government.ru/en/docs/29164/>

⁴¹⁹¹ Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

⁴¹⁹² Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

medications, the impermissibility of self-treatment, and raising awareness on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles.⁴¹⁹³ It will establish key indicators regarding the spread of antimicrobial resistance.⁴¹⁹⁴

On 17 October 2017, the Russian government announced the creation of a university campus for the St. Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design.⁴¹⁹⁵ The campus will be composed of research centres, laboratories, classrooms, and housing.⁴¹⁹⁶ It will also welcome 3,600 students, 50 international laboratories, and at least five innovation-driven production facilities that will create 6,000 new jobs.⁴¹⁹⁷

On 9 November 2017, the Russian government approved the implementation of a joint project with the World Health Organization (WHO) to intensify multi-sectoral anti-tuberculosis measures.⁴¹⁹⁸ Russia will contribute USD14.8 million to WHO from 2018 to 2020 to support these measures, which are to be implemented in 25 countries with high rates of tuberculosis, morbidity, and mortality.⁴¹⁹⁹ Russian phthisiology research institutes and Russian experts will work alongside WHO specialists to implement the joint project.⁴²⁰⁰

On 26 December 2017, the Russian government announced the creation of the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve.⁴²⁰¹ The creation of the reserve aims to preserve the islands of the Eastern Baltic while the region is being explored and maintain biodiversity on the islands.⁴²⁰² Special measures to protect the islands will provide for the conservation of ringed seals.⁴²⁰³

⁴¹⁹³ Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

⁴¹⁹⁴ Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

⁴¹⁹⁵ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

⁴¹⁹⁶ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

⁴¹⁹⁷ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

⁴¹⁹⁸ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

⁴¹⁹⁹ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

⁴²⁰⁰ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

⁴²⁰¹ Establishing the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve (Leningrad Region), Government of Russia (Moscow) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30779/>

⁴²⁰² Establishing the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve (Leningrad Region), Government of Russia (Moscow) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30779/>

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On 4 January 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Ladoga Skerries National Park.⁴²⁰⁴ The park will preserve Ladoga Lake's skerries and maintain biodiversity.⁴²⁰⁵ In addition to protecting plants, lichens, seaweeds and mushrooms, the park will also protect ringed seals.⁴²⁰⁶

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On 3 March 2018, the Russian government announced its decision to host an annual Abilympics national skills competition for persons with disabilities.⁴²¹⁴ Beginning in 2018, the competition includes tournaments for applied and professional competencies in demand in the job market.⁴²¹⁵

⁴²⁰⁴ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

⁴²⁰⁵ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

⁴²⁰⁶ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

⁴²⁰⁷ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

⁴²⁰⁸ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

⁴²⁰⁹ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

⁴²¹⁰ Establishing Khibiny National Park in the Murmansk Region, Government of Russia (Moscow) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 22 February 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31338/>

⁴²¹¹ Establishing Khibiny National Park in the Murmansk Region, Government of Russia (Moscow) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 22 February 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31338/>

⁴²¹² KSRelief, EMERCOM of Russia Sign a Cooperation Agreement, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1731600>

⁴²¹³ KSRelief, EMERCOM of Russia Sign a Cooperation Agreement, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1731600>

⁴²¹⁴ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

⁴²¹⁵ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

The competition also includes workshops, seminars, job fairs and skills training sessions.⁴²¹⁶ The competition helps disabled persons expand their range of professional activities, acquire professional education, and obtain employment.⁴²¹⁷

On 7 March 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Novosibirsk Islands Federal Nature Sanctuary.⁴²¹⁸ The sanctuary aims to preserve the island ecosystems of the Russian Arctic.⁴²¹⁹ The sanctuary will also protect the habitats and breeding grounds of polar bears, the Laptev subspecies of walrus, rose gulls and other wildlife.⁴²²⁰

On 27 July 2018, President Putin, along with the other leaders of BRICS, issued the “Johannesburg Declaration,” underlining their commitment to implement the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.⁴²²¹ In the statement, leaders pledged their support to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) for its role in coordinating and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 agenda, and called upon developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.⁴²²² The Declaration further reaffirms cooperation and collaboration on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable access and benefit sharing of biological resources.⁴²²³

On 6 August 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Lenskiye Stolby National Park.⁴²²⁴ The park aims to support the conservation of the Lena and Buotama Pillars, which are natural landmarks and geological formations of significant importance for environmental protection, research and recreation.⁴²²⁵

On 4 September 2018, the Russian government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.⁴²²⁶ The aim of

⁴²¹⁶ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

⁴²¹⁷ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

⁴²¹⁸ Establishing Novosibirsk Islands Federal Nature Sanctuary, Government of Russia (Moscow) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31568/>

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⁴²²¹ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

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⁴²²⁴ On the establishment of Lenskiye Stolby National Park (Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 6 August 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33557/>

⁴²²⁵ On the establishment of Lenskiye Stolby National Park (Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 6 August 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33557/>

⁴²²⁶ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.⁴²²⁷ Denmark, Canada, Norway, the United States, China, Iceland, Japan, Korea and the European Union approved the draft agreement.⁴²²⁸

Russia has committed to further aligning its actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by taking domestic and international actions, including the creation of protected zones for natural habitats and participation in international cooperation on the sustainable use of marine resources.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

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Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 26 September 2017, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud issued a royal decree granting women the permission to drive.⁴²²⁹ The issued decree mandated that a “high-level committee of ministers of (internal affairs, finance, labor and social development) to study the necessary arrangements for enforcement.”⁴²³⁰ The decree is expected to be fully implemented by June 2018.⁴²³¹

On 27 October 2017, Minister of Economy and Planning Adel Fakeih and Korean Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy Paik Un-Gyu signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a “ministerial level committee to boost cooperation, enhance business networking and ensure sustainable support for the Kingdom’s Vision 2030 economic reforms.”⁴²³² Vision 2030 is a national development plan aligning Saudi Arabia’s economy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).⁴²³³ The states have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries.⁴²³⁴

⁴²²⁷ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴²²⁸ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴²²⁹ Royal Order to Adopt Provisions of Traffic Law, Executive regulations, including Issuance of Driving Licenses for Males, Females, alike, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1671331>

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⁴²³¹ Saudi Arabia Will Allow Women to Attend Sporting Events in Stadiums, The Washington Post (Washington) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/10/30/saudi-arabia-will-allow-women-to-attend-sporting-events-in-stadiums/?utm_term=.2170eebe80cb

⁴²³² Saudi-Korea Vision 2030 Committee launched with access to 400 companies, Arab News (Riyadh) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1186981/saudi-arabia>

⁴²³³ Vision 2030 (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

On 4 December 2017, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khalid Al-Falih signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Secretary of Energy Rick Perry to “establish a framework for mutually beneficial cooperation in the area of clean fossil fuels and carbon management.”⁴²³⁵ The two countries will maintain open communication and exchange “experts, engineers, and scientists.”⁴²³⁶ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the US would help to ensure that Saudi Arabia would be able to meet the SDGs outlined in Vision 2030.⁴²³⁷

On 12 December 2017, the Council of Ministers finalized the Citizen’s Account, a new financial measure designed to help economically vulnerable households.⁴²³⁸ The policy aims to “eases the direct and indirect impact on low and medium income households resulting from the ongoing economic reforms such as the gasoline price adjustment, the electricity tariffs adjustment, and the value-added tax on all food and beverage items.”⁴²³⁹ The Council of Ministers announced that the first round of payments will begin on 21 December 2017.⁴²⁴⁰

On 21 December 2017, the first payments of the Citizen’s Account were made to eligible households.⁴²⁴¹ The total of the payments was SAR2 billion.⁴²⁴² Saudi Arabia also announced that the second payments would be provided on 10 January 2018.⁴²⁴³

On 17 January 2018, King Al Saud announced a new directive ordering a deposit of USD2 billion into the Central Bank of Yemen.⁴²⁴⁴ The deposit aims to “alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people

⁴²³⁴ Korea, Saudi Arabia Launch Vision 2030 Committee, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong), 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/pc/pressreleases/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=599&bbs_cd_n=2¤tPage=9&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=

⁴²³⁵ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossil-fuels-and>

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⁴²³⁸ The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Approves the Citizen’s Account Policy, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1697546>

⁴²³⁹ The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Approves the Citizen’s Account Policy, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1697546>

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⁴²⁴¹ Saudi Arabia makes 2 billion riyal payment in citizens account program, Reuters (Riyadh) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-allowances/saudi-arabia-makes-2-billion-riyal-payment-in-citizens-account-program-idUSKBN1EF0S2?il=0>

⁴²⁴² Saudi Arabia makes 2 billion riyal payment in citizens account program, Reuters (Riyadh) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-allowances/saudi-arabia-makes-2-billion-riyal-payment-in-citizens-account-program-idUSKBN1EF0S2?il=0>

⁴²⁴³ Saudi Arabia makes 2 billion riyal payment in citizens account program, Reuters (Riyadh) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-allowances/saudi-arabia-makes-2-billion-riyal-payment-in-citizens-account-program-idUSKBN1EF0S2?il=0>

and to help them cope with the economic burdens resulting from the crimes and violations committed by Iranian-backed Houthi militias.”⁴²⁴⁵ The USD2 billion deposit will bring the amount of financial aid provided by Saudi Arabia to the Central Bank of Yemen to a total of USD3 billion.⁴²⁴⁶

On 22 January 2018, the Saudi-led Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen announced that it will be initiating the Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO), a humanitarian aid program.⁴²⁴⁷ Under the new YCHO program, the Saudi-led military coalition will provide USD1.5 billion in funding, USD40 million “to expand Yemeni ports’ capacity to accommodate additional shipments,”⁴²⁴⁸ and USD30 million “to reduce the cost of land transportation through road upgrades.”⁴²⁴⁹

On 5 February 2018, Ambassador to Yemen Mohammed Al-Jabir announced that the YCHO will be delivering four cranes to the Yemeni ports of Mokha, Aden, and Mukalla to “help aid delivery across Yemen and its interior, as well as stimulate Yemen’s economy.”⁴²⁵⁰ The port of Mokha will receive two cranes, while Aden and Mukalla will receive one crane each.⁴²⁵¹

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⁴²⁴⁴ Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Issues Directive for Transfer of USD \$2 Billion to the Central Bank of Yemen, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018.

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1710714>

⁴²⁴⁵ Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Issues Directive for Transfer of USD \$2 Billion to the Central Bank of Yemen, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018.

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⁴²⁴⁷ Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO): New Humanitarian Operation Commits Over \$3.5 Billion to Relieve Suffering in Yemen,” Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/yemen-comprehensive-humanitarian-operations-ycho-new-humanitarian-operation-commits-over-35>

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⁴²⁵⁰ YCHO Aid Delivery Announcements: Cranes to be Delivered to Three Different Yemeni Ports, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/ycho-aid-delivery-announcements-cranes-be-delivered-three-different-yemeni-ports>

⁴²⁵¹ YCHO Aid Delivery Announcements: Cranes to be Delivered to Three Different Yemeni Ports, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/ycho-aid-delivery-announcements-cranes-be-delivered-three-different-yemeni-ports>

⁴²⁵² Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

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On 5 March 2018, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi signed an agreement to cooperate in combating climate change.⁴²⁵⁷ The agreement “covered cooperation in the field of environmental protection and pollution reduction.”⁴²⁵⁸

On 9 March 2018, Minister Al-Falih signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Clean Energy with the United Kingdom’s Business Secretary Greg Clark.⁴²⁵⁹ As part of the agreement, the UK and Saudi Arabian governments will exchange knowledge and expertise on clean energy, work together to create renewable energy technologies, and host an annual Energy and Industry Dialogue to identify further opportunities for collaboration.⁴²⁶⁰

On 9 August 2018, the Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen conducted an airstrike in Saada province, which killed at least 29 individuals under the age of 15.⁴²⁶¹ The UN released a statement on behalf of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, which remarked that he “condemns the air strike today by the Coalition forces in Sa’ada” and “calls on all parties to respect their obligations under

⁴²⁵³ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

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⁴²⁵⁷ HRH the Crown Prince and Egyptian President Witness Signing of Three Agreements, Investment Memorandum of Understanding, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018.

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1733038>

⁴²⁵⁸ HRH the Crown Prince and Egyptian President Witness Signing of Three Agreements, Investment Memorandum of Understanding, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018.

<http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1733038>

⁴²⁵⁹ UK and Saudi Arabia sign memorandum of understanding on clean energy, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-saudi-arabia-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-clean-energy>

⁴²⁶⁰ UK and Saudi Arabia sign memorandum of understanding on clean energy, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-saudi-arabia-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-clean-energy>

⁴²⁶¹ UN Security Council calls for probe into Saudi-led airstrike that hit Yemen school bus, CNN (Washington) 10 August 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/10/politics/un-security-council-investigation-saudi-yemen-strike/index.html>

international humanitarian law.”⁴²⁶²⁴²⁶³ Furthermore, the Secretary-General also requested that “an independent and prompt investigation into this incident” be conducted.⁴²⁶⁴⁴²⁶⁵

On 28 August 2018, the UN Human Rights Council Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen criticized the Saudi Arabian-led military coalition’s actions in the Yemeni conflict, stating that “the Group has reasonable grounds to believe that the Governments of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are responsible for human rights violations.”⁴²⁶⁶ Furthermore, the report also accused the three governments of violating international law, remarking that “as most of these violations appear to be conflict related, they may amount to the following war crimes: rape, degrading and cruel treatment, torture and outrages upon personal dignity.”⁴²⁶⁷

Saudi Arabia has continued to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda both domestically and internationally. Domestically, the Saudi Arabian government has demonstrated its commitment to abolishing poverty through initiatives such as that of the Citizens Account program, and improving gender equality by lifting long-standing bans on driving for women. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia has signed memorandums of understanding with Russia and the United States to combat climate change, and made attempts to improve the ongoing humanitarian situation in Yemen by providing the region with necessary aid, thus accounting for Saudi Arabia’s actions to further the SDGs on an international level. However, its escalating actions in Yemen are not conducive to peace and justice in the region, and thus are not aligned with the sustainable development goals on an international level.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

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South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

⁴²⁶² Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on Yemen, United Nations (New York) 9 August 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2018-08-09/statement-attributable-spokesman-secretary-general-yemen>

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⁴²⁶⁵ Situation of human rights in Yemen, including violations and abuses since September 2014, United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva) 28 August 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/YE/A_HRC_39_43_EN.docx

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On 18 August 2017, the Ministry of Tourism approved the Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan.⁴²⁶⁸ Minister of Tourism Tokozile Xasa stated that “the coastal and marine tourism sector will contribute about ZAR21.4 billion to the gross domestic product and create about 116,000 direct jobs by 2026, thus reducing poverty, inequality and unemployment, while contributing to sustainable livelihoods and developments.”⁴²⁶⁹

On 4 September 2017, the South African delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.⁴²⁷⁰ The signed documents include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.⁴²⁷¹

On 21 September 2017, Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi reached a pricing agreement on a new affordable generic single-pill HIV treatment with several international health organizations.⁴²⁷² This new price is expected to save ZAR11 billion over the next six years and increase the number of patients enrolled in the programme.⁴²⁷³

On 8 October 2017, Minister of Environmental Affairs Edna Molewa and Chad Minister of Environment and Fisheries Ahmat Mahamat signed two Memorandums of Understanding on cooperation in biodiversity conservation through the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) and the sustainable protection of rhinos in Chad.⁴²⁷⁴

On 31 October 2017, Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor announced the launch of the Wheat Breeding Platform.⁴²⁷⁵ She stated that the platform “provides smallholder farmers access to seed technology to enhance yields, productivity, income and growth opportunities,” reducing

⁴²⁶⁸ Minister Tokozile Xasa welcomes approval of Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 18 August 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-tokozile-xasa-welcomes-approval-coastal-and-marine-tourism-implementation-plan-18>

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⁴²⁷⁰ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

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⁴²⁷² SA Decreases the price of ARVs to save R11 billion in six years, Ministry of Health (Pretoria) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.nhrc.org.za/index.php/2014-03-17-09-48-36/2014-03-17-09-49-50?download=2410:media-statement-south-africa-decreases-the-price-of-arvs-to-save-r11-billion-in-six-years&start=60>

⁴²⁷³ SA Decreases the price of ARVs to save R11 billion in six years, Ministry of Health (Pretoria) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.nhrc.org.za/index.php/2014-03-17-09-48-36/2014-03-17-09-49-50?download=2410:media-statement-south-africa-decreases-the-price-of-arvs-to-save-r11-billion-in-six-years&start=60>

⁴²⁷⁴ South Africa and Chad sign MoU in the field of Biodiversity Conservation and Management, Environmental Affairs (Pretoria) 8 October 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.environment.gov.za/mediarelease/SAandChadsignsmouinbiodiversityconservationandmanagement>

⁴²⁷⁵ Minister Naledi Pandor: Launch of Wheat Breeding Platform, Government of South Africa (Stellenbosch) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-naledi-pandor-launch-wheat-breeding-platform-31-oct-2017-0000>

inequality between farmers via equal access to the newest technology.⁴²⁷⁶ Furthermore, transforming the agricultural sector with such new technology would be effective in reducing poverty and improving food security.⁴²⁷⁷

On 15 November 2017, the Department of Home Affairs launched a new Refugee Travel Document.⁴²⁷⁸ UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Representative Sharon Cooper stated that travel documents “can enable access to basic services and rights, allowing refugees to pursue education or work abroad,” and strengthen “their ability to lead independent and stable lives.”⁴²⁷⁹ The documents have new security features, including being machine-readable to prevent identity fraud and an additional page for parent names of refugee children to minimize risks of human trafficking.⁴²⁸⁰

On 27 November 2017, during the 2017 Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.⁴²⁸¹ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.⁴²⁸² The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.⁴²⁸³ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.⁴²⁸⁴ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza’s

⁴²⁷⁶ Minister Naledi Pandor: Launch of Wheat Breeding Platform, Government of South Africa (Stellenbosch) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-naledi-pandor-launch-wheat-breeding-platform-31-oct-2017-0000>

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⁴²⁸¹ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6d-nFPY>

⁴²⁸² UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

⁴²⁸³ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6d-nFPY>

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recovery plans.⁴²⁸⁵ During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global South.⁴²⁸⁶

On 5 December 2017, the Department of Water and Sanitation hosted the Water Infrastructure and Investment Summit.⁴²⁸⁷ Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane announced that an Investment Stewardship initiative would follow the Summit.⁴²⁸⁸ She stated that “the investment project opportunities and needs identified in the Summit will be pulled into a series of focused, specific engagements,” noting the necessity of building infrastructure and engaging all sectors of government in response to these challenges.⁴²⁸⁹

On 16 December 2017, the Presidency issued a response to Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training’s recommendations.⁴²⁹⁰ In 2018, the South African government will fully subsidize public technical and vocational education and training and university education to working class students.⁴²⁹¹ These changes will affect “youth from well over 90 per cent of South African households,” including those from families facing unemployment or working minimum wage.⁴²⁹²

On 27 February 2018, Parliament passed a motion seeking to legalize land expropriation without compensation, as part of a land reform policy to ensure equal ownership of land between white and black South Africans.⁴²⁹³

On 27 March 2018, President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Youth Employment Service (YES) initiative.⁴²⁹⁴ President Ramaphosa called YES a “pillar of a broad and comprehensive national effort

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⁴²⁸⁷ Minister Nomvula Mokonyane: Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, Government of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nomvula-mokonyane-water-infrastructure-investment-summit-5-dec-2017-0000>

⁴²⁸⁸ Minister Nomvula Mokonyane: Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, Government of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nomvula-mokonyane-water-infrastructure-investment-summit-5-dec-2017-0000>

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⁴²⁹⁰ Presidency response on Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 16 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/presidency-response-heher-commission-inquiry-higher-education-and-training-16-dec-2017-0000>

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⁴²⁹³ MEC Sihle Zikalala: Debate on KwaZulu-Natal State of the Province Address 2018, Government of South Africa (Pietermaritzburg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/debate-2018-state-province-address-1-mar-2018-0000>

to create opportunities for young people” and a response to poverty and unemployment.⁴²⁹⁵ YES fosters the creation of one-year paid positions in the private sector to ensure youth “are included in [South Africa’s] economic growth story in a sustainable manner.”⁴²⁹⁶

On 29 March 2018, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Lindiwe Sisulu and her Sahrawi Republic (SADR) counterpart Bulahi Siid signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Assistance and Exchange of Notes on the Humanitarian Assistance.⁴²⁹⁷ South Africa will provide “emergency shelter, provision of nutrition, medical care, child protection and education in the refugee camps in Western Sahara” to support SADR’s right to self-determination as the last colony in Africa.⁴²⁹⁸

On 16 April 2018, the Presidency launched a new investment drive in line with the National Development Plan to boost total fixed investment to 30% of GDP by 2030.⁴²⁹⁹ President Ramaphosa appointed four Special Envoys on Investment to seek both intra-African and international investment.⁴³⁰⁰ This initiative will culminate in an Investment Conference designed to attract investment.⁴³⁰¹

On 4 June 2018, Minister Sisulu and her counterparts in India and Brazil adopted the IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation.⁴³⁰² IBSA pledged to “step up advocacy for reforms of global governance institutions in multilateral fora” and reaffirmed its commitment to responsibly finance SDGs in partner countries while respecting their sovereignty.⁴³⁰³ IBSA also reaffirmed its

⁴²⁹⁴ President Cyril Ramaphosa: Launch of Youth Employment Service initiative, South African Government (Johannesburg) 27 March 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-launch-youth-employment-service-initiative-27-mar-2018-0000>

⁴²⁹⁵ President Cyril Ramaphosa: Launch of Youth Employment Service initiative, South African Government (Johannesburg) 27 March 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-launch-youth-employment-service-initiative-27-mar-2018-0000>

⁴²⁹⁶ President Ramaphosa launches YES to give youth a chance for inclusion in SA economy, Youth Employment Service (Diepsloot) 27 March 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-launch-youth-employment-service-initiative-27-mar-2018-0000>

⁴²⁹⁷ Opening Remarks by Hon. Lindiwe Sisulu on the occasion of the Signing Ceremony of the MoU on Technical Assistance and Exchange of Notes on the Humanitarian Assistance to the Sahrawi Democratic Arab Republic (Western Sahara), Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 29 March 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/speeches/2018/sisu0329.htm>

⁴²⁹⁸ Opening Remarks by Hon. Lindiwe Sisulu on the occasion of the Signing Ceremony of the MoU on Technical Assistance and Exchange of Notes on the Humanitarian Assistance to the Sahrawi Democratic Arab Republic (Western Sahara), Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 29 March 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/speeches/2018/sisu0329.htm>

⁴²⁹⁹ Statement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on launch of new investment drive, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 16 April 2018. Access Date: 12 May 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/speeches/2018/cram0416.htm>

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⁴³⁰² IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 4 June 2018. Access Date: 20 June 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2018/ibsa0605.htm>

⁴³⁰³ IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 4 June 2018. Access Date: 20 June 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2018/ibsa0605.htm>

commitment to the South-South Cooperation framework of ‘developing partners’ over ‘donor and recipient’ relationships.⁴³⁰⁴

On 21 July 2018, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) announced a project management unit to implement recommendations from the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Rural and Township Summit.⁴³⁰⁵ To ensure more inclusive economic participation, DTI Director-General Lionel October stated that “[South Africa] need a clear and concrete implementation mechanism if [it is] to succeed in transforming this economy.”⁴³⁰⁶

On 27 July 2018, President Ramaphosa, along with the other leaders of BRICS, issued the ‘Johannesburg Declaration,’ underlining their commitment to implement the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.⁴³⁰⁷ In the statement, leaders pledged their support to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) for its role in coordinating and reviewing the implementation of the 2030 agenda, and called upon developed countries to honor their Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments.⁴³⁰⁸ The Declaration further reaffirms cooperation and collaboration on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable access and benefit sharing of biological resources.⁴³⁰⁹ The BRICS will also set up an Advisory Group to develop the Terms of Reference and a Work Plan for the Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, which “aims at deepening BRICS cooperation in digitalization, industrialization, innovation, inclusiveness and investment to maximise the opportunities and address the challenges arising from the 4th Industrial Revolution.”⁴³¹⁰

On 14 August 2018, President Ramaphosa announced the launch of the Sanitation Appropriate for Education initiative.⁴³¹¹ In partnership with the private sector, the initiative will develop safe water and sanitation facilities in schools, contributing to the Agenda 2030 goal of sanitation for all.⁴³¹² The

⁴³⁰⁴ IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 4 June 2018. Access Date: 20 June 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2018/ibsa0605.htm>

⁴³⁰⁵ the dti to Establish Special Unit to Drive Rural and Township Economy – DG October, Department of Trade and Industry (East London) 21 July 2018. Access Date: 1 August 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=5529>

⁴³⁰⁶ the dti to Establish Special Unit to Drive Rural and Township Economy – DG October, Department of Trade and Industry (East London) 21 July 2018. Access Date: 1 August 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=5529>

⁴³⁰⁷ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

⁴³⁰⁸ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

⁴³⁰⁹ BRICS Declaration Calls for Full Implementation of Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda (Winnipeg) 2 August 2018. Access Date: 25 August 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/brics-declaration-calls-for-full-implementation-of-paris-agreement-and-2030-agenda/>

⁴³¹⁰ BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Johannesburg) 26 July 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2018/brics0726.pdf>

⁴³¹¹ President Cyril Ramaphosa: Sanitation Appropriate for Education initiative, South African Government (Pretoria) 14 August 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-sanitation-appropriate-education-initiative-14-aug-2018-0000>

⁴³¹² President Cyril Ramaphosa: Sanitation Appropriate for Education initiative, South African Government (Pretoria) 14 August 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-sanitation-appropriate-education-initiative-14-aug-2018-0000>

Department of Basic Education reported that the initiative has raised ZAR45 million as of 15 August 2018.⁴³¹³

On 27 August 2018, the Department of Energy published a draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP 2018) after cabinet approval for public input.⁴³¹⁴ In support of the energy and climate commitments of the National Development Plan, IRP 2018 proposes a more diverse mix of renewable energy sources such as hydro, solar, and wind power, to be adopted by 2030.⁴³¹⁵

South Africa has taken domestic action to develop the economy, sanitation and renewable sources of energy. It has taken international action by pledging support to SADR in its self-determination. It is supporting developing countries by committing to the IBSA Declaration and the Johannesburg Declaration.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

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Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels; which includes supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 22 June 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies announced that new social aid reforms involving insurance premiums has been set forth.⁴³¹⁶ The premiums and incentives program encouraged those able to find and sustain employment to do so, and for those struggling to reach out to the relevant offices within the Ministry to discuss options available to them.⁴³¹⁷

On 30 June 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources announced that they would begin offering a new premium to encourage developers and workplaces to switch to renewable solar panels to produce electricity.⁴³¹⁸

On 1 July 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took over as Vice-Chair of the UN Advisory Commission of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and called to demand commitments from UN Member States and the G20 to decry the treatment of civilians within the conflict zone of Israel and Palestine.⁴³¹⁹

⁴³¹³ Millions raised for school sanitation, Department of Basic Education (Pretoria) 15 August 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018.

<https://www.education.gov.za/Newsroom/MediaReleases/tabid/347/ctl/Details/mid/7002/ItemID/5609/Default.aspx>

⁴³¹⁴ Integrated Resource Plan Media Statement, Department of Energy (Pretoria) 27 August 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media_frame.html

⁴³¹⁵ Statement on the Cabinet Meeting of 22 August 2018, South African Government (Cape Town) 23 August 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/statement-cabinet-meeting-22-august-2018-23-aug-2018-0000>

⁴³¹⁶ Regulations Pertaining to Those receiving Social Aid in Event of Employment, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 22 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170622-1.htm>

⁴³¹⁷ Regulations Pertaining to Those receiving Social Aid in Event of Employment, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 22 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170622-1.htm>

⁴³¹⁸ Solar Energy Regulations, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170630-10.htm>

⁴³¹⁹ Members of the advisory commission, UNRWA (Gaza City) 1 July 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <https://www.unrwa.org/who-we-are/advisory-commission/members-advisory-commission>

On 10 July 2017, the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), Ministry of Health, Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), Turkish Grain Board, and Turkish Red Crescent collaborated on a help campaign for people affected by the Yemen conflict.⁴³²⁰ A Turkish humanitarian aid ship named #BeTheHope left the port of İskenderun carrying USD8.5 million worth of flour, medicine, relief supplies and mobile hospitals for the conflict-ridden Yemen.⁴³²¹

On 30 July 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources updated its regulations on solar energy production.⁴³²² In this update, the principles related to the technical evaluation of pre-licensed, licensed, and unlicensed solar energy applications and amendments are detailed.⁴³²³

On 14 November 2017, AFAD distributed tents, blankets, and food to 250 families in Iraq's northern province of Sulaymaniyah.⁴³²⁴

On 22 November 2017, TİKA announced that they would build 5,000 additional prefabricated homes for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, totalling 25,000 homes serving 125,000 people.⁴³²⁵ They also will build two field hospitals and ten medical centers in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazaar in 2017 and 2018.⁴³²⁶

On 28 November 2017, TİKA distributed bicycles to 200 girls who walk for kilometres to get to school in Kenya, aiming to increase girls' access to education and decrease dropout rates.⁴³²⁷

On 18 December 2017, TİKA donated soil milling and spraying machines for crops to 200 farmers in East Macedonia as a part of its development projects in regions in need of aid.⁴³²⁸

On 19 December 2017, TİKA and the Turkish Red Crescent opened the Turkish Field Hospital in Aden, Yemen to provide health aid to those who have been impacted by the crises in the country.⁴³²⁹

⁴³²⁰ Turkish Humanitarian Aid Ship Sets Sail For Yemen, AFAD (Ankara) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2017. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/19719/Turkish-Humanitarian-Aid-Ship-Sets-Sail-For-Yemen>

⁴³²¹ Turkish Humanitarian Aid Ship Sets Sail For Yemen, AFAD (Ankara) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2017. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/19719/Turkish-Humanitarian-Aid-Ship-Sets-Sail-For-Yemen>

⁴³²² Regulation on the Technical Evaluation of Solar Energy-Based Electricity Production Application, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170630-10.htm>

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⁴³²⁴ AFAD Distributes Aid to 250 Quake-Hit Families in Iraq, AFAD (Ankara) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22759/AFAD-distributes-aid-to-250-quake-hit-families-in-Iraq>

⁴³²⁵ Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD (Ankara) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-wherever-people-are-having-trouble>

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⁴³²⁷ TİKA Supports Girls Education through "Wheels of Empowerment" Project in Kenya, TİKA (Ankara) 30 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_girls_education_through_wheels_of_empowerment_project_in_kenya-39700

⁴³²⁸ Support for Increasing Agricultural Efficiency in East Macedonia, Milliyet (Ankara) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/dogu-makedonya-da-tarim-verimliliginin-ankara-yerelhaber-2475360/>

⁴³²⁹ Yemeni minister explained: We thank Erdogan and Turkish people, Milliyet (Ankara) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/yemenli-bakan-acikladi-erdogan-ve-dunya-2575868/>

On 22 December 2017, First Secretary Responsible for Economic Development Mehmet Şimşek announced that the Turkish government has taken steps to mobilize a motion to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the non-repayment policy and increased credit for women working in cattle-breeding and farming to encourage more women to join the workforce and be able to sustain themselves.⁴³³⁰

On 22 December 2017, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock equipped local governments with materials and information for the training of women farmers on sustainable farming and furthering their individual capabilities as farmers, teaching them about beekeeping, vegetable farming, and industrial tools.⁴³³¹

On 30 December 2017, the Ministry of Economy announced additional restrictions and controls on chemical imports, imposing tighter rules on chemicals deemed harmful by the Montreal Protocol.⁴³³²

On 18 January 2018, TİKA and the Vietnam Sustainable Development Agency provided clean water access to school children by equipping schools in Vietnam's Ninh Thuan, Dak Nong, and Nghe An provinces with water filtration systems.⁴³³³

On 31 January 2018, TİKA completed the construction of the Kyrgyz Turk Friendship Hospital in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.⁴³³⁴ The hospital will provide advanced medical services to the people of Bishkek and of surrounding areas.⁴³³⁵

On 1 February 2018, the Women Men Equal Opportunity Commission of the Grand National Assembly (TBMM) announced that female candidates to the Assembly will be given political theory education and then an internship within TBMM in order to equalize their opportunities and career advancement with their male colleagues.⁴³³⁶

On 2 February 2018, the Ministry of Economy announced a new special tax exemption of up to TL10,000 on new cars for drivers who scrap their older and more heavily-polluting cars.⁴³³⁷

On 3 February 2018, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım published a notice emphasising Turkey's commitment to ending child labour and working with social aid services pertaining to family wellness, in order to ensure that alternatives are presented to families in need.⁴³³⁸

⁴³³⁰ Başbakan Yardımcısı açıkladı! Yeni kredi destekleri geliyor, Milliyet (Ankara) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/basbakan-yardimcisi-acikladi-yeni-ekonomi-25775128>

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⁴³³³ TİKA provides 12 kindergartens in Vietnam with water filtration systems, TİKA (Ankara) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 3 February 2018.

http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_provides_12_kindergartens_in_vietnam_with_water_filtration_systems-41036

⁴³³⁴ Khryghz-Turkish Friendship Hospital Completed, Milliyet (Ankara) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kirgiz-turk-dostluk-hastanesi-nin-insasi-ankara-yerelhaber-2565801/>

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⁴³³⁶ Kadınlar "siyaset stajını" Meclis'te yapacak, Milliyet (Ankara) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kadinlar-siyaset-stajini--siyaset-2601896/>

⁴³³⁷ Aracını hurdaya ayırana ÖTV indirimi yapılacak, Milliyet (Ankara) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 4 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/aracini-hurdaya-ayirana-otv-otomobil-2602628/>

On 22 May 2018, the Ministry of Environment and Urban Planning organized the Synthesis Report Closing Meeting to analyze information on how the Turkish government can support initiatives regarding climate change. Started in 2016 in conjunction with Partnership for Market Readiness Turkey Program, the meeting worked on determining prices and taking steps to deter carbon usage in favour of sustainable alternatives, while not aggrieving companies without the resources necessary to switch to sustainable alternatives.⁴³³⁹

On 12 May 2018, TİKA obtained firefighting equipment and vehicles for the firefighters in the Tirana Municipality in Albania.⁴³⁴⁰

On 13 June 2018, TİKA repaired twenty-three classrooms in the Dobruja region of southeastern Romania. It also provided new furniture, educational equipment and materials for the schools in the region.⁴³⁴¹

On 16 July 2018, TİKA guaranteed equipment to the Centre for Autism located in the Albanian city of Kukës. This aligns with the goals of aiding development in needing regions.⁴³⁴²

On 11 September 2018, TİKA identified and renovated the homes of twenty disabled individuals living in Gaza by collaborating with the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the As-Salamu Association. The houses were in need of repair due to ongoing destruction caused by the war, and renovations were also needed to make the houses accessible for the disabled people living in them.⁴³⁴³

On 11 September 2018, TİKA sent medical equipment and an anesthesia device to the Orthopedic Surgery department of the Bucharest St. Pantelimon Emergency Clinic Hospital in Romania, in order to ensure that surgeons can complete invasive surgeries in a safer manner.⁴³⁴⁴

Through transformative efforts to ensure aid to developing countries, improve gender equality within the workforce, take steps toward encouraging sustainable economic development and aid to citizens escaping conflict, Turkey has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

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http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika%27s_support_to_the_families_of_people_with_disabilities_in_gaza-47140

⁴³⁴⁴ Another healthcare service in Romania by TİKA, TİKA (Ankara) 11 September 2018. Access Date: 15 September 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/another_healthcare_service_in_romania_by_tika-47130

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The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 8 July 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May announced a new package of measures to create wealth in Africa and reduce the continent's reliance on aid.⁴³⁴⁵ The new package focuses on supporting African aspirations for trade, investment and growth; creating millions of jobs and partnering with others to stimulate investment of pounds and dollars into Africa.⁴³⁴⁶ The package includes the establishment of a new London Centre for Global Disaster Protection that will use expertise and innovation from the UK to aid developing countries improve disaster planning and use insurance to provide cost-effective and reliable finance in emergencies like the severe drought in East Africa.⁴³⁴⁷ The package will also provide GBP60 million to help Africa integrate into global financial markets by creating a robust and transparent financial sector that attracts more investment and financial innovation, assist the banking sector to become self-sufficient and direct finance where it is most needed.⁴³⁴⁸ This funding will also create more opportunities for London to act a finance hub for Africa.⁴³⁴⁹ GBP61 million will also be used to boost trade infrastructure in Tanzania, including working with the World Bank to nearly double the capacity of the Dar es Salaam port.⁴³⁵⁰ The package will dedicate GBP30 million to help Somalia's state and economy recover from conflict by building a functioning civil service for economic management and for helping up to a million people benefit from better roads and water supply.⁴³⁵¹ The package will also contribute GBP35 million to Ethiopia and GBP11.8 million to Rwanda to help attract private investment and decrease dependence on aid.⁴³⁵²

On 11 July 2017, International Development Secretary Priti Patel announced that the UK government would extend its contribution until 2022 to provide modern family planning to women

⁴³⁴⁵ PM announces new measures to help Africa boost its prosperity and stability, Department for International Development (London) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-measures-to-help-africa-boost-its-prosperity-and-stability>

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in impoverished countries in Asia and Africa.⁴³⁵³ With the new increased support package, the UK government will contribute an average of GBP225 million per year until 2022 for family planning.⁴³⁵⁴ The support package will be dedicated to preventing maternal deaths of over 6,000 women, supporting approximately 20 million women to receive voluntary contraceptives, preventing 6 million unintended pregnancies, and averting the trauma of 75,000 stillbirths and nearly 44,000 new-born deaths.⁴³⁵⁵

On 1 August 2017, the Department for Work and Pensions announced that GBP28 million would be directed towards funding employment initiatives supporting disadvantaged persons and long-term job seekers.⁴³⁵⁶ The funding will establish a Health and Care Sector Progression Academy to train social care workers, an early intervention initiative to prevent people from long-term unemployment, and a business-led training hub for modern work skills.⁴³⁵⁷

On 4 August 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP100 million to end polio.⁴³⁵⁸ The funding will be dedicated to immunizing 45 million children against the disease each year until 2020.⁴³⁵⁹ The World Health Organization will be using the UK government's funding to implement the programmes of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership led by national governments, WHO, Rotary International, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UN Children's Fund, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.⁴³⁶⁰

On 8 September 2017, Secretary Patel announced GBP5 million to provide humanitarian assistance for the Rohingya refugees who have fled into Bangladesh from military violence in Burma.⁴³⁶¹ The funding will focus on providing food, shelter, water, and sanitation for the refugees.⁴³⁶²

⁴³⁵³ UK to save a woman's life every 90 minutes by increasing family planning support, Department for International Development (London) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-save-a-womans-life-every-90-minutes-by-increasing-family-planning-support>

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⁴³⁶¹ Violence in Burma: statement from Priti Patel, Department for International Development (London) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/violence-in-burma-statement-from-priti-patel>

On 14 September 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP25 million to meet the needs of the Rohingya.⁴³⁶³ The funding will be directed towards providing food, shelter, water and sanitation for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.⁴³⁶⁴ The funding will also provide life-saving assistance for the Rohingya affected in the Rakhine State of Burma.⁴³⁶⁵

On 28 October 2017, Prime Minister May announced a new initiative to improve workplace equality by calling on companies to report their gender pay gap and take action to close it.⁴³⁶⁶ As part of the initiative, the UK government has introduced a legal requirement for employers with more than 250 employees to publish their gender pay and bonuses by April 2018.⁴³⁶⁷ Prime Minister May called on companies to ensure female representation in senior roles and to make flexible working available for employees by advertising all jobs as flexible unless there are legitimate reasons for the jobs to be inflexible, and also called on companies with fewer than 250 employees to publish their gender pay gap data voluntarily.⁴³⁶⁸

On 8 November 2017, Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry Claire Perry announced GBP84 million for funding of artificial intelligence and robotics research, and smart energy systems innovation.⁴³⁶⁹ GBP68 million of the funding will be dedicated to developing robots and artificial intelligence to complete jobs in the North Sea, facing extreme environments in the process of nuclear

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energy production, the hostile vacuum of space, and the heat of deep mining.⁴³⁷⁰ GBP16 million of the funding will be focused on smart energy systems innovation.⁴³⁷¹

On 14 November 2017, the UK government ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which commits countries to reducing hydrofluorocarbon greenhouse gases by 85 per cent between 2019 and 2036.⁴³⁷² Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Michael Grove commented that the UK's commitment to the Kigali Amendment would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of approximately 70 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2050.⁴³⁷³

On 16 November 2017, Minister Perry launched the Powering Past Coal Alliance at the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change alongside Canada.⁴³⁷⁴ The alliance of countries aims to move away from using unabated coal power to using cleaner power sources by taking actions, such as setting coal phase out targets and committing to no increased investments in coal-fired electricity within their jurisdictions or elsewhere.⁴³⁷⁵ The UK government has committed to ending unabated coal power generation by 2025.⁴³⁷⁶

On 25 November 2017, International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt announced GBP12 million in funding for initiatives to protect women and girls facing violence in impoverished countries.⁴³⁷⁷ The funding will be allocated to the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women.⁴³⁷⁸ The funding will support local, national, regional, and cross-border

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efforts to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, including female genital mutilation, child marriage, and domestic and sexual violence.⁴³⁷⁹

On 29 November 2017, Prime Minister May announced a long-term commitment to collaborating with Jordan in transforming the country's economy to a more inclusive and resilient one, providing opportunities to all Jordanians.⁴³⁸⁰ The UK government will initially contribute GBP94.5 million to create new jobs, provide apprenticeships and vocational skills training, and improve the quality of education for Jordanian children.⁴³⁸¹

On 30 November 2017, the UK government announced plans to seek one million more disabled people in the workforce by 2027 through its "Improving lives: the future of work, health and disability" strategy.⁴³⁸² The UK aims to work with employers, charities, healthcare providers, and local authorities to eliminate employment barriers for disabled people through in-work programmes, personalized financial and employment support, and specialist healthcare services.⁴³⁸³

On 11 December 2017, International Trade Secretary Liam Fox announced that the UK government would provide GBP18 million to support 51 impoverished countries in lifting their citizens out of poverty through trade.⁴³⁸⁴ The funding will assist these countries in producing products suitable for export, making trade more easily across borders, and allowing access new markets that can create new jobs.⁴³⁸⁵

On 12 December 2017, Prime Minister May announced that the UK would contribute GBP140 million to assist impoverished communities that have been affected by climate change, through deforestation or vulnerability to natural disasters.⁴³⁸⁶ The funding will assist vulnerable populations to better cope with climate shocks and build resilience to extreme weather conditions, in order to reduce the need for emergency humanitarian aid when natural disasters occur.⁴³⁸⁷ The funding will

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also fund reconstruction of damaged infrastructure as a result of extreme weather conditions associated with climate change.⁴³⁸⁸ The funding will also be used to fund improved crisis and response operations.⁴³⁸⁹

On 10 January 2018, Prime Minister May launched a twenty-five year environment plan to eliminate avoidable plastic waste by 2042.⁴³⁹⁰ Prime Minister May plans for the UK government to encourage supermarkets to introduce plastic-free aisles, and to examine how the taxation system can further reduce the amount of waste created.⁴³⁹¹

On 22 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP21 million for humanitarian aid in Somalia.⁴³⁹² The funding will be dedicated to the screening and treatment of children at risk of acute malnutrition, and maintaining access to water and improved sanitation.⁴³⁹³ The aid will also provide nutrition support, vaccinations, food security and livelihoods.⁴³⁹⁴

On 24 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the UK government and Humanity and Inclusion are collaborating to prototype a mobile phone application to benefit disabled workers.⁴³⁹⁵ The application will assist employers in developing countries share information on how to adapt tools and working environments such that workplaces are accessible for employees and entrepreneurs with disabilities.⁴³⁹⁶

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⁴³⁹⁵ UK aid supports world's first mobile app to help the poorest people with disabilities into work, Department for International Development (London) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018.

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On 2 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP225 million for the Global Partnership for Education.⁴³⁹⁷ For the next three years, funding will be dedicated to supporting education in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The funding will be used to train teachers, build classrooms, distribute textbooks, and keep children in school each year.⁴³⁹⁸

On 8 February 2018, Minister of the Environment Therese Coffey stated that the UK will award approximately GBP40 million to local authorities to retrofit more than 2,700 buses.⁴³⁹⁹ Through the Clean Bus Technology Fund, the funding will aim to reduce tailpipe emissions of nitrogen dioxide, in order to ensure that buses can contribute to improving air quality and meet minimum emission standards.⁴⁴⁰⁰

On 12 February 2018, the Department for Transport announced a GBP30 million investment in vehicle-to-grid technologies that would allow electric cars and other vehicles to deliver electricity back to the smart grid and provide power to homes and power businesses.⁴⁴⁰¹ Through its Industrial Strategy, the UK government will award funding to 21 V2G projects for research, design, and development.⁴⁴⁰²

On 19 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced GBP5.5 million for the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.⁴⁴⁰³ The Humanitarian Grand Challenge aims to support projects that focus on new ways to deliver water, sanitation, energy, health assistance and life-saving information in conflict zones.⁴⁴⁰⁴ The funding will award grants of up to GBP150,000 to kick-start innovative projects and a further GBP600,000 for the expansion of successful projects.⁴⁴⁰⁵ The US Agency for International

⁴³⁹⁷ Penny Mordaunt: The UK is tackling the 'global learning crisis' to empower the next generation, Department for International Development (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/penny-mordaunt-the-uk-is-tackling-the-global-learning-crisis-to-empower-the-next-generation>

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⁴³⁹⁹ Government funding boost for bus industry in drive to improve air quality, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-funding-boost-for-bus-industry-in-drive-to-improve-air-quality>

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⁴⁴⁰¹ £30 million investment in revolutionary V2G technologies, Prime Minister's Office (London) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-investment-in-revolutionary-v2g-technologies>

⁴⁴⁰² £30 million investment in revolutionary V2G technologies, Department for Transport (London) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-investment-in-revolutionary-v2g-technologies>

⁴⁴⁰³ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

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Development will also contribute GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge, which will be administered by Grand Challenges Canada.⁴⁴⁰⁶

On 27 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the Department for International Development would contribute GBP4 million to Bond, a network of more than 400 international development organizations.⁴⁴⁰⁷ As part of the UK Aid Connect programme, the funding will provide grants until 2021 to address development challenges in areas such as disability, child labour and security.⁴⁴⁰⁸

On 9 March 2018, Business Secretary Greg Clark signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Clean Energy with Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khalid A Al-Falih of Saudi Arabia.⁴⁴⁰⁹ As part of the agreement, the UK and Saudi Arabian governments will exchange knowledge and expertise on clean energy, work together to create renewable energy technologies, and host an annual Energy and Industry Dialogue to identify further opportunities for collaboration.⁴⁴¹⁰

On 28 March 2018, Transport Minister Nusrat Ghani announced the Ultra-Low Emission Bus Scheme, a programme focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.⁴⁴¹¹ This will provide an opportunity for local authorities and operators in England and Wales to bid for a portion of a GBP48 million fund for the purchase of ultra-low emission buses and infrastructure to support the buses.⁴⁴¹²

On 18 April 2018, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson announced that the UK government will contribute GBP4 million to support the Inclusive and Accountable Democracy programme.⁴⁴¹³ The programme aims to broaden political participation and strengthen democracy in eighteen Commonwealth countries in Africa, South Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific.⁴⁴¹⁴ The funding will support democratic institutions such as national parliaments, in fostering transparency and

⁴⁴⁰⁶ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

⁴⁴⁰⁷ New partnership with UK charities to tackle global challenges, Department for International Development (London) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-partnership-with-uk-charities-to-tackle-global-challenges>

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⁴⁴¹³ Foreign Secretary commits £4m to democracy in the Commonwealth, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 18 April 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-commits-4m-to-democracy-in-the-commonwealth>

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developing stable, democratic societies.⁴⁴¹⁵ The programme will also drive efforts to increase participation by women, minorities and other underrepresented groups within democratic institutions.⁴⁴¹⁶

On 19 April 2018, Foreign Secretary Johnson announced GBP9 million for the Commonwealth Marine Economies programme.⁴⁴¹⁷ The funding will assist Commonwealth Small Island Developing States in using their marine resources for sustainable economic growth.⁴⁴¹⁸ The funding also aims to protect seas and foster resilience against natural disasters.⁴⁴¹⁹

On 11 May 2018, Minister Perry announced the creation of the GBP20 million Hydrogen Supply programme.⁴⁴²⁰ Since hydrogen is a low-carbon alternative for energy that is expensive to produce, the programme will aim to reduce the high costs of developing large volumes of hydrogen, in order to create a cleaner energy supply.⁴⁴²¹

On 23 May 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the Department for International Development will contribute GBP5 million to the World Health Organization's (WHO) response plan to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.⁴⁴²² The funding will support surveillance, case management, laboratories, coordination, logistics and operational readiness.⁴⁴²³

On 26 June 2018, Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt announced that the UK government will provide GBP2 million to UNICEF, in order to fund access to safe

⁴⁴¹⁵ Foreign Secretary commits £4m to democracy in the Commonwealth, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 18 April 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-commits-4m-to-democracy-in-the-commonwealth>

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⁴⁴¹⁷ Foreign Secretary announces £9 million to save our oceans, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 19 April 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-announces-9m-to-save-our-oceans>

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⁴⁴²⁰ £20 million boost for business innovators powering the UK's hydrogen economy, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 May 2018. Access Date: 17 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/20-million-boost-for-business-innovators-powering-the-uks-hydrogen-economy>

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⁴⁴²² UK response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Department for International Development (London) 23 May 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/uk-response-to-the-ebola-outbreak-in-the-democratic-republic-of-the-congo>

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drinking water for the two million Palestinians residing in Gaza.⁴⁴²⁴ The funding will support the installation of more than 1,000 roof water tanks and allow families to store clean water, provide more than 3,000 communal water drums for households to collect clean water, and provide chlorine for water treatment in 280 wells and 38 water treatment plants.⁴⁴²⁵

On 23-24 July 2018, the UK government hosted the first Global Disability Summit.⁴⁴²⁶ Governments and organizations made 170 commitments to fight discrimination and stigma against disabled people at the summit, including pledges to pass laws protecting the rights of the disabled and to assist disabled people affected by humanitarian crises.⁴⁴²⁷

On 28 August 2018, Prime Minister May announced that the UK will implement various initiatives to invest in business and infrastructure in Africa.⁴⁴²⁸ The UK government's development finance institution, the Commonwealth Development Corporation, will aim to invest up to GBP3.5 billion in African businesses for a duration of four years.⁴⁴²⁹ The UK will invest up to GBP300 million through the Private Infrastructure Development Group to build essential infrastructure in Africa.⁴⁴³⁰ The UK is also aiming to mobilize GBP4 million in private investment, particularly from the city of London.⁴⁴³¹ These initiatives are expected to generate up to GBP8 billion of investment for African countries between 2018 and 2021.⁴⁴³²

⁴⁴²⁴ UK aid to help provide Gazans with access to clean water and sanitation, Department for International Development (London) 26 June 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-help-provide-gazans-with-access-to-clean-water-and-sanitation>

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⁴⁴²⁸ UK launches ambition to generate billions more investment in Africa to trigger transformational growth, Department for International Development (London) 28 August 2018. Access Date: 20 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-ambition-to-generate-billions-more-investment-in-africa-to-trigger-transformational-growth>

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On 13 September 2018, the UK government and the British Council launched the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme, an initiative that connects students and teachers in the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia and the Middle East in long-term partnerships.⁴⁴³³ The new programme will build on the previous Connecting Classrooms programme, which connected 5,000 schools and reached one million students between 2015 and 2018.⁴⁴³⁴ The new programme aims to foster understanding of global issues and various cultures by reaching three million more students over the course of three years.⁴⁴³⁵ In addition, the programme will train 60,000 teachers and school leaders to educate students on the skills necessary to thrive in a global economy.⁴⁴³⁶ The Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme is part of an initiative that teaches the UN Sustainable Development Goals to students and teachers in the United Kingdom and other various countries.⁴⁴³⁷

Through extensive reforms to labour regulations at the domestic level, cooperation with other countries and international organizations, as well as the provision of aid to developing countries, the UK has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

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United States: -1

The United States has failed to comply with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align their actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 8 July 2017, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) committed USD639 million in new humanitarian assistance for people affected by food insecurity and violence in South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen.⁴⁴³⁸

On 13 July 2017, USAID committed USD119 million in funding for humanitarian assistance to assist Iraq in improving sanitation, safe drinking water, food security, and medical assistance.⁴⁴³⁹

⁴⁴³³ UK aid to connect UK schools with classrooms around the world, Department for International Development (London) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 18 September 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-connect-uk-schools-with-classrooms-around-the-world>

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⁴⁴³⁸ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO FAMINE RISK, VIOLENCE, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 August 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/july-08-2017-united-states-announces-addl-humanitarian-assistance-famine>.

On 17 July 2017, the House of Representatives Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved a bill appropriating USD47.4 billion for foreign development, a reduction of USD10 billion from the previous fiscal year.⁴⁴⁴⁰

On 4 August 2017, the State Department notified the United Nations of its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.⁴⁴⁴¹

On 31 August 2017, Administrator of USAID Mark Green announced USD91 million in new development aid to assist Ethiopia in coping with drought.⁴⁴⁴²

On 31 August 2017, USAID committed to assisting 12 developing countries reduce poverty, improve sustainable development, and reduce hunger through an expansion of the Feed the Future program.⁴⁴⁴³

On 7 September 2017, the United States Senate Appropriations Committee approved a bill authorizing USD51 billion in funding for foreign development and diplomacy.⁴⁴⁴⁴ The bill included USD6 billion for humanitarian assistance, and USD10 million for the United Nations to fight climate change.⁴⁴⁴⁵ The bill provided funding for the United Nations Population Fund and eliminated a restriction on funding international organizations which provide abortion services.⁴⁴⁴⁶

On 14 September 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD56 million towards community development and homelessness alleviation in Native American communities.⁴⁴⁴⁷

⁴⁴³⁹ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI PEOPLE, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

⁴⁴⁴⁰ US aid budget moves forward, but Democrats plan to fight cuts, Devex (Washington, D.C.) 14 July 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. https://www.devex.com/news/us-aid-budget-moves-forward-but-democrats-plan-to-fight-cuts-90673?utm_source=website&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=linking_strategy.

⁴⁴⁴¹ U.S submits formal notice of withdrawal from Paris climate pact, Reuters (London) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-un-climate-usa-paris/u-s-submits-formal-notice-of-withdrawal-from-paris-climate-pact-idUSKBN1AK2FM>.

⁴⁴⁴² United States to give Ethiopia \$91 million in drought aid for food and medicine, The Washington Post (Washington, D.C.) 31 August 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/us-gives-ethiopia-91-million-in-drought-aid-for-food-and-medicine/2017/08/31/0f8d381e-c101-4a08-86e4-562fae028a2c_story.html?utm_term=.d64b631f0f7e.

⁴⁴⁴³ ADMINISTRATOR GREEN ANNOUNCES NEXT PHASE OF FEED THE FUTURE ON FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRIP, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-31-2017-administrator-green-announces-next-phase-feed-the-future>.

⁴⁴⁴⁴ Senate Panel Rejects Trump Plan for Cutting Foreign Assistance, Foreign Policy (Washington, D.C.) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/09/07/congress-rejects-trump-plan-for-cutting-foreign-assistance-state-department-redesign-diplomacy-senate-appropriations/>.

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⁴⁴⁴⁶ Senate Committee Votes Against Administration on Anti-Abortion Global Gag Rule, Foreign Policy (Washington, D.C.) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/09/07/senate-votes-against-administration-on-anti-abortion-global-gag-rule/>.

⁴⁴⁴⁷ HUD AWARDS \$56 MILLION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 80 NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-074.

On 18 September 2017, Director of the National Economic Council Gary Cohn reiterated the commitment of President Donald Trump to withdraw from the Paris Agreement unless its terms are made more favorable for the United States.⁴⁴⁴⁸

On 21 September 2017, USAID Administrator Green announced an expansion of the National Malaria Control Programs to cover 90 million people in Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Burkina Faso.⁴⁴⁴⁹

On 21 September 2017, USAID committed approximately USD575 million in funding to assist people affected by food insecurity and violence in Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Somalia.⁴⁴⁵⁰

On 28 September 2017, USAID committed USD5 million in funding for research in innovation in development in developing countries.⁴⁴⁵¹⁴⁴⁵²

On 28 September 2017, Secretary Carson committed USD2.1 million to assist public housing residents find education and job training opportunities.⁴⁴⁵³

On 1 October 2017, the US government halted federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.⁴⁴⁵⁴ The Children's Health Insurance Program provides subsidized medical assistance for more than 8 million low-income children in the United States.⁴⁴⁵⁵

On 10 October 2017, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the imminent repeal of the Clean Power Plan.⁴⁴⁵⁶ The Clean Power Plan was expected to

⁴⁴⁴⁸ Cohn: Trump still planning to withdraw from Paris climate accord, CNN (Atlanta) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/18/politics/gary-cohn-climate-paris-trump/index.html>.

⁴⁴⁴⁹ Address by Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development Mark Green at the United Nations Headquarters, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-21-2017-usaid-administrator-mark-green-delivers-remarks-at-roll-back-malaria-event>.

⁴⁴⁵⁰ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTRIES FACING FAMINE AND ONGOING VIOLENCE, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-21-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-countries>.

⁴⁴⁵¹ USAID ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION IN NEW GLOBAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-28-2017-usaid-announces-5-million-new-global-research-collaboration>.

⁴⁴⁵² Funded Projects | PEER Cycle 6 Grant Recipients, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (Washington, D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/PGA_181417.

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⁴⁴⁵⁴ House to Vote on Child Health Care, but Funding Will Remain in Limbo, The New York Times (New York City) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/02/us/politics/chip-childrens-health-insurance-program-congress.html>.

⁴⁴⁵⁵ House to Vote on Child Health Care, but Funding Will Remain in Limbo, The New York Times (New York City) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/02/us/politics/chip-childrens-health-insurance-program-congress.html>.

⁴⁴⁵⁶ Pruitt announces withdrawal of Clean Power Plan, CNN (Atlanta) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/09/politics/environmental-protection-agency-scott-pruitt-clean-power-plan/index.html>.

reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 32 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 but had not been implemented due to legal challenges before the Supreme Court.⁴⁴⁵⁷

On 25 October 2017, USAID committed USD6.3 million in assistance for off-grid energy generation in developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa.⁴⁴⁵⁸

On 29 November 2017, USAID committed USD2 million in assistance for female entrepreneurs in Africa.⁴⁴⁵⁹

On 4 December 2017, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Arabian Minister of Energy Khalid Al-Falih, pledging to “establish a framework for mutually beneficial cooperation in the area of clean fuels and carbon management.”⁴⁴⁶⁰ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding would help Saudi Arabia meet the Sustainable Development Goals outlines by Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030.⁴⁴⁶¹

On 12 December 2017, USAID committed USD130 million in emergency food assistance to Yemen.⁴⁴⁶²

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⁴⁴⁵⁷ Trump to Argue Obama’s Clean Power Plan Violates U.S. Law, Bloomberg News (New York City) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-05/trump-is-said-to-argue-obama-s-clean-power-plan-violates-law>.

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⁴⁴⁵⁹ USAID ADMINISTRATOR GREEN ANNOUNCES NEW EFFORTS TO EMPOWER WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-29-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-new-efforts-to-empower-women-entrepreneurs>.

⁴⁴⁶⁰ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossilfuels-and>.

⁴⁴⁶¹ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossilfuels-and>.

⁴⁴⁶² Fact Sheet: Additional US Assistance for Yemen, USAID (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-12-2017-fact-sheet-additional-usassistance-yemen>.

⁴⁴⁶³ 7 Congress provides short-term funding for children’s health insurance, CNN (Atlanta) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/21/news/economy/chip-funding/index.html>.

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On 22 December 2017, Secretary Carson committed USD37 million towards housing for low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS.⁴⁴⁶⁶

On 22 December 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.⁴⁴⁶⁷ The Act reduces corporate tax rates, expands the child tax credit, reduces tax rates on most income brackets, and eliminates the healthcare insurance mandate.⁴⁴⁶⁸

On 11 January 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD2 billion to homeless assistance programs across the United States.⁴⁴⁶⁹

On 25 January 2018, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the repeal of a regulation requiring major producers of hazardous air emissions to reduce their emissions levels.⁴⁴⁷⁰

On 9 February 2018, Congress passed a bill funding the Children's Health Insurance Program for ten years.⁴⁴⁷¹

On 19 February 2018, USAID committed GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.⁴⁴⁷² The Humanitarian Grand Challenge supports projects that deliver water, sanitation, energy, health assistance and life-saving innovative technologies in conflict zones.⁴⁴⁷³

On 20 February 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD35 million to assist low-income residents achieve economic and housing independence.⁴⁴⁷⁴

On 29 March 2018, President Trump signed into law a budget bill which included USD55.9 billion for international affairs and foreign aid, a cut of USD3.2 billion from the previous fiscal year.⁴⁴⁷⁵

On 3 April 2018, USAID committed USD87 million in humanitarian assistance for Yemen.⁴⁴⁷⁶ The funding will go towards food assistance, water treatment, medical treatment, and shelter.⁴⁴⁷⁷

⁴⁴⁶⁶ HUD AWARDS \$37 MILLION TO RENEW SUPPORT TO 32 LOCAL HIV-AIDS HOUSING PROGRAMS, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-118.

⁴⁴⁶⁷ Actions Overview H.R.1 — 115th Congress (2017-2018), CONGRESS.GOV (Washington, D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/actions>.

⁴⁴⁶⁸ What's in the GOP's final tax plan, CNN (Atlanta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/15/news/economy/gop-tax-plan-details/index.html>.

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⁴⁴⁷⁰ EPA reverses air pollution rule, Chemical & Engineering News (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://cen.acs.org/articles/96/i6/EPA-reverses-air-pollution-rule.html>.

⁴⁴⁷¹ Congress just funded CHIP for a full decade, Vox (Washington, D.C.) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/2/7/16986440/chip-funding-10-years>.

⁴⁴⁷² UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>.

⁴⁴⁷³ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>.

⁴⁴⁷⁴ HUD AWARDS \$25 MILLION TO PROMOTE JOBS, SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_015.

⁴⁴⁷⁵ Foreign Aid Was a Big Winner in the Budget Trump Signed Last Week, Global Citizen (New York) 29 March 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/foreign-aid-victories-in-trumps-2018-budget/>.

On 6 April 2018, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a new “zero-tolerance” policy for illegal border crossings.⁴⁴⁷⁸

On 7 May 2018, Attorney General Sessions announced that as part of the “zero-tolerance” policy, “if you’re smuggling a child... that child will be separated from you, probably, as required by law. If you don’t want your child separated, then don’t bring them across the border illegally.”⁴⁴⁷⁹

On 8 May 2018, USAID committed USD18.5 million to supporting Venezuelans in Colombia.⁴⁴⁸⁰ The funding will go towards school feeding programs, mobile health services, and a data registry system.⁴⁴⁸¹

On 15 May 2018, USAID committed USD44 million to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and Burma.⁴⁴⁸²

On 16 May 2018, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) committed USD10 million in grants to create 535 affordable homes for low-income individuals.⁴⁴⁸³

On 18 May 2018, USAID committed USD1 million to combat Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.⁴⁴⁸⁴

⁴⁴⁷⁶ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR YEMEN, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 3 April 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-3-2018-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-yemen>.

⁴⁴⁷⁷ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR YEMEN, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 3 April 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-3-2018-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-yemen>.

⁴⁴⁷⁸ Sessions Announces ‘Zero-Tolerance’ Policy on Illegal Border Crossings, Voice of America (Washington, D.C.) 6 April 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.voanews.com/a/jeff-sessions-zero-tolerance-policy-illegal-entry-us/4336134.html>.

⁴⁴⁷⁹ Sessions vows to prosecute all illegal border crossers and separate children from their parents, The Washington Post (Washington, D.C.) 7 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/sessions-says-justice-dept-will-prosecute-every-person-who-crosses-border-unlawfully/2018/05/07/e1312b7e-5216-11e8-9c91-7dab596e8252_story.html?utm_term=.850160b88ebc.

⁴⁴⁸⁰ U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR VENEZUELAN IN COLOMBIA, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-8-2018-fact-sheet-us-assistance-venezuelans-colombia>.

⁴⁴⁸¹ U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR VENEZUELAN IN COLOMBIA, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 8 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-8-2018-fact-sheet-us-assistance-venezuelans-colombia>.

⁴⁴⁸² THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR ROHINGYA AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN BURMA AND BANGLADESH, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 15 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-15-2018-united-states-announces-humanitarian-assistance-rohingya-burma-bangladesh>.

⁴⁴⁸³ HUD ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION IN “SWEAT EQUITY” GRANTS, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 16 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_040.

⁴⁴⁸⁴ USAID COMMITS \$1 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE FOR DR CONGO EBOLA RESPONSE PLAN, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 18 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-18-2018-usaid-commits-1-million-assistance-dr-congo-ebola-response-plan>.

On 18 May 2018, HUD committed USD5 million in grants for economic development and housing organization in rural communities across the country.⁴⁴⁸⁵

On 22 May 2018, HUD committed USD2.6 billion to housing authorities in all states and dependencies.⁴⁴⁸⁶

On 7 June 2018 USAID committed USD112 million in humanitarian assistance for Nigeria and other countries in the Lake Chad region.⁴⁴⁸⁷ The funding will go towards nutrition treatment, health care, shelter, support for children separated from their families and services for survivors of sexual violence.⁴⁴⁸⁸

On 15 June 2018, the Department of Homeland Security confirmed that at least 1,995 children have been separated from their parents between 19 April 2018 and 31 May 2018, as part of Attorney General Sessions' "zero-tolerance" policy.⁴⁴⁸⁹

On 20 June 2018, President Trump signed an executive order banning the policy of separating children of illegal immigrants from their parents at the border.⁴⁴⁹⁰

On 13 July 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD43 million to assist 11 communities in ending youth homelessness.⁴⁴⁹¹

On 20 July 2018, USAID Administrator Green committed USD6.5 million in development assistance for Colombia and Nicaragua.⁴⁴⁹² The funding includes employment programs for Venezuelan refugees in Colombia and human rights support in Nicaragua.⁴⁴⁹³

⁴⁴⁸⁵ HUD AWARDS \$5 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN FOUR RURAL COMMUNITIES, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 18 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_043.

⁴⁴⁸⁶ HUD AWARDS \$2.6 BILLION TO IMPROVE, PRESERVE NATION'S PUBLIC HOUSING, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 22 May 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_045.

⁴⁴⁸⁷ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT IN NIGERIA AND SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 7 June 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-7-2018-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-aid-people-affected>.

⁴⁴⁸⁸ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT IN NIGERIA AND SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 7 June 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-7-2018-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-aid-people-affected>.

⁴⁴⁸⁹ DHS: 2,000 children separated from parents at border, CNN (Atlanta) 16 June 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/15/politics/dhs-family-separation-numbers/index.html>.

⁴⁴⁹⁰ Trump Retreats on Separating Families, but Thousands May Remain Apart, The New York Times (New York City) 20 June 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/20/us/politics/trump-immigration-children-executive-order.html/>

⁴⁴⁹¹ HUD AWARDS \$43 MILLION TO HELP END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 13 July 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_068.

⁴⁴⁹² THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LATIN AMERICA, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 20 July 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-20-2018-united-states-announces-additional-funding-latin-america>.

On 24 July 2018, USAID committed USD170 million in humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia.⁴⁴⁹⁴

On 21 August 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it will be devolving federal emission reduction targets under the Clean Power Plan to the states.⁴⁴⁹⁵ EPA analysis estimated that the proposal will cause approximately 1,400 premature deaths due to increased air pollution.⁴⁴⁹⁶

On 23 August 2018, USAID committed USD14 million to assist Kansas State University in developing more resilient, sustainable agriculture practices as a part of the Feed the Future program.⁴⁴⁹⁷

On 4 September 2018, the US government approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.⁴⁴⁹⁸ The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.⁴⁴⁹⁹ Denmark, Russia, Canada, Norway, China, Iceland, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the European Union approved the draft agreement.⁴⁵⁰⁰

On 4 September 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD98.5 million to providing affordable housing for non-elderly persons with disabilities.⁴⁵⁰¹

On 11 September 2018, EPA announced a proposal to scale back regulations on methane leak prevention.⁴⁵⁰² Under the proposal, energy companies will be required to conduct methane leak

⁴⁴⁹³ THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LATIN AMERICA, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 20 July 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-20-2018-united-states-announces-additional-funding-latin-america>.

⁴⁴⁹⁴ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES \$170 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HELP VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA WHO ARE FACING DISPLACEMENT AND FOOD INSECURITY, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 24 July 2018. Access Date: 23 August 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-24-2018-united-states-announces-170-million-humanitarian-assistance-ethiopia>.

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⁴⁴⁹⁶ EPA analysis of its own new climate proposal: thousands of people will die, Vox (Washington, D.C.) 21 August 2018. Access Date: 21 August 2018. <https://www.vox.com/2018/8/21/17763916/epa-clean-power-plan-affordable-clean-energy>.

⁴⁴⁹⁷ USAID EXTENDS INNOVATION AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS WITH KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, United States Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) 23 August 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-23-2018-usaid-extends-innovation-and-research-partnerships-kansas-state>.

⁴⁴⁹⁸ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴⁴⁹⁹ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴⁵⁰⁰ The Government approves the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 8 September 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/33861/>

⁴⁵⁰¹ HUD AWARDS \$99 MILLION TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, D.C.) 4 September 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_094.

inspections on drilling equipment half as frequently, and fix leaks half as quickly compared to the status-quo.⁴⁵⁰³

The United States has taken action to align its actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on both domestic and international levels, while including specific provisions for developing countries. The United States has also taken action directly contrary to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on both domestic and international levels.

Thus, the United States has received a score of –1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 20 September 2017, the EU began the Spotlight Initiative with the United Nations, a partnership that aims to eradicate violence targeting women and girls with an initial EUR500 million financial package.⁴⁵⁰⁴ The initiative addresses many issues including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual violence, gender-based violence, and human trafficking.⁴⁵⁰⁵ The EU and UN have outlined various stakeholders, blueprints for developing policies and laws accordingly, and providing special services to those affected by gender-based violence.⁴⁵⁰⁶

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission began its External Investment Plan to invest in partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa.⁴⁵⁰⁷ According to Vice President Federica Mogherini, the purpose of the plan is to “become an engine of more inclusive and sustainable growth, to create green energy,” among other goals.⁴⁵⁰⁸ The EU is contributing EUR4.1 billion in order to leverage up to EUR44 billion more in private investments for the initiative.⁴⁵⁰⁹

⁴⁵⁰² EPA proposes rollback of Obama-era laws on methane leak inspection and repairs, CNN (Atlanta) 11 September 2018. Access Date: 16 September 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/11/politics/epa-methane-leak-proposal/index.html>.

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⁴⁵⁰⁴ Questions and Answers: EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, European Commission (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-3222_en.htm

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⁴⁵⁰⁷ EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

⁴⁵⁰⁸ EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

⁴⁵⁰⁹ EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

On 6 October 2017, the EU and India made a joint statement regarding “clean energy and climate change” in New Delhi.⁴⁵¹⁰ The main objective of the statement was to announce the implementation of the Paris Agreement in ways including but not limited to mitigation, finance, and capacity building.⁴⁵¹¹ The goal of this statement is also to encourage others to implement the Paris Agreement, specifically to lower “greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to achieve climate-resilient and sustainable development.”⁴⁵¹²

On 6 October 2017, the EU hosted the 2017 Our Ocean Conference in Malta.⁴⁵¹³ The conference focused on the protection of oceans.⁴⁵¹⁴ At the conference, the EU made 26 commitments, and committed EUR550 million to initiatives such as “the creation of a new [Marine Protected Area (MPA)] that is over half the size of the entire EU.”⁴⁵¹⁵ One key outcome of the conference was to collaborate with African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries to take “actions to strengthen ocean governance worldwide, reduce pressure on the oceans, improve ocean research and data; and to reinforce actions for sustainable inclusive growth of the blue economy.”⁴⁵¹⁶

On 19 December 2017, a new political agreement was reached by the EU to continue an initiative that aims to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.⁴⁵¹⁷ The program is the proposed solution to EU Member States’ current need to improve the energy efficiency and performance of buildings.⁴⁵¹⁸ The goal is to progress “towards a low and zero emission building stock in the EU by 2050 underpinned by national roadmaps to decarbonise buildings.”⁴⁵¹⁹

⁴⁵¹⁰ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

⁴⁵¹¹ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

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⁴⁵¹⁶ EU and Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific Partners Reaffirm Commitment for Sustainable Ocean Governance (Malta) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-3732_en.htm

⁴⁵¹⁷ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

⁴⁵¹⁸ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

⁴⁵¹⁹ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

On 15 February 2018, the EU announced its plans to donate EUR38.5 million to the Western Balkans Investment Framework, in an effort to assist in modernizing Kosovo's railway line.⁴⁵²⁰ This action follows a previous loan of EUR39.9 million by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.⁴⁵²¹

On 4 September 2018, the EU approved the draft Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean, an international legal framework promoting the development of international cooperation in Arctic fishing.⁴⁵²² The aim of the agreement is to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the sustainable use of fishery resources.⁴⁵²³ Denmark, Canada, Norway, the United States, China, Iceland, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Russia approved the draft agreement.⁴⁵²⁴

On 11 September 2018, through the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF), the EU pledged to provide EUR34 million to Bulgaria, Lithuania, Greece and Poland following natural disasters in the aforementioned countries.⁴⁵²⁵ Bulgaria will receive EUR2.25 million in relief after storms and floods in Burgas; Lithuania will receive EUR16.9 million for post-flood repairs in 2017; Greece will receive EUR2.54 million for post-earthquake repairs following an earthquake in Kos in 2017; and Poland will receive EUR12.23 million to repair the widespread destruction following severe storms in numerous areas.⁴⁵²⁶

On 18 September 2018, EU Member States' energy ministers announced that they have agreed to increase their efforts in utilizing hydrogen as an energy source.⁴⁵²⁷ The goal is to use renewable energy like hydrogen, instead of fossil fuels, to achieve the goal of cutting "carbon emissions by 40

⁴⁵²⁰ Upgrading Kosovo's only international rail link, EBRD (London) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ebrd.com/news/2018/upgrading-kosovos-only-international-rail-link.html>

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per cent by 2030.”⁴⁵²⁸ The agreement is non-binding. However, it has been endorsed by 25 EU countries, and it is aimed at encouraging cooperation on research on the uses of hydrogen.⁴⁵²⁹

Through its contribution across issue areas such as climate change, violence against women, and oceanic protection, the EU has committed to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals both domestically and internationally.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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