

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: Shapping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score		+0.85	

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 2016.²⁵⁹⁰ 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.²⁵⁹¹ The SDGs are a “universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.”²⁵⁹² The SDGs build on the successes of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), agreed to in September

²⁵⁹⁰ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹¹ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹² The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

2000. In comparison to the MDGs, the SDGs also include new areas like climate change, innovation, economic inequality, sustainable consumption, peace and justice.²⁵⁹³ The SDGs are as follows:

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;
- Reduce inequality within and among countries;
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable;
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss;
- 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
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.²⁵⁹⁴

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.”²⁵⁹⁵ At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 reaffirmed its commitment to align “its work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and released

²⁵⁹³ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹⁴ 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>.

²⁵⁹⁵ 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>.

the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²⁵⁹⁶ The Action Plan intends to contribute to “global efforts to implement the 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.”²⁵⁹⁷ 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.²⁵⁹⁸ 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.²⁵⁹⁹

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.”²⁶⁰⁰

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.”²⁶⁰¹ “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

²⁵⁹⁶ 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>

²⁵⁹⁷ 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>

²⁵⁹⁸ 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>.

²⁵⁹⁹ 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>.

²⁶⁰⁰ 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>.

²⁶⁰¹ 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>.

the provision of public goods is implicit in any tangible effort to align actions with the SDGs, 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.²⁶⁰² 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: 0

Argentina 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.

²⁶⁰² 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.²⁶⁰³ 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.²⁶⁰⁴

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.²⁶⁰⁵ The biodiversity and surface territory of the park will make it one of Argentina's largest protected areas.²⁶⁰⁶

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.²⁶⁰⁷ The bill will also eliminate some of the benefits offered to employees in case of dismissal under current labour law.²⁶⁰⁸

On 27 September 2017, the Inter-American Development Bank approved a USD200 million loan to the government-run 'Plan Belgrano' program.²⁶⁰⁹ 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.²⁶¹⁰ The Argentine government has already committed a total budget for 2018 of USD350 million for the implementation of the project.²⁶¹¹ The program "will provide sewerage services to 19,000 homes and wastewater treatment services to 130,000 homes."²⁶¹²

²⁶⁰³ 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>

²⁶⁰⁴ 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>

²⁶⁰⁵ 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/>

²⁶⁰⁶ 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/>

²⁶⁰⁷ 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>

²⁶⁰⁸ 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>

²⁶⁰⁹ 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>

²⁶¹⁰ 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>

²⁶¹¹ 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>

²⁶¹² 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.²⁶¹³ The conference addressed the topic of “Global Economy and Agenda 2030: How can Trade Deliver Jobs and Sustainable Development?”²⁶¹⁴ 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.²⁶¹⁵

On December 19 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.²⁶¹⁶ The changes are also expected to lower the amounts paid to pensioners.²⁶¹⁷

On January 5 2018, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development announced the creation of the Fund for the Protection of Native Forest Ecosystems.²⁶¹⁸ This fund is part of the Argentine government’s general budget for 2018, and is meant to reinforce the government’s commitment to a sustainable environmental policy.²⁶¹⁹

On 9 February 2018, the Ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development and AgroIndustry reached a consensus in regards to a sustainable policy for the Forest Industry.²⁶²⁰ 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.²⁶²¹

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

²⁶¹³ 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/>

²⁶¹⁴ 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/>

²⁶¹⁵ 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/>

²⁶¹⁶ 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>

²⁶¹⁷ 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>

²⁶¹⁸ 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/>

²⁶¹⁹ 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/>

²⁶²⁰ 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/>

²⁶²¹ 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.²⁶²² These projects are part of the Argentine government's bid to address entrenched issues of regional inequality and reaffirm its commitment to Federalism.²⁶²³

Argentina has made significant investments towards combating climate change at the domestic level, especially through its investment in improving water-related infrastructure. However, Argentina has not significantly engaged in international actions to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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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.²⁶²⁴ To help with necessary evacuation, the Australian government sent HMAS Choules to the island to rescue the 11,000 residents.²⁶²⁵ 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.²⁶²⁶

On 14 October 2017, Australia increased humanitarian assistance to Vanuatu due to its need of evacuation, following the threat of volcanic eruption in September.²⁶²⁷ Australia increased its humanitarian assistance to AUD3 million.²⁶²⁸ Australia also sent a team of humanitarian and military personnel to assist the Vanuatuan authorities.²⁶²⁹

²⁶²² Mas 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>

²⁶²³ Mas 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>

²⁶²⁴ 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

²⁶²⁵ 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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²⁶²⁷ 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>

²⁶²⁸ 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>

²⁶²⁹ 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>

On 1 November 2017, the Department of Health announced the expansion of the Better Access initiative (MBS).²⁶³⁰ This initiative aims to increase patients' access to mental health professionals.²⁶³¹ MBS is a telehealth service for psychological therapy, and it is delivered through a video conference between the patient and a health professional.²⁶³² The Australian government declared that it would fund this initiative with AUD9.1 million over four years.²⁶³³

On 20 November 2017, the Ministry for the Environment and Energy hosted the National Food Waste Summit at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.²⁶³⁴ 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.²⁶³⁵ 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.²⁶³⁶

On 6 March 2018, the Australian government pledged to provide AUD5.5 million to aid Somalia during its severe drought.²⁶³⁷ This aid will be going towards supplies needed in vulnerable communities in Somalia at this time, which includes “emergency food, clean water and shelter.”²⁶³⁸ Minister of Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop also mentioned in her press release that this aid will be carried out by the UN and other partners.²⁶³⁹

Through investments and improvements in the areas of food waste, 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.

Analyst: Bianca Meta

Brazil: +1

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.

²⁶³⁰ 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>

²⁶³¹ 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>

²⁶³² 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>

²⁶³³ 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>

²⁶³⁴ 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>

²⁶³⁵ 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>

²⁶³⁶ 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>

²⁶³⁷ (Media Release) 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

²⁶³⁸ (Media Release) 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

²⁶³⁹ (Media Release) 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

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.²⁶⁴⁰ 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.²⁶⁴¹

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.²⁶⁴² 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.”²⁶⁴³

On 11 November 2017, President Temer issued a new labour law aimed at improving labour conditions in three areas.²⁶⁴⁴ The new labour law allows pregnant women to request leave, improves working hours with the “12-36 shift system,” and ameliorates conditions for self-employed and part-time workers.²⁶⁴⁵

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.²⁶⁴⁶ 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.²⁶⁴⁷ 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.²⁶⁴⁸ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern

²⁶⁴⁰ 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>

²⁶⁴¹ 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>

²⁶⁴² 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>

²⁶⁴³ 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>

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²⁶⁴⁷ 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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side of Gaza City.²⁶⁴⁹ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.²⁶⁵⁰ IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south during the Expo.²⁶⁵¹

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.²⁶⁵² The agreement is part of the government's effort to promote sustainable development and educate the population in regards to the importance of conservation.²⁶⁵³

On 19 December 2017, Secretary-General of the Presidency Moreira Franco reaffirmed the government's commitment to invest BRL212.4 million in eleven regional airports.²⁶⁵⁴ The investments are part of the Time to Move Forward programme, which aims to address infrastructural deficits.²⁶⁵⁵

On 21 December 2017, Brazil hosted the 51st Mercosur trade bloc summit.²⁶⁵⁶ 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.²⁶⁵⁷

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.²⁶⁵⁸ According to BNDES, 60 per cent of this amount will be invested in wind and solar power.²⁶⁵⁹

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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.²⁶⁶⁰ Brazil emphasized that the principle of non-criminalization of migration needed to be a guiding concept in the elaboration of the Compact.²⁶⁶¹ It also held the view that it is necessary to broaden the options to legalize the status of illegal immigrants.²⁶⁶²

On 18 March 2018, Brazil hosted the 8th World Water Forum with the goal of enhancing dialogue of the decision making process on water at the global level.²⁶⁶³ The purpose of this forum is to move towards implementation, bridging the platform of science and technology to water issues and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.²⁶⁶⁴ In anticipation for this event, the Regional Government of Bahia signed a letter of compromise titled “Pact for Water Security in the State of Bahia.”²⁶⁶⁵

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

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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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.²⁶⁶⁶ 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.^{2667,2668} The plan, amongst other goals, will invest

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²⁶⁶⁷ 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>

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.²⁶⁶⁹ 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.”²⁶⁷⁰

On 16 November 2017, Canada and the United Kingdom jointly announced the formation of the Global Alliance to Power Past Coal.^{2671,2672} 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.²⁶⁷³ By November 2018, the Alliance aims to have 50 partners in total.²⁶⁷⁴

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.”²⁶⁷⁵ CGP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste, reduce water waste, maintain the safety of water ecosystems, and increase natural energy production.²⁶⁷⁶

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

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²⁶⁷¹ 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>

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²⁶⁷⁵ 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

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pledging to cooperate on environmental issues.²⁶⁷⁷ 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.²⁶⁷⁸ Furthermore, the Memorandum of Understanding also includes a commitment to promoting gender equality and the rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as innovative growth.²⁶⁷⁹

On 22 November 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Canada’s new National Housing Strategy.²⁶⁸⁰ The strategy, which aims to “strengthen the middle class, promote sustainable growth for 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.²⁶⁸¹ The strategy also aims to cut homelessness by up to 50 per cent.²⁶⁸²

On 27 November 2017, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada announced that it would be creating 10,000 paid student internships by 2021.²⁶⁸³ The government will be investing CAD221 million to create these positions.²⁶⁸⁴ The paid internships are intended to prepare students and graduates for jobs in the middle-class workforce and growing the economy.²⁶⁸⁵

On 17 January 2018, Minister Carr announced that the Government of Canada would invest CAD6.45 million into six forestry projects in the province of British Columbia.²⁶⁸⁶ The funding will

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²⁶⁸¹ 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

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help develop innovation in the forestry sector.²⁶⁸⁷ 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.”²⁶⁸⁸

On 18 January 2018, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Navdeep Bains and Minister McKenna announced that the Canadian government will divert CAD700 million over five years to the Business Development of Bank of Canada to aid in the innovation of clean technology.²⁶⁸⁹ This initiative aims “to grow Canada’s clean technology industry, protect the environment, and create jobs.”²⁶⁹⁰

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.”²⁶⁹¹

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.²⁶⁹² The funding will go towards the formation of a process that will separate toxic by-products from mining.²⁶⁹³

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.

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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 2030.²⁶⁹⁴ Under the plan, China pledges to decrease anemia rates among children under five years old to 12 per cent.²⁶⁹⁵ 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.²⁶⁹⁶ Furthermore, China pledges to promote research on nutrition legislation and policy-making to ensure the plan's effective execution.²⁶⁹⁷

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.²⁶⁹⁸ 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.²⁶⁹⁹ 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.”²⁷⁰⁰

On 28 August 2017, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a letter of intent in cooperation with Ministry of Science of Technology of China.²⁷⁰¹ 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

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environmental protection.²⁷⁰² China will seek operable policies and experiences that could be implemented through tests in demonstration zones.²⁷⁰³

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.²⁷⁰⁴ 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.²⁷⁰⁵

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.²⁷⁰⁶ 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.²⁷⁰⁷ Compared to the same period of 2016, the investment increased by 3.4 per cent.²⁷⁰⁸

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.²⁷⁰⁹ China committed to 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.²⁷¹⁰

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²⁷⁰⁶ 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, The People's Republic of China 22 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fzgggz/gdzctz/tzgz/201709/t20170922_861214.html

²⁷⁰⁷ 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, The People's Republic of China 22 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.ndrc.gov.cn/fzgggz/gdzctz/tzgz/201709/t20170922_861214.html

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²⁷⁰⁹ 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

²⁷¹⁰ 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

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.²⁷¹¹ Furthermore, China will initiate talks to address the issue of plastic microbeads in the oceans, looking for answers in international collaboration.²⁷¹²

On 22 November 2017, China donated USD2 million to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for children in Somalia affected by drought.²⁷¹³ Approximately 15,000 children will benefit from China's donation.²⁷¹⁴ 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.²⁷¹⁵

On 1 January 2018, China introduced an environment tax plan for pollution control.²⁷¹⁶ The plan would see taxes collected for pollution on a national level based on established rules.²⁷¹⁷ Besides the establishment of national environmental taxation, China already provides detailed rules on the minimum taxation on each type of pollution.²⁷¹⁸

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, to tackle plastic and electronics waste.²⁷¹⁹ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently cycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.²⁷²⁰

On 13 February 2018, the State Council ratified the designation of Shenzhen as a demonstration zone for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.²⁷²¹ China will explore policies and systems

²⁷¹¹ 李克强在第十二届东亚峰会上的讲话（全文）Xin Hua News 15 November 2017. Access Date:25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/15/c_1121956535.htm

²⁷¹² 李克强在第十二届东亚峰会上的讲话（全文）Xin Hua News 15 November 2017. Access Date:25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/15/c_1121956535.htm

²⁷¹³ 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

²⁷¹⁴ 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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²⁷¹⁶ 环保税法为绿色发展护航 The People's Republic of China. 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

²⁷¹⁷ 环保税法为绿色发展护航 The People's Republic of China. 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

²⁷¹⁸ 环保税法为绿色发展护航 The People's Republic of China. 5 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2018-01/05/content_5253572.htm

²⁷¹⁹ 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/>

²⁷²⁰ 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/>

²⁷²¹ 国务院关于同意深圳市建设国家可持续发展议程创新示范区的批复 The People's Republic of China. 13 February. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-02/24/content_5268412.htm

focusing on environmental recovery, sewage treatment, and comprehensive utilization of waste to identify the most effective policies in each area.²⁷²²

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.²⁷²³ The objective is to take advantage of India's large hydropower potential.²⁷²⁴ EUR100 million has been committed to this project, and it is expected to be finished by 30 June 2018.²⁷²⁵

On 6 July 2017, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot presented the Climate Plan.²⁷²⁶ 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 and of the Paris Agreement's implementation, throughout the five-year term.²⁷²⁷ 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.²⁷²⁸

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.²⁷²⁹ 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

²⁷²² 国务院关于同意深圳市建设国家可持续发展议程创新示范区的批复 The People's Republic of China. 13 February. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-02/24/content_5268412.htm

²⁷²³ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

²⁷²⁴ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

²⁷²⁵ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

²⁷²⁶ Climate Plan, Government of France (Paris) 6 July 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/climate-plan>

²⁷²⁷ Climate Plan, Government of France (Paris) 6 July 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/climate-plan>

²⁷²⁸ 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>

²⁷²⁹ 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>

encouraged to do well in school from the one-on-one interactions they do with their teachers.²⁷³⁰ Primary schools across the country have also lowered the amount of days children are in school for, from 4.5 days to four.²⁷³¹

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.²⁷³² 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.²⁷³³

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.²⁷³⁴ The revised plan removes certain application restrictions that previously made it more difficult for impoverished citizens to take part in the plan.²⁷³⁵

On 20 December 2017, Parliament passed a law to end the production of fossil fuels in France by 2040.²⁷³⁶ The law reiterates President Macron's earlier commitment to shift to an exclusively green energy sector by 2040.²⁷³⁷

On 24 January 2018, the Public Treasury launched the first French sovereign green bond with a maturity of 22 years.²⁷³⁸ The Green Obligations Assimilables du Trésor (OAT) was issued at EUR7 billion, and is the largest and longest-dated green bond ever issued.²⁷³⁹ In keeping with the commitments that France made for the implementation of the Paris Agreement under the terms of the Energy Transition and Green Growth Act, France's Green OAT will fund central government

²⁷³⁰ 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>

²⁷³¹ 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>

²⁷³² 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>

²⁷³³ 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>

²⁷³⁴ 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>

²⁷³⁵ 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>

²⁷³⁶ 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>

²⁷³⁷ 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>

²⁷³⁸ 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

²⁷³⁹ 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

budget expenditure and expenditure under the “Invest for the Future” programme to fight climate change, adapt to climate change, protect biodiversity and fight pollution.²⁷⁴⁰

Through transformative efforts in education, food security and sustainability, protection of biodiversity and investing resourcing into 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 levels 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.²⁷⁴¹

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.²⁷⁴²

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.²⁷⁴³

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.²⁷⁴⁴

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.²⁷⁴⁵

²⁷⁴⁰The 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

²⁷⁴¹Bundeslandwirtschaftsministerium 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>.

²⁷⁴²Schmidt: "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>.

²⁷⁴³German 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.

²⁷⁴⁴Reconstruction 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.

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.²⁷⁴⁶

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.²⁷⁴⁷

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.²⁷⁴⁸

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.²⁷⁴⁹

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.²⁷⁵⁰

On 3 November 2017, the Ministry Federal 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.²⁷⁵¹

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

²⁷⁴⁵ Verwüstete Karibikinsel Dominica erhält Soforthilfe von Klimarisikoversicherung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 27 September 2017. 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.

²⁷⁴⁶ Germany and UfM join forces to tackle unemployment 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.

²⁷⁴⁷ 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>.

²⁷⁴⁸ 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.

²⁷⁴⁹ 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.

²⁷⁵⁰ 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>.

²⁷⁵¹ Stabilisierung durch Beschäftigung und Widerstandsfähigkeit gegen Dürre, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171103_Aethiopien-Stabilisierung-durch-Beschaeftigung-und-Widerstandsfaehigkeit-gegen-Duerre/index.jsp.

target.²⁷⁵² Minister Hendricks also committed EUR50 million in funding for the Adaptation Fund.²⁷⁵³ The Adaptation Fund assists developing countries in financing climate adaptation and resilience projects.²⁷⁵⁴

On 6 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR50 million in funding for the Least Developed Countries Fund.²⁷⁵⁵ The Least Developed Countries Fund assists developing countries vulnerable to climate change fund resilience projects.²⁷⁵⁶

On 10 November 2017, Parliamentary State Secretary to the 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.²⁷⁵⁷

On 14 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR31 million to the Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership.²⁷⁵⁸ The Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership provides financial support for developing countries in meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement.²⁷⁵⁹

On 15 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR12 million to the Blue Action Fund.²⁷⁶⁰ 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.²⁷⁶¹

²⁷⁵² 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/>.

²⁷⁵³ 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.

²⁷⁵⁴ About the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Washington D.C.). Access Date: 17 November 2017.

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/about/>.

²⁷⁵⁵ 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.

²⁷⁵⁶ Least Developed Countries Fund — LDCF, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.). Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.thegef.org/about/organization>.

²⁷⁵⁷ 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>.

²⁷⁵⁸ 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.

²⁷⁵⁹ 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.

²⁷⁶⁰ 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.

²⁷⁶¹ About, Blue Action Fund (Frankfurt am Main) Access Date: 31 December 2017.

<http://www.blueactionfund.org/about/>.

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.²⁷⁶²

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.²⁷⁶³

On 28 November 2017, Germany committed EUR300 thousand to the International Criminal Court Trust Fund for victims, an organization dedicated to assisting victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity.²⁷⁶⁴ This act demonstrates Germany's commitment to global access to justice.²⁷⁶⁵

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.²⁷⁶⁶

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.²⁷⁶⁷ Migration advisory centers work to create economic opportunities, discourage illegal migration, and assist economic reintegration of returnees.²⁷⁶⁸

²⁷⁶² 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.

²⁷⁶³ 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.

²⁷⁶⁴ 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>

²⁷⁶⁵ 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>

²⁷⁶⁶ 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.

²⁷⁶⁷ 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.

²⁷⁶⁸ 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.

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.²⁷⁶⁹

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.²⁷⁷⁰ The center is designed to assist small and medium sized enterprises in South Westphalia digitalize.²⁷⁷¹

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

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sterling Mancuso

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 conditioning and lights.²⁷⁷² The trains are estimated to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by nine tonnes per coach each year.²⁷⁷³

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.²⁷⁷⁴ 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

²⁷⁶⁹ Deutschland und Senegal eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Dakar, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/januar/180123_pm_004_Deutschland-und-Senegal-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Dakar/index.jsp.

²⁷⁷⁰ 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>.

²⁷⁷¹ 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>.

²⁷⁷² 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.

²⁷⁷³ 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. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/renewable-energy-projects-in-india-europe-seek-to-accelerate-low-carbon-energy-transition/>

²⁷⁷⁴ 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>

BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁷⁷⁵

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.²⁷⁷⁶ 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.²⁷⁷⁷

On 30 October 2017, India signed six agreements to increase trade with Italy.²⁷⁷⁸ 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.²⁷⁷⁹ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.²⁷⁸⁰

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 Partnership Fund to help developing countries increase the quality of life and diminish poverty.²⁷⁸¹ The fund, launched on 8 June 2017, is managed by the UN Office of South-South Cooperation.²⁷⁸² It focuses on the developing countries and small island states.²⁷⁸³ This contribution comes in addition to the USD10 million that India is contributing to other UN programs in areas of development and food security.²⁷⁸⁴

²⁷⁷⁵ 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>

²⁷⁷⁶ 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/>

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²⁷⁷⁸ 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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²⁷⁸¹ 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>

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²⁷⁸³ 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>

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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 2019-2020.²⁷⁸⁵ 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.²⁷⁸⁶

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.²⁷⁸⁷ 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.²⁷⁸⁸ 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.²⁷⁸⁹ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.²⁷⁹⁰ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.²⁷⁹¹ During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south.²⁷⁹²

On 1 December 2017, India launched a National Strategic Plan 2017-24 to eradicate HIV/AIDS by 2030.²⁷⁹³ India is particularly committed to fighting AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).²⁷⁹⁴ The Indian government's current focus is preventing the transmission of HIV and syphilis from mother to child.²⁷⁹⁵

²⁷⁸⁵ 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>

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²⁷⁸⁸ UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017.

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²⁷⁹³ 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>.

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On 15-16 January 2018, the International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure took place in New Delhi, India.²⁷⁹⁶ The workshop is a collaborative effort between the National Disaster Management Authority and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.²⁷⁹⁷ During the workshop, Minister of Home Rajnath Singh expressed India's desire to lead a global coalition on reducing damage to critical infrastructure.²⁷⁹⁸ India is currently investing trillions of dollars to meet the SDGs by 2030, when a projected 40 per cent of the population will be living in cities.²⁷⁹⁹

On 1 February 2018, Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley released the national budget, which allocates INR12 billion to implement a health protection scheme targeted at 100 million poor and vulnerable families.²⁸⁰⁰ The program offers reimbursements of up to INR500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care for up to 500 million beneficiaries.²⁸⁰¹ However, the annual spending on children has decreased from previous years.²⁸⁰² Children are allocated to receive only 3.24 per cent of the financial resources of this year's budget, which is 0.08 per cent less than last year.²⁸⁰³

Through extensive investment and commitments to improving clean energy and quality of life, as well as international cooperation in helping 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 United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia.²⁸⁰⁴ The report showcased Indonesia's progress in developing a sustainable future for

²⁷⁹⁶ 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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²⁸⁰⁴ 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>

children, specifically through establishing a baseline to monitor the progress on key SDGs.²⁸⁰⁵ 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.”²⁸⁰⁶

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.²⁸⁰⁷ 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.²⁸⁰⁸ The first contribution will be assisting the development of a micro hydropower plant in Sumatra island’s Jambi province.²⁸⁰⁹

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.²⁸¹⁰ 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.”²⁸¹¹

On 5-8 September 2017, the 48th Pacific Islands Forum leaders’ summit was held in Apia, Samoa.²⁸¹² At this summit, Indonesia restated its commitment to assisting the development of other Pacific island nations.²⁸¹³ Director of Technical Cooperation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Syarif Alatas stated that Indonesia will renew its technical assistance to Samoa in the form of training, apprenticeships, and scholarships.²⁸¹⁴

²⁸⁰⁵ 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>

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²⁸¹⁰ 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/>

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²⁸¹² 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>

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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.²⁸¹⁵ The President noted that this was the first batch of aid resulting from discussions with the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh.²⁸¹⁶

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.²⁸¹⁷ Through the combined support from donor countries and the World Bank, blended financing will create low-cost infrastructure in Indonesia.²⁸¹⁸

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."²⁸¹⁹ The project is designed to provide a sustainable environment with fair wages for 18,000 marginalized farmers in the provinces of Sumatra and Kalimantan.²⁸²⁰

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.²⁸²¹ The project is being launched in five provinces: North Sumatra, Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East, and West Kalimantan.²⁸²² It is being supported by several sources including state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.²⁸²³

In January 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced its planned establishment of Indonesian Aid, a single governmental agency for all of Indonesia's international aid programs, with an initial

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budget of IDR1 trillion.²⁸²⁴ The agency aims to increase the coordination and synergies among Indonesia's aid programmes globally, mainly under the South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework.²⁸²⁵

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.²⁸²⁶ 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.²⁸²⁷

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, to tackle plastic and electronics waste.²⁸²⁸ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently cycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.²⁸²⁹

On 26 February 2018, TLFF announced its inaugural transaction of USD95 million to help finance a sustainable natural rubber plantation in two Indonesian provinces.²⁸³⁰ The planted areas will serve as a buffer zone to protect a threatened national park from encroachment.²⁸³¹ This transaction is the first corporate sustainability bond in Asia and the first sustainability bond in the Association of South East Asian Nations.²⁸³²

Indonesia has taken concrete actions at the domestic level, addressing issues of child security, health care and land and ocean protection, and has also participated in international collaborations for the

²⁸²⁴ 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>

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²⁸²⁷ 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>

²⁸²⁸ 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/>

²⁸²⁹ 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/>

²⁸³⁰ 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>

²⁸³¹ 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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implementation of the SDGs. Indonesia has also taken actions in support of developing countries, providing humanitarian relief to its neighboring refugee crises and developmental aid to support South-South cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nammal Khan

Italy: +1

Italy 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 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.”²⁸³³ 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.²⁸³⁴

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 healthcare distribution projects carried out by the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross.²⁸³⁵

On 30 October 2017, Italy signed six agreements to increase trade with India.²⁸³⁶ 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.²⁸³⁷ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.²⁸³⁸

On 16 November 2017, the Government of Italy and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to resolve issues surrounding climate

²⁸³³ 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/>

²⁸³⁴ 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/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/MILAN_DECLARATION.pdf

http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/rules_of_water_rules_for_life/

²⁸³⁵ 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

²⁸³⁶ 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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change.²⁸³⁹ Specifically, the MOU aims to help Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, who are most likely to be threatened by climate change.²⁸⁴⁰ 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.²⁸⁴¹ Italy will provide EUR2.5 million to CAPACITY over the next five years.²⁸⁴²

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.²⁸⁴³

On 7 February 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published the triennial 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan.²⁸⁴⁴ The document outlines a three year plan to reduce corruption in various government bodies, including the introduction of new transparency laws.²⁸⁴⁵

On 19 February 2018, Minister for Economic Development Carlo Calenda signed three agreements with President of Tuscany Enrico Rossi to boost research and development in transport and therapeutic research.²⁸⁴⁶

On 5 March 2018, the Government of Italy donated EUR1 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to support emergency education for Palestinian refugee children in Syria.²⁸⁴⁷ The EUR1 million will fund the operations of 14 safe learning spaces

²⁸³⁹ 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/>

²⁸⁴⁰ 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/>

²⁸⁴¹ 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.

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²⁸⁴³ 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

²⁸⁴⁴ 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>

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²⁸⁴⁶ 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>

²⁸⁴⁷ 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>

that provide both academic and psychosocial support to children, most of whom have been displaced numerous times and suffer from conflict and trauma.²⁸⁴⁸

On 7 March 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published the decree implementing the National Energy Efficiency Fund, which will be conducted by the private sector and public administration.²⁸⁴⁹ The fund supports efforts to reduce industrial energy consumption and improve the efficiency of public services and infrastructures to enhance energy efficiency.²⁸⁵⁰ The ministry will allocate EUR150 million at the start of the operational phase.²⁸⁵¹

Through investments and cooperation with international organizations, and aid provided to developing countries, Italy has committed to implementing the SDGs at the international level. Italy has also addressed the advancements of SDGs at the domestic level, specifically with regards to the energy sector and environmental standards.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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).²⁸⁵² Japan promised to continue its assistance plan for women in developing countries with contributions of USD3 billion from 2016 to 2017.²⁸⁵³

On 4 October 2017, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a grant agreement with the Government of Guinea.²⁸⁵⁴ The agreement stipulated Japan's grant aid of up to JPY1.913

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²⁸⁴⁹ 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>

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²⁸⁵¹ 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>

²⁸⁵² 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>

²⁸⁵³ 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.

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²⁸⁵⁴ 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>

billion for the Construction of Primary and Secondary Schools in Urban Areas Phase II.²⁸⁵⁵ The project will provide constructions of primary and secondary schools, as well as schoolroom furniture and other furnishings in Conakry, Guinea.²⁸⁵⁶

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.²⁸⁵⁷ Japan plans to finance Vietnam for its development of roads and drainage facility systems in industrial parks located in Hanoi.²⁸⁵⁸ It will also provide funds to develop a drainage system in Ha Long City.²⁸⁵⁹

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.²⁸⁶⁰ At the conference, Japan pledged to provide UHC with financial assistance of USD2.9 billion.²⁸⁶¹

On 26 December 2017, President Shinzo Abe announced the implementation of the Basic Strategy and Fukushima Plan for a New Energy Society.²⁸⁶² 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 2020.²⁸⁶³

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.²⁸⁶⁴ The program is being launched in five provinces in Indonesia: North Sumatra, Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East,

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²⁸⁵⁶ 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>

²⁸⁵⁷ 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

²⁸⁵⁸ 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

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²⁸⁶⁰ 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

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²⁸⁶³ 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>

²⁸⁶⁴ 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>

and West Kalimantan. Sources of support include state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.²⁸⁶⁵

On 7 February 2018, JICA signed a loan agreement with the African Development Fund to provide JPY73.601 in Official Development Assistance to economic growth and poverty alleviation in Africa.²⁸⁶⁶ The assistance will go to the African Development Fund Fourteenth Replenishment, an assistance program to promote private sector development in Africa launched by the Japanese government and the African Development Bank Group during the 2005 G8 Gleneagles Summit.²⁸⁶⁷

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.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Leimen 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.²⁸⁶⁸ 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."²⁸⁶⁹ The State Affairs Planning Advisory Committee will also offer incentives to businesses to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.²⁸⁷⁰

On 10 August 2017, the Committee on Public Diplomacy, chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha, held its first meeting.²⁸⁷¹ 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

²⁸⁶⁵ 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>

²⁸⁶⁶ 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>

²⁸⁶⁷ 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>

²⁸⁶⁸ 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>

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²⁸⁷¹ 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

administration.²⁸⁷² This action is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, which aims to develop effective institutions at all levels.²⁸⁷³

On 20 September 2017, Minister Kang announced that Korea will join Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G).²⁸⁷⁴ P4G is a new alliance between states, business, and civil society to promote implementation of a range of SDGs in developing countries.²⁸⁷⁵

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.”²⁸⁷⁶ Vision 2030 is a national development plan aligning Saudi Arabia’s economic policies with the SDGs.²⁸⁷⁷ Both Saudi Arabia and Japan have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries to continue advancing SDG implementation.²⁸⁷⁸

On 31 January 2018, Korea became party to the Food Assistance Convention, which provides aid to developing countries facing food shortages.²⁸⁷⁹ The Korean government first announced its intentions to become a member in August 2017.²⁸⁸⁰ It has committed an annual minimum of KRW46 billion in assistance in the form of 50,000 tonnes of rice.²⁸⁸¹

On 26 February 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs announced it would sign a memorandum of understanding with FAC to send aid to Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, and Syria.²⁸⁸²

Korea has taken action at the domestic level by focusing efforts on renewable energy and strengthening the cohesion of government institutions. It has taken action at the international level

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²⁸⁷³ 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

²⁸⁷⁴ 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

²⁸⁷⁵ 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>

²⁸⁷⁶ 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>

²⁸⁷⁷ Vision 2030, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

²⁸⁷⁸ 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=

²⁸⁷⁹ 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>

²⁸⁸⁰ 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=

²⁸⁸¹ 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>

²⁸⁸² 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>

by joining a global alliance encouraging green growth. It is supporting developing countries through its commitment to provide food assistance through participation in FAC.

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

Analyst: Ashley Lall

Mexico: +1

Mexico 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, Secretary of Social Development Luis Enrique Miranda announced the incorporation of 600,000 families into the Programa Prospera.²⁸⁸³ The Prospera program consists of delivering economic support based on the number of children per family, on the condition of smart reinvestment on education, health, and nutrition.²⁸⁸⁴

On September 2017, the Department of Energy announced its commitment to the financing of 964 megawatts of wind and solar capacity across Mexico.²⁸⁸⁵ 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.²⁸⁸⁶ The other two projects are the 250 megawatt El Mezquite Wind Park in Nuevo Leon and the 290 megawatt Solar Farms in Aguascalientes.²⁸⁸⁷

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.²⁸⁸⁸ The program aims to prevent the use of public funds for campaigning, suspend

²⁸⁸³ 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>

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²⁸⁸⁵ 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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²⁸⁸⁸ 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>

government propaganda, and enforce penal, administrative, and enforcement norms with regards to elections.²⁸⁸⁹

On 10 November 2017, Mexico assumed the presidency of the Inter-American Commission on Social Development of the Organization of American States (OAS).²⁸⁹⁰ 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-American Network for Social Protection and the regional adoption of the Multidimensional Poverty Index to improve the level of precision during public interventions.²⁸⁹¹

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.²⁸⁹² The increase will take effect as of 1 December 2017.²⁸⁹³

On 4 December 2017, the 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.²⁸⁹⁴ The meeting also emphasized the need to protect displaced children as a key element of global migration policies.²⁸⁹⁵

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.²⁸⁹⁶ Sub-Secretary Berros emphasized the need to develop regional integration through social infrastructure and labour inclusion projects.²⁸⁹⁷

²⁸⁸⁹ 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

²⁸⁹⁰ 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>

²⁸⁹¹ 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>

²⁸⁹² 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>

²⁸⁹³ 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>

²⁸⁹⁴ 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/>

²⁸⁹⁵ 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/>

²⁸⁹⁶ 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>

²⁸⁹⁷ 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>

On 21 December 2017, Mexico attended the 51st Mercosur trade bloc summit hosted in Brazil.²⁸⁹⁸ 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.²⁸⁹⁹

On 27 February 2018, SEDESOL committed MXN767 million to the development of Morelos in 2018.²⁹⁰⁰ The 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.²⁹⁰¹

On 27 February 2018, President Enrique Peña Nieto delivered four infrastructural projects in Michoacán.²⁹⁰² The investment amounted to MXN2.5 million and consisted 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.²⁹⁰³

Mexico has made concrete efforts at the national level through improving welfare programs, investing in infrastructure, and strengthening its institutions with the view of implementing the SDGs. 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.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

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Russia: +1

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.

On 29 July 2017, the Russian government signed a resolution to apply temporary quantitative restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia.²⁹⁰⁴ These measures contribute to the preservation of the ozone layer of the atmosphere and comply with the 1985 Vienna Convention

²⁸⁹⁸ 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-mercocur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

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²⁹⁰⁰ 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>

²⁹⁰¹ 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>

²⁹⁰² 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>

²⁹⁰³ 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>

²⁹⁰⁴ 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/>

for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.²⁹⁰⁵

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.²⁹⁰⁶ The Marrakesh Treaty aims to make works accessible to blind, visually impaired, or print-disabled individuals.²⁹⁰⁷ 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.²⁹⁰⁸

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.²⁹⁰⁹ 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.²⁹¹⁰

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.²⁹¹¹ 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.²⁹¹²

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.²⁹¹³ The programme aims to create favourable conditions for the socioeconomic development of the Arctic Zone to ensure

²⁹⁰⁵ 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/>

²⁹⁰⁶ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to 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/>

²⁹⁰⁷ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to 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/>

²⁹⁰⁸ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to 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/>

²⁹⁰⁹ 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/>

²⁹¹⁰ 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/>

²⁹¹¹ 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>

²⁹¹² 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>

²⁹¹³ 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/>

Russia's strategic interests and national security in the Arctic.²⁹¹⁴ 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.²⁹¹⁵ 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.²⁹¹⁶ 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.²⁹¹⁷ 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.²⁹¹⁸ 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.²⁹¹⁹ The programme will also launch the production of high-tech goods for geological prospecting operations and minerals' production and processing in the Arctic Zone.²⁹²⁰

On 3 October 2017, the Russian government announced the approval of the 2030 Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance.²⁹²¹ 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.²⁹²² The first stage of the strategy, which will be implemented until 2020, focuses on educating the Russian public on how to appropriately use antimicrobial medications, the impermissibility of self-treatment, and raising awareness on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles.²⁹²³ It will establish key indicators regarding the spread of antimicrobial resistance.²⁹²⁴

²⁹¹⁴ 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/>

²⁹¹⁵ 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/>

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²⁹¹⁷ 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/>

²⁹¹⁸ 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/>

²⁹¹⁹ 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/>

²⁹²⁰ 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/>

²⁹²¹ 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/>

²⁹²² 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/>

²⁹²³ 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/>

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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.²⁹²⁵ The campus will be composed of research centres, laboratories, classrooms, and housing.²⁹²⁶ 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.²⁹²⁷

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.²⁹²⁸ 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.²⁹²⁹ Russian physiology research institutes and Russian experts will work alongside WHO specialists to implement the joint project.²⁹³⁰

On 26 December 2017, the Russian government announced the creation of the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve.²⁹³¹ 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.²⁹³² Special measures to protect the islands will provide for the conservation of ringed seals.²⁹³³

On 4 January 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Ladoga Skerries National Park.²⁹³⁴ The park will preserve Ladoga Lake's skerries and maintain biodiversity.²⁹³⁵ In addition to protecting plants, lichens, seaweeds and mushrooms, the park will also protect ringed seals.²⁹³⁶

On 14 February 2018, Minister of Energy Alexander Novak signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khalid bin

²⁹²⁵ 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/>

²⁹²⁶ 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/>

²⁹²⁷ 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/>

²⁹²⁸ 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/>

²⁹²⁹ 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/>

²⁹³⁰ 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/>

²⁹³¹ 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/>

²⁹³² 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/>

²⁹³³ 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/>

²⁹³⁴ 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/>

²⁹³⁵ 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/>

²⁹³⁶ 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/>

Abdulaziz Al-Falih, pledging cooperation in the energy field.²⁹³⁷ The memorandum aims to enhance cooperation between Russia and Saudi Arabia on various aspects in the field of energy, including “the development of technologies, technical assistance, and sharing and analyzing information relating to global energy market,”²⁹³⁸ as well as further exploring “the potential of clean energies.”²⁹³⁹

On 19 February 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Khibiny National Park.²⁹⁴⁰ The purpose of the national park is to preserve mountain tundra and northern taiga biomes of the Khibiny and Lovozero mountain ranges.²⁹⁴¹

On 28 February 2018, the Ministry for Civil Defense, Emergencies, and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster signed an agreement with the Saudi Advisor to the Royal Court Dr. Abdullah Al-Rabeeah, pledging cooperation in humanitarian assistance between Saudi Arabia and Russia.²⁹⁴² The two countries “agreed to cooperate and coordinate in the joint actions such as developing and implementing programs and projects in the field of international development aid in other countries, [and] exchange information on humanitarian operations and programs.”²⁹⁴³

On 3 March 2018, the Russian government announced its decision of holding an annual Abilympics national skills competition for persons with disabilities.²⁹⁴⁴ Beginning in 2018, the competition includes tournaments for applied and professional competencies in demand for the job market.²⁹⁴⁵ The competition also includes workshops, seminars, job fairs and skills training sessions.²⁹⁴⁶ The competition helps disabled persons expand their range of professional activities, acquire professional education, and obtain employment.²⁹⁴⁷

Russia has committed to further aligning their actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by taking domestic and international actions including the creation of protected zones for natural habitats, and boosts to the economy and education. It has also supported developing countries and the provision of public goods through its anti-tuberculosis initiative with the WFP.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

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²⁹³⁷ 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>

²⁹³⁸ 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>

²⁹³⁹ 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>

²⁹⁴⁰ 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/>

²⁹⁴¹ 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/>

²⁹⁴² 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>

²⁹⁴³ 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>

²⁹⁴⁴ 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/>

²⁹⁴⁵ 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/>

²⁹⁴⁶ 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/>

²⁹⁴⁷ 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/>

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia 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 26 September 2017, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud issued a royal decree granting women the permission to drive.²⁹⁴⁸ 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.”²⁹⁴⁹ The decree is expected to be fully implemented by June 2018.²⁹⁵⁰

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.”²⁹⁵¹ Vision 2030 is a national development plan aligning Saudi Arabia’s economy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).²⁹⁵² The states have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries.²⁹⁵³

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.”²⁹⁵⁴ The two countries will maintain open communication and exchange “experts, engineers, and scientists.”²⁹⁵⁵ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of

²⁹⁴⁸ 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>

²⁹⁴⁹ 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>

²⁹⁵⁰ 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

²⁹⁵¹ 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>

²⁹⁵² Vision 2030 (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

²⁹⁵³ 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=

²⁹⁵⁴ 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>

²⁹⁵⁵ 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>

Understanding with the US would help to ensure that Saudi Arabia would be able to meet the SDGs outlined in Vision 2030.²⁹⁵⁶

On 12 December 2017, the Council of Ministers finalized the Citizen's Account, a new financial measure designed to help economically vulnerable households.²⁹⁵⁷ 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.”²⁹⁵⁸ The Council of Ministers announced that the first round of payments will begin on 21 December 2017.²⁹⁵⁹

On 21 December 2017, the first payments of the Citizen's Account were made to eligible households.²⁹⁶⁰ The total of the payments was SAR2 billion.²⁹⁶¹ Saudi Arabia also announced that the second payments would be provided on 10 January 2018.²⁹⁶²

On 17 January 2018, King Al Saud announced a new directive ordering a deposit in the amount of USD2 billion into the Central Bank of Yemen.²⁹⁶³ The deposit aims to “alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people and to help them cope with the economic burdens resulting from the crimes and violations committed by Iranian-backed Houthi militias.”²⁹⁶⁴ The USD2 billion deposit will bring the amount of financial aid by Saudi Arabia directed towards the Central Bank of Yemen to a total of USD3 billion.²⁹⁶⁵

On 22 January 2018, the Saudi-led Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen, announced that it would be initiating the Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO), a humanitarian

²⁹⁵⁶ 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>

²⁹⁵⁷ 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>

²⁹⁵⁸ 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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²⁹⁶⁰ 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-idUSKBN1EFOS2?il=0>

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²⁹⁶³ 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>

²⁹⁶⁴ 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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aid program.²⁹⁶⁶ 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,”²⁹⁶⁷ and USD30 million “to reduce the cost of land transportation through road upgrades.”²⁹⁶⁸

On 5 February 2018, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia 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.”²⁹⁶⁹ The port of Mokha will receive two cranes, while Aden and Mukalla will receive one crane each.²⁹⁷⁰

On 14 February 2018, Minister Al-Falih signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Minister of Energy Alexander Novak, pledging “cooperation in the energy field.”²⁹⁷¹ The memorandum aims to further cooperation between Russia and Saudi Arabia on various aspects in the field of energy, including “the development of technologies, technical assistance, and sharing and analyzing information relating to global energy market,”²⁹⁷² as well as further exploring “the potential of clean energies.”²⁹⁷³

On 28 February 2018, Advisor to the Royal Court Dr. Abdullah Al-Rabeeh signed an agreement with the Russian Ministry for Civil Defense, Emergencies, and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster pledging further cooperation in humanitarian assistance between Saudi Arabia and Russia.²⁹⁷⁴ The two countries “agreed to cooperate and coordinate in the joint actions such as developing and implementing programs and projects in the field of international development aid in other countries, [and] exchange information on humanitarian operations and programs.”²⁹⁷⁵

²⁹⁶⁶ 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>

²⁹⁶⁷ 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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²⁹⁶⁹ 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>

²⁹⁷⁰ 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>

²⁹⁷¹ 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>

²⁹⁷² 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>

²⁹⁷³ 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>

²⁹⁷⁴ 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>

²⁹⁷⁵ 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>

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.²⁹⁷⁶ The agreement “covered cooperation in the field of environmental protection and pollution reduction.”²⁹⁷⁷

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, as well as 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, as well as 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.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

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South Africa: 0

South Africa 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 18 August 2017, the Ministry of Tourism approved the Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan.²⁹⁷⁸ 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.”²⁹⁷⁹

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.²⁹⁸⁰ The signed documents include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of

²⁹⁷⁶ 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>

²⁹⁷⁷ 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>

²⁹⁷⁸ 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>

²⁹⁷⁹ 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>

²⁹⁸⁰ 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>

Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁹⁸¹

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.²⁹⁸² This new price is expected to save ZAR11 billion over the next six years and increase the number of patients enrolled in the programme.²⁹⁸³

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.²⁹⁸⁴

On 31 October 2017, Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor announced the launch of the Wheat Breeding Platform.²⁹⁸⁵ She stated that the platform “provides smallholder farmers access to seed technology to enhance yields, productivity, income and growth opportunities,” reducing inequality between farmers via equal access to the newest technology.²⁹⁸⁶ Furthermore, transforming the agricultural sector with such new technology would be effective in reducing poverty and improving food security.²⁹⁸⁷

On 15 November 2017, the Department of Home Affairs launched a new Refugee Travel Document.²⁹⁸⁸ United Nations 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

²⁹⁸¹ 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>

²⁹⁸² 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>

²⁹⁸³ 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>

²⁹⁸⁴ 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>

²⁹⁸⁵ 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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²⁹⁸⁸ Department of Home Affairs launches improved Refugee Travel Document, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/1056-media-release-briefing-department-of-home-affairs-launches-improved-refugee-travel-document>

stable lives.²⁹⁸⁹ 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.²⁹⁹⁰

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.²⁹⁹¹ 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.²⁹⁹² 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.²⁹⁹³ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.²⁹⁹⁴ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.²⁹⁹⁵ During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global South.²⁹⁹⁶

On 5 December 2017, the Department of Water and Sanitation hosted the Water Infrastructure and Investment Summit.²⁹⁹⁷ Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane announced that an Investment Stewardship initiative would follow the Summit.²⁹⁹⁸ She stated that “the investment project opportunities and needs identified in the Summit will be pulled into a series of focused,

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²⁹⁹¹ 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>

²⁹⁹² UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017.

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²⁹⁹⁷ 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>

²⁹⁹⁸ 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>

specific engagements,” noting the necessity of building infrastructure and engaging all sectors of government in response to these challenges.²⁹⁹⁹

On 16 December 2017, the Presidency issued a response to Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training’s recommendations.³⁰⁰⁰ In 2018, the South African government will fully subsidize public technical and vocational education and training and university education to working class students.³⁰⁰¹ 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.³⁰⁰²

On 27 February 2018, Parliament passed a motion seeking to legalize land expropriation without compensation as part of a land reform policy to ensure the equal ownership of land between white and black South Africans.³⁰⁰³

South Africa has taken action at the domestic level through promoting sustainable tourism, water and sanitation, agriculture, healthcare, and education. It has taken action at the international level through its efforts to stabilize refugees. It is also supporting a developing country, Chad, in implementing infrastructure to protect the environment. South Africa’s land policy, however, undermines equal rights to land and property, and is not in line with the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

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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.³⁰⁰⁴ 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.³⁰⁰⁵

²⁹⁹⁹ 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>

³⁰⁰⁰ 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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³⁰⁰³ 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>

³⁰⁰⁴ 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>

³⁰⁰⁵ 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>

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.³⁰⁰⁶

On 1 July 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took over as Vice-Chair of the UN Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near 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.³⁰⁰⁷

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.³⁰⁰⁸ 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.³⁰⁰⁹

On 30 July 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources updated its regulations on solar energy production.³⁰¹⁰ In this update, the principles related to the technical evaluation of pre-licensed, licensed, and unlicensed solar energy applications and amendments are detailed.³⁰¹¹

On 14 November 2017, AFAD distributed tents, blankets, and food to 250 families in Iraq's northern province of Sulaymaniyah.³⁰¹²

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.³⁰¹³ They also will build two field hospitals and ten medical centers in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazaar in 2017 and 2018.³⁰¹⁴

³⁰⁰⁶ 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>

³⁰⁰⁷ 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>

³⁰⁰⁸ 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>

³⁰⁰⁹ 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>

³⁰¹⁰ Regulation on the Technical Evaluation of Solar Energy-Based Electricity Production Application, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018.

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<http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170630-10.htm>

³⁰¹² 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>

³⁰¹³ 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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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.³⁰¹⁵

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.³⁰¹⁶

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.³⁰¹⁷

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.³⁰¹⁸

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.³⁰¹⁹

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.³⁰²⁰

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.³⁰²¹

On 31 January 2018, TİKA completed the construction of the Kyrgyz Turk Friendship Hospital in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.³⁰²² The hospital will provide advanced medical services to the people of Bishkek and the surrounding area.³⁰²³

³⁰¹⁵ 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

³⁰¹⁶ 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/>

³⁰¹⁷ 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/>

³⁰¹⁸ 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>

³⁰¹⁹ Women in Agricultural Fields, Ministry of Food Agriculture, and Livestock (Ankara) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. www.tarim.gov.tr/Konular/Egitim-Ve-Yayim/Kirsal-Alanda-Kadin

³⁰²⁰ Communication on Auditing of Controlled Chemicals for Environmental Protection, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/12/20171230M2-6.htm>

³⁰²¹ 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

³⁰²² Khryghz-Turkish Friendship Hospital Completed, Milliyet (Ankara) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kyrgyz-turk-dostluk-hastanesi-nin-insasi-ankara-yerelhaber-2565801/>

³⁰²³ Khryghz-Turkish Friendship Hospital Completed, Milliyet (Ankara) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kyrgyz-turk-dostluk-hastanesi-nin-insasi-ankara-yerelhaber-2565801/>

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.³⁰²⁴

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.³⁰²⁵

On 3 February 2018, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim published a notice emphasising Turkey's commitment to ending child labour and working with social aid services pertaining to family wellness to ensure that alternatives are presented to families in need.³⁰²⁶

Through transformative efforts to ensure aid to developing countries, equalize the positions of men and women 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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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.³⁰²⁷ 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.³⁰²⁸ 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.³⁰²⁹ 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

³⁰²⁴ 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/>

³⁰²⁵ 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/>

³⁰²⁶ Notice, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2018/02/20180220-3.pdf>

³⁰²⁷ 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>

³⁰²⁸ 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>

³⁰²⁹ 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>

needed.³⁰³⁰ This funding will also create more opportunities for London to act a finance hub for Africa.³⁰³¹ 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.³⁰³² 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.³⁰³³ 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.³⁰³⁴

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 in impoverished countries in Asia and Africa.³⁰³⁵ With the new increased support package, the government will contribute an average of GBP225 million per year until 2022 for family planning.³⁰³⁶ 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.³⁰³⁷

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.³⁰³⁸ The funding will establish a Health and Care Sector Progression Academy to train

³⁰³⁰ 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>

³⁰³¹ 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>

³⁰³² 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>

³⁰³³ 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>

³⁰³⁴ 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>

³⁰³⁵ 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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³⁰³⁸ £35 million of innovative employment schemes to benefit thousands of disadvantaged people, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/35-million-of-innovative-employment-schemes-to-benefit-thousands-of-disadvantaged-people>

social care workers, an early intervention initiative to prevent people from long-term unemployment, and a business-led training hub for modern work skills.³⁰³⁹

On 4 August 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP100 million to end polio.³⁰⁴⁰ The funding will be dedicated to immunizing 45 million children against the disease each year until 2020.³⁰⁴¹ 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.³⁰⁴²

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.³⁰⁴³ The funding will focus on providing food, shelter, water, and sanitation for the refugees.³⁰⁴⁴

On 14 September 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP25 million to meet the needs of the Rohingya.³⁰⁴⁵ The funding will be directed towards providing food, shelter, water and sanitation for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.³⁰⁴⁶ The funding will also provide life-saving assistance for the Rohingya affected in the Rakhine State of Burma.³⁰⁴⁷

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.³⁰⁴⁸ As part of the initiative, the UK government has introduced a legal requirement for employers with more than 250

³⁰³⁹ £35 million of innovative employment schemes to benefit thousands of disadvantaged people, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/35-million-of-innovative-employment-schemes-to-benefit-thousands-of-disadvantaged-people>

³⁰⁴⁰ UK leads final push to make polio history, Department for International Development (London) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-final-push-to-make-polio-history>

³⁰⁴¹ UK leads final push to make polio history, Department for International Development (London) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-final-push-to-make-polio-history>

³⁰⁴² UK leads final push to make polio history, Department for International Development (London) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-final-push-to-make-polio-history>

³⁰⁴³ 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>

³⁰⁴⁴ 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>

³⁰⁴⁵ UK announces additional aid for victims of Burma violence, Department for International Development (London) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-additional-aid-for-victims-of-burma-violence>

³⁰⁴⁶ UK announces additional aid for victims of Burma violence, Department for International Development (London) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-additional-aid-for-victims-of-burma-violence>

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³⁰⁴⁸ Prime Minister announces new drive to end the gender pay gap, Prime Minister's Office (London) 28 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-drive-to-end-the-gender-pay-gap>

employees to publish their gender pay and bonuses by April 2018.³⁰⁴⁹ 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.³⁰⁵⁰

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.³⁰⁵¹ 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 energy production, the hostile vacuum of space, and the heat of deep mining.³⁰⁵² GBP16 million of the funding will be focused on smart energy systems innovation.³⁰⁵³

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 2036.³⁰⁵⁴ 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 2050.³⁰⁵⁵

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.³⁰⁵⁶ 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

³⁰⁴⁹ Prime Minister announces new drive to end the gender pay gap, Prime Minister's Office (London) 28 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-drive-to-end-the-gender-pay-gap>

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³⁰⁵¹ Funding for £84 million for artificial intelligence and robotics research and smart energy innovation announced, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-for-84-million-for-artificial-intelligence-and-robotics-research-and-smart-energy-innovation-announced>

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³⁰⁵⁴ UK ratifies new agreement to tackle global warming, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-ratifies-new-agreement-to-tackle-global-warming>

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³⁰⁵⁶ Climate Change Minister Claire Perry launches Powering Past Coal Alliance at COP23, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-change-minister-claire-perry-launches-powering-past-coal-alliance-at-cop23>

investments in coal-fired electricity within their jurisdictions or elsewhere.³⁰⁵⁷ The UK government has committed to ending unabated coal power generation by 2025.³⁰⁵⁸

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.³⁰⁵⁹ The funding will be allocated to the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women.³⁰⁶⁰ The funding will support local, national, regional, and cross-border efforts to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, including female genital mutilation, child marriage, and domestic and sexual violence.³⁰⁶¹

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.³⁰⁶² The 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.³⁰⁶³

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.³⁰⁶⁴ The UK government 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.³⁰⁶⁵

³⁰⁵⁷ Climate Change Minister Claire Perry launches Powering Past Coal Alliance at COP23, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-change-minister-claire-perry-launches-powering-past-coal-alliance-at-cop23>

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³⁰⁵⁹ The UK steps up to lead global drive to tackle violence against girls and women, Department for International Development (London) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-steps-up-to-lead-global-drive-to-tackle-violence-against-girls-and-women>

³⁰⁶⁰ The UK steps up to lead global drive to tackle violence against girls and women, Department for International Development (London) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-steps-up-to-lead-global-drive-to-tackle-violence-against-girls-and-women>

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³⁰⁶² UK set to agree new long-term partnership to bolster Jordan's economic resilience, Prime Minister's Office (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-set-to-agree-new-long-term-partnership-to-bolster-jordans-economic-resilience>

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³⁰⁶⁴ Strategy seeks one million more disabled people in work by 2027, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/strategy-seeks-one-million-more-disabled-people-in-work-by-2027>

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On 11 December 2017, International Trade Secretary Liam Fox announced that the government would provide GBP18 million to support 51 impoverished countries in lifting their citizens out of poverty through trade.³⁰⁶⁶ 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.³⁰⁶⁷

On 12 December 2017, Prime Minister May announced that the government would contribute GBP140 million to assist impoverished communities that have been affected by climate change, through deforestation or vulnerability to natural disasters.³⁰⁶⁸ 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.³⁰⁶⁹ The funding will also fund reconstruction of damaged infrastructure as a result of extreme weather conditions associated with climate change.³⁰⁷⁰ The funding will also be used to fund improved crisis and response operations.³⁰⁷¹

On 10 January 2018, Prime Minister May launched a twenty-five year environment plan to eliminate the use of avoidable plastic waste by 2042.³⁰⁷² Prime Minister May plans for the government to encourage supermarkets to introduce plastic-free aisles and to examine how the tax system could further reduce the amount of waste created.³⁰⁷³

On 22 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP21 million for humanitarian aid in Somalia.³⁰⁷⁴ The funding will be dedicated to the screening and treatment of children at risk of acute malnutrition

³⁰⁶⁶ UK announces £18 million to help world's poorest through trade, Department for International Trade (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-18-million-to-help-worlds-poorest-through-trade>

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³⁰⁶⁸ PM announces new measures to tackle effects and causes of climate change, Prime Minister's Office (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018.

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³⁰⁷² Prime Minister launches 25 Year Environment Plan, Prime Minister's Office (London) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-25-year-environment-plan>

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³⁰⁷⁴ International Development Secretary in Somalia: "The UK averted famine last year, but the job is not yet done", Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-development-secretary-in-somalia-the-uk-averted-famine-last-year-but-the-job-is-not-yet-done>

and maintaining access to water and improved sanitation.³⁰⁷⁵ The aid will also provide nutrition support, vaccinations, food security and livelihoods.³⁰⁷⁶

On 24 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the UK government and Humanity and Inclusion were collaborating to prototype a mobile phone application to benefit disabled workers.³⁰⁷⁷ The application will assist employers in developing countries to share information on how to adapt tools and working environments so that workplaces are accessible for employees and entrepreneurs with disabilities.³⁰⁷⁸

On 2 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP225 million for the Global Partnership for Education.³⁰⁷⁹ For the next three years, the funding will be dedicated to supporting education in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia to train teachers, build classrooms, distribute textbooks, and keep children in school each year.³⁰⁸⁰

On 8 February 2018, Minister of the Environment Therese Coffey stated that the UK government would award approximately GBP40 million to local authorities to retrofit more than 2,700 buses.³⁰⁸¹ 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.³⁰⁸²

On 12 February 2018, the Department for Transport announced a GBP30 million investment in vehicle-to-grid technologies that could allow electric cars and other vehicles to deliver electricity back

³⁰⁷⁵ International Development Secretary in Somalia: “The UK averted famine last year, but the job is not yet done”, Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-development-secretary-in-somalia-the-uk-averted-famine-last-year-but-the-job-is-not-yet-done>

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³⁰⁷⁷ 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. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-supports-worlds-first-mobile-app-to-help-the-poorest-people-with-disabilities-into-work>

³⁰⁷⁸ 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. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-supports-worlds-first-mobile-app-to-help-the-poorest-people-with-disabilities-into-work>

³⁰⁷⁹ 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>

³⁰⁸⁰ 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>

³⁰⁸¹ 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>

³⁰⁸² 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>

to the smart grid to light homes and power businesses.³⁰⁸³ Through its Industrial Strategy, the UK government will award funding to 21 V2G projects to pay for research, design, and development.³⁰⁸⁴

On 19 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced GBP5.5 million for the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.³⁰⁸⁵ 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.³⁰⁸⁶ The funding will award grants of up to GBP150,000 for innovative technology projects to get started and a further GBP600,000 for successful projects to expand.³⁰⁸⁷ The US Agency for International Development will also contribute GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge, which will be administered by Grand Challenges Canada.³⁰⁸⁸

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, in order to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³⁰⁸⁹ 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.³⁰⁹⁰

Through extensive reforms to labour regulations at the domestic level, cooperation with other countries and international organizations, as well as aid provided 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.

Analyst: Joy Lizette Aguilar

³⁰⁸³ £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>

³⁰⁸⁴ £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>

³⁰⁸⁵ 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>

³⁰⁸⁶ 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>

³⁰⁸⁷ 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>

³⁰⁸⁸ 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>

³⁰⁸⁹ 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>

³⁰⁹⁰ 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>

United States: 0

The United States 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 8 July 2017, the US 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.³⁰⁹¹

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.³⁰⁹²

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.³⁰⁹³

On 4 August 2017, the State Department notified the UN of its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.³⁰⁹⁴

On 31 August 2017, Administrator of USAID Mark Green announced USD91 million in new development aid to assist Ethiopia in coping with drought.³⁰⁹⁵

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.³⁰⁹⁶

On 7 September 2017, the US Senate Appropriations Committee approved a bill authorizing USD51 billion in funding for foreign development and diplomacy.³⁰⁹⁷ The bill included USD6 billion for

³⁰⁹¹ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO FAMINE RISK, VIOLENCE, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT, USAID (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>.

³⁰⁹² UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI PEOPLE, USAID (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>.

³⁰⁹³ 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.

³⁰⁹⁴ 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>.

³⁰⁹⁵ United States to give Ethiopia \$91 million in drought aid for food and medicine, The Washington Post (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 6 November 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.

³⁰⁹⁶ ADMINSTRATOR GREEN ANNOUNCES NEXT PHASE OF FEED THE FUTURE ON FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRIP, USAID (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>.

³⁰⁹⁷ 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/>.

humanitarian assistance, and USD10 million for the UN to fight climate change.³⁰⁹⁸ The bill provided funding for the United Nations Population Fund and eliminated a restriction on funding international organizations which provide abortion services.³⁰⁹⁹

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.³¹⁰⁰

On 18 September 2017, Director of the National Economic Council Gary Cohn reiterated the commitment made by President Donald Trump to withdraw from the Paris Agreement unless its terms are made more favorable for the United States.³¹⁰¹

On 21 September 2017, USAID announced an expansion of the National Malaria Control Programs to cover 90 million people in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Burkina Faso.³¹⁰²

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.³¹⁰³

On 28 September 2017, USAID committed USD5 million in funding for research and innovation in development in developing countries.³¹⁰⁴³¹⁰⁵

On 28 September 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD2.1 million to assist public housing residents find education and job training opportunities.³¹⁰⁶

³⁰⁹⁸ 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/>.

³⁰⁹⁹ 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/>.

³¹⁰⁰ 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.

³¹⁰¹ 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>.

³¹⁰² Address by Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development Mark Green at the United Nations Headquarters, USAID (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>.

³¹⁰³ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Countries Facing Famine and Ongoing Violence, USAID (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>.

³¹⁰⁴ USAID Announces \$5 Million in New Global Research Collaboration, USAID (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>.

³¹⁰⁵ 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.

³¹⁰⁶ HUD Awards \$2.1 Million to Promote Jobs, Self-Sufficiency for Public Housing Residents, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-085.

On 1 October 2017, the US government halted federal funding to the Children’s Health Insurance Program.³¹⁰⁷ The Children’s Health Insurance Program provides subsidized medical assistance for more than 8 million low-income children in the US.³¹⁰⁸

On 10 October 2017, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the imminent repeal of the Clean Power Plan.³¹⁰⁹ The Clean Power Plan was expected to 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.³¹¹⁰

On 25 October 2017, USAID committed USD6.3 million in assistance for off-grid energy generation in developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.³¹¹¹

On 29 November 2017, USAID committed USD2 million in assistance for female entrepreneurs in Africa.³¹¹²

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 fossil fuels and carbon management.”³¹¹³ The two countries will maintain open communication and exchange “experts, engineers, and scientists.”³¹¹⁴ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding would help to ensure that Saudi Arabia meets the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030.³¹¹⁵

³¹⁰⁷ 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>.

³¹⁰⁸ 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>.

³¹⁰⁹ 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>.

³¹¹⁰ Trump to Argue Obama’s Clean Power Plan Violates US 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>.

³¹¹¹ USAID Announces \$6.3 Million in Awards to Bolster Sub-Saharan Africa’s Off-Grid Energy Sector, USAID (Washington D.C.) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-25-2017-usaid-announces-63-million-awards-bolster-sub-saharan-africas-grid>.

³¹¹² USAID Administrator Green Announces New Efforts to Empower Women Entrepreneurs, USAID (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>.

³¹¹³ 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>

³¹¹⁴ 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>

³¹¹⁵ 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>

On 12 December 2017, USAID committed USD130 million in emergency food assistance to Yemen.³¹¹⁶

On 21 December 2017, Congress passed a bill committing USD3 billion for the Children's Health Insurance Program.³¹¹⁷ The money is expected to fund the program until March 2018.³¹¹⁸

On 22 December 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD37 million towards housing for low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS.³¹¹⁹

On 22 December, President Donald Trump signed into law the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.³¹²⁰ The act reduces corporate tax rates, expands the child tax credit, reduces tax rates on most income brackets, and eliminates the healthcare insurance mandate.³¹²¹

On 11 January 2018, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD2 billion to homeless assistance programs across the United States.³¹²²

On 25 January 2018, EPA announced the repeal of a regulation requiring major producers of hazardous air emissions to reduce their emissions levels.³¹²³

On 19 February 2018, USAID announced that it will contribute GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge, which will be administered by Grand Challenges Canada.³¹²⁴ 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.³¹²⁵ The funding will award grants of up to GBP150,000 for innovative technology projects to get started and a further GBP600,000 for successful projects to expand.³¹²⁶ The International Development Secretary of the United Kingdom

³¹¹⁶ 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-us-assistance-yemen>.

³¹¹⁷ 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>.

³¹¹⁸ 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>.

³¹¹⁹ 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.

³¹²⁰ Actions Overview H.R.1 — 115th Congress (2017-2018), US Congress (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/actions>.

³¹²¹ 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>.

³¹²² HUD Awards \$2 Billion to Thousand of Local Homeless Assistance Programs Across US, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018.

https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_001.

³¹²³ 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>.

³¹²⁴ 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>

³¹²⁵ 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>

³¹²⁶ 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>

Penny Mordaunt also announced the UK's contribution of GBP5.5 million for the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.³¹²⁷

On 20 February 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD35 million to assist low-income residents achieve economic and housing independence.³¹²⁸

The United States has taken action to align its actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at a domestic and international level, while including specific provisions for developing countries. The United States has also taken action directly contrary to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at a domestic and international level.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sterling Mancuso

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.³¹²⁹ The initiative addresses many issues including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual violence, gender-based violence, and human trafficking.³¹³⁰ 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.³¹³¹

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission began its External Investment Plan to invest in partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa.³¹³² According to Vice President Federica Mogherini, the purpose of the plan is to “become an engine of more inclusive and sustainable growth,

³¹²⁷ 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>

³¹²⁸ 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.

³¹²⁹ 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

³¹³⁰ 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

³¹³¹ 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

³¹³² 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

to create green energy,” among other goals.³¹³³ The EU is contributing EUR4.1 billion in order to leverage up to EUR44 billion more in private investments for the initiative.³¹³⁴

On 6 October 2017, the EU and India made a joint statement regarding “clean energy and climate change” in New Delhi.³¹³⁵ 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.³¹³⁶ 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.”³¹³⁷

On 6 October 2017, the EU hosted the 2017 Our Ocean Conference in Malta.³¹³⁸ The conference focused on the protection of oceans.³¹³⁹ 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.”³¹⁴⁰ 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.”³¹⁴¹

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 the modernizing of Kosovo’s railway line.³¹⁴² This follows a previous loan of EUR39.9 million by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.³¹⁴³

³¹³³ 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

³¹³⁴ 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

³¹³⁵ 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/>

³¹³⁶ 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/>

³¹³⁷ 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/>

³¹³⁸ Fourth Our Ocean Conference generates over €7 Billion in Pledges, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/fourth-our-ocean-conference-generates-over-e7-billion-in-pledges/>

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³¹⁴⁰ Fourth Our Ocean Conference generates over €7 Billion in Pledges, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/fourth-our-ocean-conference-generates-over-e7-billion-in-pledges/>

³¹⁴¹ 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

³¹⁴² 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>

³¹⁴³ 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>

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.³¹⁴⁴ The program is the proposed solution to EU Member States' current need to improve the energy efficiency and performance of buildings.³¹⁴⁵ 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.”³¹⁴⁶

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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