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11. Development: Inclusive Recovery

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G20 Rome Summit Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.85 (93%)	

Background

On 31 October 2021, the G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration reaffirmed their commitment to “support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.”¹⁴⁶⁴

The international community, including G20 leaders, has long been concerned with sustainable, inclusive development. On 25 September 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit.¹⁴⁶⁵ This Agenda included 17 SDGs and 169 targets that seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and complete what they did not achieve. These goals and targets recognize that poverty is the greatest challenge facing the international community and the eradication of poverty is a requirement to achieving sustainable development.

¹⁴⁶⁴ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁶⁵ Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

At the 2008 Washington, D.C. Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed the importance of the MDGs and “urged both developed and emerging economies to undertake commitments consistent with their capacities and roles in the global economy” amid the economic crisis which occurred that same year.¹⁴⁶⁶

At the 2009 London Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the MDGs and to lay the foundation for a “fair and sustainable” world economy. At the same summit, G20 leaders recognized that the economic crisis at the time had a “disproportionate impact on the vulnerable in the poorest countries” and the G20’s collective responsibility to “mitigate the social impacts [of the crisis] to minimize long-lasting damage to global potential.”¹⁴⁶⁷

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the MDGs and launched the Framework for Strong, Sustainable, and Balanced Growth, to “promote balanced and sustainable economic development in order to narrow development imbalances and reduce poverty.”¹⁴⁶⁸

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders identified actions needed to achieve the MDGs by 2015 through the September 2010 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) High Level Plenary. G20 leaders also highlighted that “narrowing the development gap and reducing poverty are integral to [the G20’s] broader objective of achieving strong, sustainable and balanced growth and ensuring a more robust and resilient global economy.”¹⁴⁶⁹

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, G20 leaders committed to making a “tangible and significant difference in people’s lives, including through the development of infrastructure in developing countries” by reaffirming the continued commitment to MDGs and the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth.¹⁴⁷⁰

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders committed to “mobilizing the political will needed to reinsert sustainable development at the heart of the international agenda” through the “Rio +20” Conference.¹⁴⁷¹

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working with developing countries to support them in “implementing the nationally driven policies and priorities which are needed to fulfill internationally agreed development goals, particularly the MDGs.”¹⁴⁷²

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Saint Petersburg Development Outlook, which built on the 2010 Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth, and reaffirmed their commitment to achieving the MDGs, particularly through “promoting strong, sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth.”¹⁴⁷³

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to development by “ensur[ing] our actions contribute to inclusive and sustainable growth in low-income and developing countries.”¹⁴⁷⁴

¹⁴⁶⁶ Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>

¹⁴⁶⁷ G20 Action Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.pdf>

¹⁴⁶⁸ The Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, including the Annex: Core Values for Sustainable Economic Activity and the Framework for Strong, Sustainable and Balanced Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

¹⁴⁶⁹ G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2010. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2010toronto.html>

¹⁴⁷⁰ G20 Seoul Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.pdf>

¹⁴⁷¹ Final Declaration: Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

¹⁴⁷² G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>

¹⁴⁷³ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁷⁴ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communiqu.html>

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders adopted the G20 and Low-Income Developing Countries Framework and committed to developing an action plan in 2016 to “further align [their] work with the 2030 Agenda.”¹⁴⁷⁵

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders pledged to “enhance policy coherence on sustainable development” and reaffirmed their commitment to align their work with the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.¹⁴⁷⁶

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to align their work with the 2030 Agenda and “called on countries to work with stakeholders to strive towards [the Agenda’s] ambitious and integrated implementation and timely realisation in accordance with national circumstances.”¹⁴⁷⁷

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “leading the transformation towards sustainable development” and support the 2030 Agenda as the framework for advancing this goal and the G20 Action Plan.¹⁴⁷⁸

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda through “collective and concrete actions [...] to ensure that no one is left behind.”¹⁴⁷⁹

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the G20 Support to COVID-19 Response and Recovery in Developing Countries, the G20 Guidelines on Quality Infrastructure for Regional Connectivity, and the Financing for Sustainable Development Framework.¹⁴⁸⁰ The leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to “play a leading role in contributing to the timely implementation” of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda

Commitment Features

At the 2021 Rome summit, leaders committed to “support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.”¹⁴⁸¹ This commitment can be interpreted as having two main goals: supporting recovery and accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals. The former target includes four main dimensions to support: “sustainable,” “inclusive,” “resilient” and “equitable.”

“Support” is understood to mean give strength to, encourage, give help or countenance to, back up, further, be actively interested in, and assist.¹⁴⁸² In the context of the commitment, members can “support” inclusive recovery by taking concrete action towards the maintenance of the commitment’s aforementioned dimensions.

“Sustainable” is understood to mean development where the pattern of resource use aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment; where this pursuit expands from domestic policy to the broader scope of

¹⁴⁷⁵ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>

¹⁴⁷⁶ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>

¹⁴⁷⁷ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁷⁸ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁷⁹ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁸⁰ Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 5 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

¹⁴⁸¹ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

¹⁴⁸² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

international cooperation.¹⁴⁸³ In the context of the commitment, it refers to development that meets the needs of the current recovery period while preserving the environment and potential for repetition of an action.

“Inclusive” is understood to mean all parties are included in the discussion and decision-making process taking into account relative capabilities.¹⁴⁸⁴ In the context of development, it refers to strengthening the involvement and opportunity of all peoples regardless of background, and ensuring the incorporation of various parties in discussion and development decision making.

“Resilient” is understood to mean able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad occurs.¹⁴⁸⁵ In the context of the commitment, it refers to recovery being made to withstand crisis situations, such as pandemics, and the promotion of safeguards to protect future development.

“Equity” is understood to mean fairness or justice in the way people are treated and freedom from bias or favouritism.¹⁴⁸⁶ In the context of this commitment, it refers to practices that aid all groups; this can include, but is not limited to, prioritization of gender equity and racial equity in development.

“Accelerate” is understood to mean the hastening of progress or development of a goal.¹⁴⁸⁷ “Accelerating” the progress of this commitment can include the creation of programs, money allocation, changes in legislation and other support methods that will contribute to the catalyzation of SDGs.

“Progress” is understood as the process of improving or developing something over a period of time.¹⁴⁸⁸ In this commitment, progress entails any concrete action towards the betterment of SDGs.

“SDGs” is understood to mean the Sustainable Development Goals that were outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁴⁸⁹ There are 17 SDGs that this commitment refers to: 1) end poverty; 2) end hunger; 3) good health and well-being; 4) quality education; 5) gender equality; 6) clean water and sanitation; 7) affordable and clean energy; 8) decent work and economic growth; 9) industry, innovation and infrastructure; 10) reduced inequalities; 11) sustainable cities and communities; 12) responsible consumption and production; 13) climate action; 14) life below water; 15) life on land; 16) peace, justice and strong institutions; and 17) partnerships for the goals.¹⁴⁹⁰

“Nationally owned strategies” is understood to mean well-designed, transparent, and country-led financing frameworks that implement development strategies.¹⁴⁹¹ In this commitment, as sustainable development goals are being accelerated, they should recognize the importance of strategies that emphasize subnational and national ownership.

¹⁴⁸³ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁴⁸⁴ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020 http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹⁴⁸⁵ Resilient, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resilient>

¹⁴⁸⁶ Equity, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/equity>

¹⁴⁸⁷ Accelerate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

¹⁴⁸⁸ Progress, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/progress>

¹⁴⁸⁹ Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations’ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 4 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

¹⁴⁹⁰ The 17 Goals, United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 21 January 2022. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

¹⁴⁹¹ G20 Development Ministers Meeting, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 29 June 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021.

https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/g20/2021-06-29-communique-development.aspx?lang=eng

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G20 members that show strong action in at least three of the four dimensions of recovery and work towards the progress of the SDGs. This can include both domestic and international actions that work towards inclusive recovery but focuses on nationally owned strategies. Strong actions may include but are not limited to policy action or changing legislation, money allocation, infrastructure changes, or enforcement of policy; all of which act to promote sustainable, inclusive, resilient and equitable recovery and the advancement of SDGs. On the international level, strong action can include, but is not limited to, joining or participating actively in international organizations that work to advance SDGs, providing financial support to communities that are struggling to meet targets for SDGs, or providing equitable and inclusive opportunity for communities that face barriers to development through government programs or financing.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G20 members who exemplify demonstrable action in two of the four dimensions to recovery and work towards the progress of SDGs. These actions can include both strong and weak forms of compliance in the international and domestic sphere. Examples of weak actions include but are not limited to attending meetings on SDGs; reaffirming commitments to sustainable, inclusive, resilient and equitable recovery; denouncing action that works against an inclusive recovery or SDGs; or sharing information on prospective changes in development methods with other G20 members. If a G20 member takes partial action on three dimensions of recovery, it would still be considered partial compliance.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G20 member solely takes demonstrable action in one or zero of the four dimensions to recovery nor has not worked towards the progress of SDGs. For example, if they solely took weak actions to advance SDGs, implement legislation that address only one of the four aforementioned dimensions of recovery, or are made aware of threats to the progress or retrogression of SDGs and do not take action to combat this.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has NOT taken action to support a sustainable, inclusive, equitable, and resilient recovery or accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) OR has taken action in only one of the aforementioned four dimensions.
0	The G20 member has taken action to support TWO of the four dimensions of recovery and worked to accelerate progress on SDGs.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action to support THREE to FOUR dimensions of recovery: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, 3) equitability, 4) resilience AND accelerated progress on SDGs.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 19 November 2021, General Trustee of the Nation Carlos Antonio Montero and President of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies (CNCPS) Marisol Merquel held a meeting analyzing compliance with the SDGs in organizations that make up the National Public Sector.¹⁴⁹² During this meeting, Deputy General Trustee of the Nation Miranda and Deputy General Trustee Borzi de Lucía signed a collaboration agreement between the General Syndicate of the Nation and the United Nations to promote the design of public policies that allow effective progress to be made in relation to the goals proposed by the UN action plan.

On 25 November 2021, President of the CNCPS Merquel participated with Governor Gustavo Melella in the presentation of the UN mission in Tierra del Fuego, an initiative that aims to promote joint actions between

¹⁴⁹² SIGEN strengthens its commitment to meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 19 November 2021. Access Date: 21 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/sigen-afianza-su-compromiso-con-el-cumplimiento-de-los-objetivos-de-desarrollo-sostenible>

national and provincial governments in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹⁴⁹³ According to President Merquel, the mission “is the product of an articulated and coordinated work between the Nation, Province, local governments and the UN to advance jointly in the development and effective fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, to which we adhere as a Member State of the United Nations.”

On 20 December 2021, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero presented the 2021 country report for monitoring progress towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.¹⁴⁹⁴ CNCPS President Merquel stated that the objective of the report is to evaluate the situation of each province in Argentina in conversation with municipalities, with the provincial government and the national ministries, to have concrete actions.

On 5 January 2022, CNCPS President Merquel and UN Coordinator in Latin America and the Caribbean Roberto Valente signed a letter of intent to advance and articulate joint actions for the implementation of the Objectives of Sustainable Development of the 2030 Agenda at the national level.¹⁴⁹⁵ With the signing, the CNCPS and UN Argentina renewed their commitment to the 2030 Agenda.

On 10 January 2022, the Embassy of Argentina in Chile and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean’s Department of Natural Resources organized a thematic panel exploring innovation, technological development and value addition to lithium exploitation in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile.¹⁴⁹⁶ The objective of this workshop was to analyze the possibilities of technological exchange, industrialization, innovation and value addition in the lithium chain for electric batteries.

On 31 January 2022, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development passed Resolution 2/2022 which approved the creation of the Inclusive Conservation Program to be developed within the scope of the National Directorate of Biodiversity.¹⁴⁹⁷ The program’s objective is to implement technical and financial support systems for Indigenous communities and other community locals who wish to conserve the natural ecosystems that exist on their land and use natural resources in a sustainable manner.

On 26 January 2022, Coordinator of the Democratic Governance Area of the United Nations Development Program in Argentina Nora Luzi met with Director General of Political and Electoral Reform Javier Tejerizo to evaluate the progress of joint work and set new goals to further the Sustainable Development Goals established by the 2030 Agenda.¹⁴⁹⁸

¹⁴⁹³ Merquel and Governor Melella Initiate their UN Mission to Tierra del Fuego, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 27 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. https://www-argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-el-gobernador-melella-dieron-inicio-la-mision-de-la-onu-en-tierra-del-fuego-0?_x_tr_sl=es&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

¹⁴⁹⁴ Argentina Commits to Continue Advancing a Development Agenda based on Social Justice, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 20 December 2022. Access Date: 4 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/la-argentina-se-comprometio-en-seguir-avanzando-en-una-agenda-de-desarrollo-con>

¹⁴⁹⁵ Merquel and UN Authorities Renew their Commitment to the 2030 Agenda, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2022. Access Date: 2 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. https://www-argentina-gob-ar.translate.google.com/noticias/merquel-y-autoridades-de-onu-argentina-renovaron-su-compromiso-con-la-agenda-2030-0?_x_tr_sl=es&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

¹⁴⁹⁶ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: ECLAC’S DNR Organizes a Thematic Panel on Innovation, Technological Development and Value addition to lithium exploitation in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 10 January 2022. Access date: 11 January 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.cepal.org/es/notas/la-drn-la-cepal-organizo-panel-tematico-innovacion-desarrollo-tecnologico-agregacion-valor-la>

¹⁴⁹⁷ Legislation and Official Notices: Resolution 2/2022, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 31 January 2022. Access date: 8 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/257031/20220203>

¹⁴⁹⁸ Productive Working Day with UNDP Argentina, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2022. Access date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.buenosaires.gob.ar/gobierno/noticias/productiva-jornada-de-trabajo-con-el-pnud-argentina>

On 17 March 2022, the National Inter-Institutional Commission for the Implementation and Monitoring of the SDGs held a plenary meeting which focused on the drafting of the III National Voluntary Report that Argentina will present at the High-Level Conference on Sustainable Development in New York.¹⁴⁹⁹ At the meeting, attendees discussed the central components that will be included in the report including other lines of work that CNCPS has carried out in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda including a new urban agenda.

On 9 May 2022, representatives of the Argentine Global Compact Network held a meeting to advance a cooperation agenda with the CNCPS to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to develop joint actions that are in keeping with the 2022 Voluntary National Report.¹⁵⁰⁰

On 11 May 2022, Minister of Education Jaime Perczyk announced that the government will be investing more than ARP9 billion in 36,000 scholarships to promote undergraduate and graduate studies in strategic areas for the nation's economic development.¹⁵⁰¹

On 16 May 2022, National Director of Aquaculture Guillermo Abdala announced that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries will invest more than ARP19 million to equip the marine toxins laboratory in Ushuaia with the capacities for monitoring mussel production in the province.¹⁵⁰² Undersecretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture Carlos Liberman stated that the initiative “will complement the investments of entrepreneurs of different sizes, so that the projected production for 2025 would reach between 3,500 and 4,500 tons per year, adding 250 jobs to the formal scheme, with more than 12,000,000 dollars in foreign currency.”

On 18 May 2022, Secretary of University Policies Oscar Alpa participated in the III World Conference on Higher Education in Barcelona, Spain.¹⁵⁰³ The conference aimed at defining and preparing a new roadmap that tackles the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic on educational systems. During the ‘Internationalization of Solidarity’ panel, Secretary Alpa stated that “the common understanding that exists among our regions on the perspective of higher education as a human right and a public good must be valued. Under this premise, academic and solidarity cooperation is necessary to promote the formation of citizens and professionals respectful of cultural diversity, committed to intercultural understanding, the culture of peace and with the capacity to live together and work in a local and global community.”

On 27 May 2022, the CNCPS held a plenary meeting headed by President Merquel and UN Resident Coordinator in Argentina Claudia Mojica for the implementation and monitoring of SDGs.¹⁵⁰⁴ At the meeting, parties shared a preliminary version of the National Voluntary Report regarding the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 2021, which will be presented at the High Level Political Forum in July 2022. This report summarizes the progress, challenges and commitments of Argentina's implementation of the 2030 Agenda thus far.

¹⁴⁹⁹ Plenary Meeting of the National Inter-institutional Commission for the Implementation and Monitoring of the SDGs, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/reunion-plenaria-de-comision-nacional-interinstitucional-de-implementacion-y-seguimiento-de>

¹⁵⁰⁰ Working meeting with representatives of the United Nations and the Argentine Global Compact Network, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/reunion-de-trabajo-con-representantes-de-naciones-unidas-y-la-red-argentina-pacto-global>

¹⁵⁰¹ Perczyk announced investment of more than 9 billion pesos in scholarships for strategic areas of the country, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 11 May 2022. Translation by Analyst. Access date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/perczyk-anuncio-inversion-de-mas-de-9-mil-millones-de-pesos-en-becas-de-estudio-para-areas>

¹⁵⁰² Aquaculture: An initiative was approved to equip the Ushuaia marine toxin laboratory, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 21 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/acuicultura-se-aprobo-iniciativa-para-equipar-el-laboratorio-de-toxinas-marinas-de-ushuaia>

¹⁵⁰³ The Ministry of Education of the Nation was present at the III World Conference on Higher Education, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-educacion-de-la-nacion-estuvo-presente-en-la-iii-conferencia-mundial-sobre>

¹⁵⁰⁴ SDG plenary meeting at Casa Rosada, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 1 June 2022. https://www.argentina-gob-ar/noticias/reunion-plenaria-ods-en-casa-rosada-0?_x_tr_sl=es&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

On 3 June 2022, the Ministry of Education announced an Integral Environmental Education policy to complement the previously introduced Comprehensive Environmental Education in the Argentine Republic policy.¹⁵⁰⁵ According to the press release, the new policy “includes different lines of action, focused on the complexity of environmental problems, from a rights perspective: the development of teaching proposals for the approach of this anniversary at all educational levels, the production of educational materials and the proposal of a Teacher Training Section of the National Institute of Teacher Training which begins on 7 June 2022.”

On 15 June 2022, Minister of Health of the Nation Carla Vizzotti, Minister of Transport Alexis Guerrero and Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation Cecilia Nicolini participated in the ‘Accelerating the transformation towards sustainable, healthy and safe transport models’ interministerial meeting, which was organized by the Pan American Health Organization.¹⁵⁰⁶ During the meeting, the ministers reaffirmed Argentina’s commitment to sustainable transportation and improving public health through road safety, active mobility and reduced pollution. Minister Guerrero stated that “the challenge is to try to meet the goals that the world has set, not only with the environmental impact, but also with the implications that emissions and climate change have on the health of the planet and human beings.”

On 15 June 2022, the expansion of water treatment plants in Santa Fe and Granadero Baigorria began.¹⁵⁰⁷ These projects will benefit 1,317,799 people and is supported by a National State investment of ARP7.2 million. At the event that signalled the start of construction, President Alberto Fernández stated that, “as a State we must facilitate everything that is necessary for the management of the construction of those works that are not seen and that bring water to Argentines who need it.”

Argentina took strong actions to support the equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by signing resolutions that evaluate the progress of SDGs nationally and accelerate the progress of sustainable land usage. Additionally, Argentina has created financial support systems for Indigenous communities in line with SDG targets.

Thus, Argentina has received a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 1 November 2021, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne announced an investment of AUD500 million to support Southeast Asian countries in adapting to climate change.¹⁵⁰⁸ This initiative aimed to sustain climate, biodiversity and livelihood through better forestry, land and agricultural management.

¹⁵⁰⁵ World Environment Day, Ministry of Education, Government of Argentina (Buenos Aires) 3 June 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/dia-mundial-del-ambiente-1>

¹⁵⁰⁶ Health, Transport, Environment and PAHO held a working meeting on transformation towards sustainable, healthy and safe transport models, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 16 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-transporte-ambiente-y-ops-mantuvieron-una-reunion-de-trabajo-sobre-transformacion>

¹⁵⁰⁷ Two key works began in Santa Fe, Ministry of Public Works (Santa Fe) 16 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/comenzaron-dos-obras-claves-en-santa-fe>

¹⁵⁰⁸ Increasing Support For Region’s Climate Action And Economic Growth, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 1 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/climate-action-mobilising-private-finance-sustainhttps://www.pm.gov.au/media/increasing-support-regions-climate-action-and-economic-growth>

On 10 November 2021, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) announced it would invest in the Indo-Pacific region's health security by delivering 2.7 million COVID-19 vaccine doses and AUD60 million worth of vaccine storage and access to Vietnam.¹⁵⁰⁹

On 10 November 2021, DFAT committed to sharing 7.5 million COVID-19 vaccine doses with Indonesia.¹⁵¹⁰

On 17 November 2021, Minister Payne announced AUD460,000 would be granted to 13 projects that strengthen cooperation between Australia and Indonesia's COVID-19 response through the 2021-22 Australia-Indonesia Institute grants program.¹⁵¹¹ The selected projects included the development of an online education program, a business resilience hub and a training program to construct local capacity in renewable energy.

On 3 December 2021, DFAT announced AUD492 million in funding to protect the health of all Australians through programs such as the Aged Care Preparedness Support Measures Extension, Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19 Program and COVID-19 Indigenous and Remote Response Measures.¹⁵¹²

On 3 December 2021, Minister for Regional Health David Gillespie committed to ensuring equal access to health services of rural communities, aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.¹⁵¹³ He also announced the extension of the Remote Point of Care Testing Programme and COVID-19 vaccine distribution to rural areas.

On 7 December 2021, Public Service Commissioner Peter Woolcott and Secretary of Prime Minister and Cabinet Philip Gaetjens launched The Australian Public Service Gender Equality Strategy 2021-26.¹⁵¹⁴ This strategy provided targeted actions on ensuring gender equality in workplaces, shifting stereotypes and creating equal opportunities to succeed.

On 14 December 2021, DFAT announced AUD85 million to support Fiji's economic recovery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁵¹⁵ This initiative reflected "Australia and Fiji's shared commitment to economic resilience, health security and stability" in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 13 December 2021, Minister Payne pledged AUD5 million to aid the Philippines in recovering from the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Rai.¹⁵¹⁶

¹⁵⁰⁹ Additional Australian vaccines for Vietnam, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/additional-australian-vaccines-vietnam>

¹⁵¹⁰ Additional vaccines for Indonesia's recovery, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/additional-vaccines-indonesias-recovery>

¹⁵¹¹ Grants to further enhance Australia-Indonesia links, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 17 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/grants-further-enhance-australia-indonesia-links>

¹⁵¹² \$540 million to continue and expand Australia's COVID-19 response, Department of Health (Canberra) 8 December 2021. Access Date: 20 January 2022. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/540-million-to-continue-and-expand-australias-covid-19-response>

¹⁵¹³ \$540 million to continue and expand Australia's COVID-19 response, Department of Health (Canberra) 8 December 2021. Access Date: 20 January 2022. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/540-million-to-continue-and-expand-australias-covid-19-response>

¹⁵¹⁴ Australian Public Service Gender Equality Strategy 2021-26, Australian Public Service Commission (Canberra) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. <https://www.apsc.gov.au/publication/australian-public-service-gender-equality-strategy-2021-26>

¹⁵¹⁵ Fiji's economic recovery to benefit from additional support, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/fijis-economic-recovery-benefit-additional-support>

¹⁵¹⁶ Australian support to the Philippines in the wake of Super Typhoon Rai, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 23 January 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/australian-support-philippines-wake-super-typhoon-rai>

On 16 January 2022, Minister Payne committed AUD3 million to provide immediate humanitarian aid to Tonga in the aftermath of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption and tsunami.¹⁵¹⁷ On 20 January 2022, the first emergency relief supplies were delivered which included shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene kits to Tonga.

On 26 January 2022, Minister Payne further committed additional AUD2 million in relief aid to Tonga and continued to coordinate its aid with other countries under the FRANZ Pacific humanitarian response partnership.¹⁵¹⁸

On 20 January 2022, Minister for Science and Technology Melissa Price announced AUD13 million to support women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).¹⁵¹⁹ The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources also announced the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering would deliver AUD41.2 million scholarships to help female university students in STEM.

On 21 January 2022, Minister Payne, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Zed Seselija pledged AUD580 million to repair and upgrade several key Papua New Guinea ports.¹⁵²⁰ This initiative will improve Papua New Guinea's commercial capacity and local community access to healthcare and education.

On 21 January 2022, Australia and the United Kingdom reaffirmed the importance of constructing more secure, resilient and sustainable supply chains of critical, rare earth and battery minerals in the Australia-UK Ministerial Consultations (AUKMIN).¹⁵²¹ They agreed to link their countries' private sectors to bolster bilateral trade and investment.

On 21 January 2022, Australia and the UK reaffirmed their commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 through cooperation in developing technologies essential in AUKMIN.¹⁵²² The most significant measure is to join the Glasgow Breakthroughs to deliver affordable and accessible clean technologies of hydrogen, steel, power and road transport for polluting sectors.¹⁵²³

On 29 January 2022, Australia sent an eight-person Australian Medical Assistance Team and 37,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to further assist the Solomon Islands' response to the pandemic.¹⁵²⁴

¹⁵¹⁷ Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 15 January 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/crisis-hub/hunga-tonga-hunga-haapai-volcanic-eruption-and-tsunami>

¹⁵¹⁸ Further humanitarian support for Tonga, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/further-humanitarian-support-tonga>

¹⁵¹⁹ \$13 million in grants plus hundreds of scholarships to support women in STEM and entrepreneurship, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (Canberra) 20 January 2022. Access Date: 22 January 2022. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/13-million-in-grants-plus-hundreds-of-scholarships-to-support-women-in-stem-and-entrepreneurship>

¹⁵²⁰ Papua New Guinea Port repairs and upgrades to improve trade, connectivity and commercial capacity, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 5 February. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/papua-new-guinea-port-repairs-and-upgrades-improve-trade-connectivity-and-commercial-capacity>

¹⁵²¹ Australia-UK Ministerial Meeting (AUKMIN)2022: joint statement (Canberra) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aukmin-2022-joint-statement>

¹⁵²² AUKMIN 2022 Joint Statement, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 21 January 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/aukmin-2022-joint-statement>

¹⁵²³ World leaders join UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs to speed up affordable clean tech worldwide, Prime Minister's Office (London) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 21 January 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/world-leaders-join-uks-glasgow-breakthroughs-to-speed-up-affordable-clean-tech-worldwide>

¹⁵²⁴ AUSMAT deployed to further support Solomon Islands COVID-19 response, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 29 January 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/ausmat-deployed-further-support-solomon-islands-covid-19-response>

On 1 February 2022, Australia, France and New Zealand committed to supporting Tonga in recovering from the eruption of the volcano under the FRANZ mechanism by delivering relief supplies which included desalination, telecommunications and medical equipment, as well as food and drinking water.¹⁵²⁵

On 14 February 2022, Australia made a further five-year, AUD375 million strategic investment in the Indo-Pacific region's health security.¹⁵²⁶ This initiative targeted the avoidance and containment of infectious disease outbreaks and the advancement of healthcare systems in partner countries.

On 14 February 2022, Australia deployed two aircraft to the Solomon Islands to convey 19 tonnes of emergency medical supplies and 300,800 COVID-19 vaccines.¹⁵²⁷

On 18 February 2022, Prime Minister Morrison launched an AUD21.9 million Indigenous leadership and governance package to support young Indigenous Australians to take on leadership roles, further education and employment.¹⁵²⁸

On 21 February 2022, Prime Minister Morrison agreed to invest an extra AUD86 million over five years to establish new plantations for future wood supply and manage forestry resources.¹⁵²⁹

On 15 March 2022, Minister Tehan, India's Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Japan's Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Hagiuda Koichi reaffirmed the importance of strengthening supply chain resilience by promoting trade and investment diversification and lifting the utilization of digital technology.¹⁵³⁰ They also agreed to hold annual trilateral trade ministers' meetings in the future.

On 21 March 2022, Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston launched the RecruitAble pilot.¹⁵³¹ The initiative was designed and delivered by the disabled people to mitigate bias and misconceptions about people with disability and promote inclusive recruitment.

On 24 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison committed to further invest AUD206.5 million to ensure young people with severe and complex mental illnesses have access to treatment services and support.¹⁵³²

¹⁵²⁵ Emergency humanitarian assistance to Tonga - Joint Statement from FRANZ, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 February 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/emergency-humanitarian-assistance-tonga-joint-statement-franz>

¹⁵²⁶ Strategic Investment in our Region's Health Security, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 February 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/strategic-investment-our-regions-health-security>

¹⁵²⁷ Deployment of Royal Australian Air Force to support Solomon Islands COVID-19 response, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 February 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/deployment-royal-australian-air-force-support-solomon-islands-covid-19-response>

¹⁵²⁸ Strengthening Indigenous Leadership and Governance, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 18 February 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/strengthening-indigenous-leadership-and-governance>

¹⁵²⁹ \$86 million on offer to grow Australia's plantation estate, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/86-million-offer-grow-australias-plantation-estate>

¹⁵³⁰ Joint Statement on the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative by Australian, Indian and Japanese Trade Ministers, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/joint-statement-supply-chain-resilience-initiative-australian-indian-and-japanese-trade-ministers-0>

¹⁵³¹ Connecting people with disability to potential employers, Department of Social Services (Canberra) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/news/64366>

¹⁵³² \$206.5 million to support the mental health of young Australians, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 24 March 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/2065-million-support-mental-health-young-australians>

On 27 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison pledged to invest AUD365.3 million to support an extra 35,000 apprentices and trainees who are working to become trades people, plumbers, tilers or chefs.¹⁵³³ This facility was targeted to bolster the skilled sector and thus the economic recovery.

On 29 March 2022, Prime Minister Morrison announced an AUD2.1 million budget package to further support women and girls by raising women's workforce participation, narrowing the gender pay gap, improving women's safety and economic security and funding for women's health and wellbeing.¹⁵³⁴

On 1 April 2022, Australia committed to contributing AUD85 million and a minimum of 10 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to COVAX to accelerate global vaccination rate and guard the health security of Australia's region.¹⁵³⁵

On 2 April 2022, Australia signed the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement with India, which eliminated tariffs on wine, sheep meat, wool, as well as other products.¹⁵³⁶ Prime Minister Morrison stated that this agreement will create trade diversification opportunities, valued at up to AUD14.8 billion a year.

On 2 April 2022, Minister Tehan committed to providing 1,000 places for young Indians in participating working holiday programmes in Australia to boost tourism.¹⁵³⁷

On 2 April 2022, Minister Tehan agreed to extend the length of stay from two to three years for first-class-honour Indian graduates in the STEM and information and communication technology (ICT) workplace.¹⁵³⁸ This prolongation aimed to enhance STEM and ICT workforces.

On 4 April 2022, Prime Minister Morrison approved an AUD1.25 billion loan to develop Australia's first integrated rare earth refinery that will produce separated rare earth oxide products used in electric vehicles and clean energy generation.¹⁵³⁹

On 4 April 2022, Prime Minister Morrison committed to providing AUD23 million to innovate and support local manufacturing of life-saving medicines.¹⁵⁴⁰ This initiative will "directly support 42 jobs with 105 additional along the supply chain."

On 4 April 2022, Australia introduced the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme that improves workers' protection while easing employers' access to labour.¹⁵⁴¹ The reform removed restrictions on seasonal recruitment in regional and rural Australia, gave single visas to foreign workers and established a red tape reduction working group.

¹⁵³³ Extending support to get more Australian apprentices on the job, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 27 March 2022.

Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://ministers.dese.gov.au/morrison/extending-support-get-more-australian-apprentices-job>

¹⁵³⁴ 2022-23 Budget boost to support Australian women and girls, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/2022-23-budget-boost-support-australian-women-and-girls>

¹⁵³⁵ Additional Support for Global COVID Vaccine Access, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/additional-support-global-covid-vaccine-access>

¹⁵³⁶ Historic trade deal with India, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 2 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/dan-tehan/media-release/historic-trade-deal-india>

¹⁵³⁷ Historic trade deal with India, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 2 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/dan-tehan/media-release/historic-trade-deal-india>

¹⁵³⁸ Historic trade deal with India, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 2 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.trademinister.gov.au/minister/dan-tehan/media-release/historic-trade-deal-india>

¹⁵³⁹ Transforming Australia's critical minerals sector, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/transforming-australias-critical-minerals-sector>

¹⁵⁴⁰ Locally made medicines, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/locally-made-medicines>

¹⁵⁴¹ New era for Pacific Labour starts today, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/zed-seselja/media-release/new-era-pacific-labour-starts-today>

On 8 April 2022, DFAT announced AUD2.5 million in funding to “support child nutrition, strengthen productivity for smallholder farmers and improve livelihoods in rural areas” in Sri Lanka through the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization.¹⁵⁴²

On 23 May 2022, Australia, the United States, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity.¹⁵⁴³ This framework was intended to create more transparent, diverse, secured and sustainable supply chains, deepen cooperation in the development of clean energy technologies and combat corruption in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 24 May 2022, Australia, India, Japan and the United States established the Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package.¹⁵⁴⁴ This package aimed to strengthen clean energy supply chains, boost new cooperation in clean fuel ammonia and Carbon Recycling and welcome information services for disaster risk reduction.

On 1 June 2022, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the creation of a new Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and a new Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for better government delivery; both will take effect on 1 July 2022.¹⁵⁴⁵

On 11 June 2022, Australia announced an AUD2.9 million contribution to the Standards and Trade Development Facility, to help developing and least-developed countries “build capacity to participate in, and benefit from, the multilateral rules-based trading system.”¹⁵⁴⁶

Australia has taken strong actions to support an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery across the globe with foreign assistance in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and climate change. Australia has also accelerated progress on all SDGs and the promotion of equity through financing and launching programs that achieve gender and social equality, develop clean energy and strengthen global partnership.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 11 November 2021, Brazil joined the new negotiating group on climate change made up of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay at the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland (COP26).¹⁵⁴⁷ Brazil

¹⁵⁴² Supporting Food Security in Sri Lanka, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 24 April 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/supporting-food-security-sri-lanka>

¹⁵⁴³ Launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) – Joint Statement, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. <https://www.dfat.gov.au/news/media-release/launch-indo-pacific-economic-framework-prosperity-ipef-joint-statement>

¹⁵⁴⁴ Quad Joint Leaders’ Statement, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/quad-joint-leaders-statement>

¹⁵⁴⁵ Delivering A Better Government, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/delivering-better-government>

¹⁵⁴⁶ Supporting trade for economic resilience and recovery in the region, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 11 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/supporting-trade-economic-resilience-and-recovery-region>

¹⁵⁴⁷ Mercosur countries together on climate change, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 11 November 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/paises-do-mercosul-juntos-em-mudanca-do-clima

further announced its strong, continuous commitment to climate action and reaffirmed the importance of science and agriculture for global food security and ecosystems.

On 8 December 2021, the government signed a cooperation agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank to contract a 10-year credit line of BRL1.2 billion for federal and state agents to support the “sustainable development of agricultural production chains in the country.”¹⁵⁴⁸

On 16 December 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos França alongside MERCOSUR members agreed with the Minister of Commerce of the Republic of Indonesia Muhammad Lutfi to initiate negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (APEA) between MERCOSUR and Indonesia.¹⁵⁴⁹ The APEA seeks to create jobs, support long-term economic growth and lower business and consuming costs by strengthening rules-based trade, increasing commercial and cultural ties and opening more markets.

On 6 January 2022, the Ministry of Health launched the Cuida Mais Brasil programme to make care for women and children in the country’s Unified Health System more accessible.¹⁵⁵⁰ The federal government announced that it will provide BRL194 million for the works of “pediatricians and gynecologists-obstetricians together with the Family Health and Primary Care teams.”

On 25 January 2022, President Jair Bolsonaro, in an open letter to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), announced the country’s readiness to initiate its OECD accession process with other OECD members to support sustainable economic growth with inclusivity, the respect to the rule of law and the protection of the environment in mind.¹⁵⁵¹

On 3 February 2022, President Bolsonaro and President of Peru José Pedro Castillo Terrones endorsed a joint declaration announcing a bilateral agenda to increase cooperation on SDG goals of economic growth and strengthening the means for sustainable development between the two countries.¹⁵⁵²

On 17 March 2022, Brazil launched the Income and Opportunity program which aims to generate income and increase the purchasing power of Brazilians, especially among those with lower incomes.¹⁵⁵³ This program

¹⁵⁴⁸ Brazil to Boost Agricultural Sector Sustainability with IDB Support, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington, D.C.) 8 December 2021. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/brazil-boost-agricultural-sector-sustainability-idb-support>

¹⁵⁴⁹ Joint Ministerial Declaration on Launching Negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between MERCOSUR and Indonesia. Government of Brazil (Brasília) 16 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-ministerial-conjunta-sobre-o-lancamento-de-negociacoes-para-um-acordo-de-parceria-economica-abrangente-entre-o-mercosul-e-a-indonesia?fbclid=IwAR2aA7C7VDDT3Mxcst9UaKILQioXqgbCB6k6bHjR_17xf76HY3j2jKK7vaA

¹⁵⁵⁰ Federal Government launches Cuida Mais Brasil to strengthen maternal and child care in the SUS, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 6 January 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/saude-e-vigilancia-sanitaria/2022/01/governo-federal-lanca-cuida-mais-brasil-para-fortalecer-atendimento-materno-infantil-no-sus>

¹⁵⁵¹ Letter from the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Government of Brazil (Brasília) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/content-centers/speeches-articles-and-interviews/president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil/documents/letter-from-the-president-of-the-federative-republic-of-brazil-to-the-secretary-general-of-the-organisation-for-economic-co-operation-and-development-oecd>

¹⁵⁵² Joint Presidential Statement by the Presidents of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Jair Messias Bolsonaro, and of the Republic of Peru, José Pedro Castillo Terrones, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 3 February 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/declaracao-presidencial-conjunta-dos-presidentes-da-republica-federativa-do-brasil-jair-messias-bolsonaro-e-da-republica-do-peru-jose-pedro-castillo-terrones

¹⁵⁵³ Federal Government launches Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/institucionais/ministerio-do-trabalho-e-previdencia-lanca-programa-renda-e-oportunidade>

includes a BRL165 billion stimulus package which provides the public with an early payment of “some public pension checks,” as well as “a new microcredit program and an expansion of payroll deductible loans.”¹⁵⁵⁴

On 21 March 2022, Brazil launched a measure to promote the research, the production of and the sustainable use of biomethane under the decree that established the Federal Strategy for Incentive to the Sustainable Use of Biogas and Biomethane.¹⁵⁵⁵ The government will invest more than BRL7 billion to build 25 new biofuel plants, which will generate 6,500 jobs. This initiative seeks to contribute to the methane emissions reduction target of 30 per cent by 2030 which was highlighted during COP26.

On 25 March 2022, Brazil launched additional actions through the Income and Opportunity Program, offering a series of measures to stabilize the employment rate and the economy by creating more income and increasing the purchasing power of Brazilians.¹⁵⁵⁶ The program will increase payroll loans, offer new and free training for workers and protect workers’ income and companies’ interests.¹⁵⁵⁷

On 25 March 2022, Brazil pledged to invest BRL18.5 million and the Ministry of Regional Development pledged an additional BRL39 million in the Ilhas do Caribe residential project.¹⁵⁵⁸ This project aims to build 496 homes to benefit 2000 low-income people in the city of Potiguar.

On 2 April 2022, Brazil announced the investment of BRL278 billion in public housing and urbanization works by 2025.¹⁵⁵⁹ This investment aims to provide 2.5 million housing contracts with reduced interest rates for marginalized populations.

On 4 April 2022, Brazil announced the release of BRL9 billion from the National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development for clean energy and sustainable development in the sector of automotive to decarbonize transportation in Brazil.¹⁵⁶⁰

On 9 April 2022, Brazil signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation which secured a USD875,000 investment for

¹⁵⁵⁴ Brazil government readies \$32 billion of economic stimulus -sources, Reuters 14 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/brazil-government-readies-32-billion-economic-stimulus-sources-2022-03-14/>

¹⁵⁵⁵ Federal Government launches measures to encourage the production and sustainable use of biomethane, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 21 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-lanca-medidas-de-incentivo-a-producao-e-ao-uso-sustentavel-do-biometano>

¹⁵⁵⁶ Federal Government launches more actions of the Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 24 March 2022. Access Date: 27 April 2022 Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/institucionais/governo-federal-lanca-mais-aco-es-do-programa-renda-e-oportunidade>

¹⁵⁵⁷ Income and Opportunity Program, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/assuntos/rendaeoportunidade#regulamenta--o-do-teletrabalho-e-regula--o-do-aux-lio-alimenta--o>

¹⁵⁵⁸ MDR residential survey that was paralyzed for more than 10 years in Parnamirim (RN) and was resumed this year, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 3 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/mdr-vistoria-residencial-que-ficou-mais-de-10-anos-paralisado-em-parnamirim-rn-e-foi-retomado-neste-anohttps://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/mdr-vistoria-residencial-que-ficou-mais-de-10-anos-paralisado-em-parnamirim-rn-e-foi-retomado-neste-ano>

¹⁵⁵⁹ The Brazilian government plans to invest R\$278 billion in popular housing and urbanization works by 2025, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 2 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/the-brazilian-government-plans-to-invest-r-278-billion-in-popular-housing-and-urbanization-works-by-2025>

¹⁵⁶⁰ The Brazilian government decided to elaborate a research and development plan to decarbonize transportation in Brazil, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/the-brazilian-government-decided-to-elaborate-a-research-and-development-plan-to-decarbonize-transportation-in-brazil>

“sustainable sanitation services in rural areas and traditional communities.”¹⁵⁶¹ This agreement is a part of the Rural Brazil Sanitation Program, a federal initiative with the goal of providing universal sanitation services to rural regions which will benefit 40 million people in 20 years.

On 13 April 2022, Brazil announced the National Solid Waste Plan which provides “guidelines, strategies, actions and targets to improve the management of solid waste in the country.”¹⁵⁶² The Plan reinforces Brazil’s commitment to close all garbage dump sites by 2024 and aims to increase waste recovery to about 50 per cent in 20 years.

On 13 April 2022, the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of the Economy launched the Recycling Credit Certificate, or the Recicla+ Program.¹⁵⁶³ This program aims to reduce the generation of waste, improve the value of wastes in their lifecycle by encouraging the use and reuse of waste, provide collaboration between different actors on different ends of the reverse waste logistic systems, protect the environment from excessive, unrecycled wastes and facilitate the consumption of products that have been recycled or use recyclable materials.

On 21 April 2022, Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil Bento Albuquerque and India’s Minister of Oil and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri issued a joint statement on cooperation between Brazil and India in the energy sector and bioenergy and biofuels.¹⁵⁶⁴ The statement recognized their “bilateral coordination within G-20 on Climate and Energy, BRICS Energy Ministerial, Biofuture Platform, Clean Energy Ministerial, Mission Innovation initiative and IBSA joint Working Group on energy and the work carried out in the context of the United Nations High-Level Dialogue on Energy.” Minister Albuquerque and Minister Puri also agreed to a collaborative effort to make sustainable bioenergy and biofuels as an integral part of the future global energy transition.¹⁵⁶⁵

On 4 May 2022, Minister of Regional Development Rogério Simonetti Marinho announced that the federal government will transfer more than BRL5.9 million to expand “the sewage system, integrated sanitation, water supply and rainwater management” in the following states: Ceará, Goiás, Minas Gerais, Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Sergipe and São Paulo.¹⁵⁶⁶

On 4 May 2022, President Bolsonaro signed a Provisional Measure that announced the formulation of a program to empower women and youth in the labour force.¹⁵⁶⁷ The new program initiates a range of measures to promote good practices in women’s employability, such as “flexible work arrangements, qualification in

¹⁵⁶¹ Cooperation Agreement destines US\$ 875,000 for basic sanitation in rural areas, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 9 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/technical-cooperation-agreement-guarantees-investments-and-development-in-rural-areas>

¹⁵⁶² Federal Government ends the wait of more than 10 years and publishes decree on the National Solid Waste Plan, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 14 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 April 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-acaba-com-a-espera-de-mais-de-10-anos-e-publica-decreto-do-plano-nacional-de-residuos-solidos>

¹⁵⁶³ Brazilian Government Institutes Recicla+ Program, Mayer Brown 27 April 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.mayerbrown.com/en/perspectives-events/publications/2022/04/governo-instituiu-o-programa-recicla>

¹⁵⁶⁴ Brazil and India will forge alliance to promote bioenergy and biofuels, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 22 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mme/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-india-forjarao-alianca-para-a-promocao-da-bioenergia-e-dos-biocombustiveis>

¹⁵⁶⁵ Joint Statement between Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India and Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil on Cooperation between India and Brazil in the Energy Sector, Bioenergy and Biofuels, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mme/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/brasil-e-india-forjarao-alianca-para-a-promocao-da-bioenergia-e-dos-biocombustiveis/final-joint-statement-brazil-april-2022.pdf>

¹⁵⁶⁶ Federal Government transfers more than R\$ 5.9 million for the continuity of sanitation works in 10 states, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-repassa-mais-de-r-5-9-milhoes-para-a-continuidade-de-obras-de-saneamento-em-10-estados>

¹⁵⁶⁷ Government launches measures to boost the insertion and maintenance of women and young people in the labor market, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/trabalho-e-previdencia/pt-br/noticias-e-conteudo/trabalho/2022/maio/governo-lanca-medidas-para-impulsionar-a-insercao-e-manutencao-de-mulheres-e-jovens-no-mercado-de-trabalho>

strategic areas for professional advancement and support for women to return to work after maternity leave,” as well as measures supporting families such as daycare reimbursement and subsidies for early childhood education. The program also sets out to create 100,000 new job opportunities for professional apprenticeships and to improve young people’s qualifications and employment opportunities.

On 5 May 2022, Minister of Women, Family and Human Rights Cristiane Britto announced the expansion of the Qualifica Mulher Project.¹⁵⁶⁸ The Project aims to achieve gender equality by offering women professional training through which women can enter the labour force and gradually become economically independent. Minister Britto also announced that she had signed a protocol of intent with the Federal University of Mato Grosso and the Federal University of Rondonópolis to offer free courses for participants of the Qualifica Mulher Project.

On 5 May 2022, Brazil opened a Basic Health Unit to serve the people of Gurinhém, Paraíba to help strengthen services provided by the city’s Unified Health System.¹⁵⁶⁹ Brazil invested BRL326,400 of federal funding to complete this project and will transfer an additional BRL81,000 to the unit.

On 6 May 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development pledged BRL7.5 million to invest in water security and regional development in the state of Sergipe.¹⁵⁷⁰ This investment will provide the state with 454 cisterns and will continue to renovate the channels in the Propriá and Bitume irrigation perimeters.

On 13 May 2022, Brazil launched the National Malaria Elimination Plan that will be carried out through the Unified Health System.¹⁵⁷¹ The Plan aims to reduce local malaria cases to less than 68,00 by 2025 and reduce mortality to zero by 2030, as well as eradicate malaria in Brazil by 2035.

On 19 May 2022, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to delivering food baskets to more than 200,000 indigenous families throughout Brazil with a BRL32 million investment which will benefit 38,000 people.¹⁵⁷²

On 31 May 2022, Brazil deployed more than 400 military personnel as well as implemented the Unified Social Assistance System, which guarantees access to BRL1 billion “budget earmarked for emergencies and disasters,” in response to regions affected by floods.¹⁵⁷³

On 2 June 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development delivered the Vacacaí Sewage Treatment Station in the city of São Gabriel, in Rio Grande do Sul.¹⁵⁷⁴ This development seeks to achieve “universalization of basic

¹⁵⁶⁸ Federal Government takes professional training to 1,500 women in Mato Grosso, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 5 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdh/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/maio/governo-federal-leva-capacitacao-profissional-a-15-mil-mulheres-do-mato-grosso>

¹⁵⁶⁹ Federal Government delivers Basic Health Unit in Gurinhém (PB), Government of Brazil (Brasília) 5 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2022/maio/governo-federal-entrega-unidade-basica-de-saude-em-gurinhem-pb>

¹⁵⁷⁰ Federal Government announces R\$ 7.5 million in investments for water security in Sergipe, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-anuncia-r-7-5-milhoes-em-investimentos-para-seguranca-hidrica-de-sergipe-1>

¹⁵⁷¹ The Brazilian Government launches National Plan for the Elimination of Malaria, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/the-brazilian-government-launches-national-plan-for-the-elimination-of-malaria>

¹⁵⁷² Brazil guarantees food security to 200k indigenous families during the pandemic, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 19 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/2022/brazil-guarantees-food-security-to-200k-indigenous-families-during-the-pandemic-1>

¹⁵⁷³ Federal government coordinates assistance actions for the population affected by the floods, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 31 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/en/government-of-brazil/latest-news/federal-government-coordinates-assistance-actions-for-the-population-affected-by-the-floods>

¹⁵⁷⁴ Federal Government delivers sewage treatment plant and announces investments for sanitation works in Rio Grande do Sul, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 2 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-entrega-estacao-de-tratamento-de-esgoto-e-anuncia-investimentos-para-obras-de-saneamento-no-rio-grande-do-sul>

sanitation services by 2033, ensuring that 99 per cent of the Brazilian population has access to drinking water and 90 per cent to sewage treatment and collection.”¹⁵⁷⁵

On 6 June 2022, the Ministry of Regional Development authorized the transfer of more than BRL3.2 million to six Brazilian cities affected by natural disasters in the states of Pernambuco, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina.¹⁵⁷⁶

On 7 June 2022, the Ministries of Regional Development and Economy launched the Aproxima Program, which will offer low-income families the opportunity to access housing through unoccupied federal public real estate in urban areas.¹⁵⁷⁷ The Aproxima Program aims to reduce the costs of the Federal Government with the production of popular housing for “families with gross incomes of up to five minimum wages, facilitating access to decent housing, places of employment and urban services.”

Brazil took strong actions to support the inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by supporting APEA, joining partnerships aimed to address climate change, deepening its cooperation with Peru and India in support of the realization of SDGs, investing in environmental security, launching new programs to support gender equality and facilitate professional training for youth, protecting indigenous communities, preventing malaria, aiding flooded regions, investing in their green economy, strengthening waste management mechanisms and initiating economic recovery programs.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault announced funding of CAD10 million to the National Adaptation Plan Global Network to accelerate developing countries’ adaptation to climate change.¹⁵⁷⁸ This contribution will disseminate expertise to build resilience towards climate change and encourage participation of civil society in adaptation planning, particularly in Small Island Developing States and least-developed countries. This initiative supplemented the CAD4 million previously committed to promoting gender equality in developing countries, therefore empowering peer support communities for women.

On 3 November 2021, the Government of Canada affirmed that “it would match the CAD9.676 million donated by Canadians to the #GiveAVax Fund through UNICEF Canada,” which aims to provide 3.8 million

¹⁵⁷⁵ Federal Government delivers sewage treatment plant and announces investments for sanitation works in Rio Grande do Sul, Government of Brazil (Brasília) 2 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-entrega-estacao-de-tratamento-de-esgoto-e-anuncia-investimentos-para-obras-de-saneamento-no-rio-grande-do-sul>

¹⁵⁷⁶ Federal Government releases more than R \$ 3.2 million to six cities hit by disasters, Ministry of Regional Development (Brasília) 6 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-libera-mais-de-r-3-2-milhoes-a-seis-cidades-atingidas-por-desastres>

¹⁵⁷⁷ Federal Government launches Aproxima Program, which provides unoccupied public properties for social housing, Ministry of Regional Development (Brasília) 7 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdr/pt-br/noticias/governo-federal-lanca-programa-aproxima-que-disponibiliza-imoveis-publicos-desocupados-para-habitacao-social>

¹⁵⁷⁸ Canada Announces CAD10 million In Funding To Accelerate Climate Adaptation Planning and Action in Developing Countries, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.iisd.org/articles/canada-funding- nap-global-network>

people with vaccines worldwide.¹⁵⁷⁹ The goal is to cover the costs of vaccines' shipment, maintenance in adequate conditions and health care workers' professional and safety training.

On 4 November 2021, the Government of Canada signed the Statement on International Public Support for the Clean Energy Transition at the COP26 conference to divert away public support from the international fossil fuel sector towards clean energy by the end of 2022.¹⁵⁸⁰ The aim is to reaffirm their commitment to the Paris Agreement and accelerate the transition towards a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

On 8 and 9 November 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly and Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development Mary Ng endorsed the 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial Meeting Joint Ministerial Statement 2021.¹⁵⁸¹ The intent is to reaffirm Canada's commitment to collaborate in the fight against COVID-19 through science and accelerate economic recovery through the promotion of international trade and the "long-term, sustainable and inclusive growth in the Asia-Pacific region."

On 17 December 2021, Minister of International Development Harjit S. Sajjan announced that "Canada will increase its pledge to the International Fund for Agricultural Development to CAD112.5 million over three years (2022 to 2024)," a 50 per cent increase over its previous pledge, specifically to support small-scale farmers in developing countries.¹⁵⁸² The goal is to reduce food insecurity and rural poverty by aiding small businesses, especially those owned by women, to recover from the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus and adapt to climate change.

On 14 February 2022, Canada announced "a loan of up to CAD500 million to the Government of Ukraine through the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act."¹⁵⁸³ This funding supplements the CAD120 million loan announced on 21 January 2022 through the Sovereign Loans Program, to support Ukraine's economic resilience and governance reforms, and the CAD6 million to facilitate the loan's implementation.

On 25 February 2022, Canada committed to matching contributions of "individual Canadians to the Canadian Red Cross's Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis up to a maximum of CAD10 million."¹⁵⁸⁴

¹⁵⁷⁹ Canada Announces Results of Matching Fund with UNICEF Canada, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/11/canada-announces-results-of-matching-fund-with-unicef-canada.html>

¹⁵⁸⁰ Canada Announces Commitment To End New Direct Public Support For the International Unabated Fossil Fuel Sector by the End of 2022, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2021/11/canada-announces-commitment-to-end-new-direct-public-support-for-the-international-unabated-fossil-fuel-sector-by-the-end-of-2022.html>

¹⁵⁸¹ Minister Joly and Ng Highlight International Cooperation as Key to Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery From Pandemic at APEC Ministerial Meeting, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/11/ministers-joly-and-ng-highlight-international-cooperation-as-key-to-sustainable-and-inclusive-recovery-from-pandemic-at-apec-ministerial-meeting.html>

¹⁵⁸² Canada Announces Additional Funding to Help Small-scale Farmers in Developing Countries Adapt to Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 December 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2021/12/canada-announces-additional-funding-to-help-small-scale-farmers-in-developing-countries-adapt-to-climate-change.html>

¹⁵⁸³ How Canada Is Helping – Russian Invasion of Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/response_conflict-reponse_conflits/crisis-crisis/ukraine-canada-helping-aide.aspx?lang=eng

¹⁵⁸⁴ Canada's Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine (Ottawa) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canadas-humanitarian-assistance-for-ukraine.html>

On 1 March 2022, Minister Sajjan committed an additional CAD100 million for established partners to deliver humanitarian services including health care, protection, mobility aid and essential services in Ukraine and the neighbouring region.¹⁵⁸⁵

On 10 March 2022, the Government of Canada announced a CAD20 million top-up to match individual donations to the Canadian Red Cross, increasing Canada's total matched funds as part of this initiative to CAD30 million.¹⁵⁸⁶ The funds contribute to ongoing humanitarian relief efforts including the distribution of items including blankets, tarps, and cooking supplies in Ukraine and surrounding countries.¹⁵⁸⁷

On 31 March 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD50 million to support humanitarian needs including food security, healthcare, clean water and protection services in Afghanistan and peripheral countries.¹⁵⁸⁸ This grant supplements the CAD143 million allocated in Canada's budget throughout 2022 to the region in response to the increasing demand for humanitarian assistance.

On 25 April 2022, Minister Ng implemented and launched the Inclusive Women Venture Capital Initiative endowed with CAD15 million as part of the CAD6 billion Women Entrepreneurship Strategy.¹⁵⁸⁹ This three-year program aims to build a more inclusive venture capital landscape in Canada by funding not-for-profit organizations that facilitate access to venture capital funding for women entrepreneurs, increase the representation of women or reduce unconscious gender bias in the industry.

On 12 May 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a contribution of CAD732 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools-Accelerator during the second virtual Global COVID-19 Summit.¹⁵⁹⁰ The goal is to strengthen control of COVID-19 worldwide, particularly for high-risk populations, by facilitating access to tests, treatments, vaccines and personal protective equipment in low- and middle-income countries.

On 19 May 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD9 million in humanitarian funding for vulnerable groups affected by the war in Ukraine during the G7 Development Ministers' Meeting.¹⁵⁹¹ Canada allocated CAD7 million to strengthen a prevention and response system for women and girls subject to sexual and gender-based violence through the UN Population Fund and CAD2 million to meet the essential needs of conflict-affected

¹⁵⁸⁵ Canada Announces CAD100 Million Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-100-million-humanitarian-assistance-to-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁸⁶ Canadian Red Cross Helping People Affected by Ukraine Conflict, Canadian Red Cross (Ottawa) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. Canada Announces CAD100 Million Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-100-million-humanitarian-assistance-to-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁸⁷ Canada To Match Up To CAD10 Million in Donations from Canadians in Response to Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/02/canada-to-match-up-to-10-million-in-donations-from-canadians-in-response-to-humanitarian-crisis-in-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁸⁸ Canada Announces Additional CAD50 million in Humanitarian Assistance for Afghanistan, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/03/canada-announces-additional-50-million-in-humanitarian-assistance-for-afghanistan.html>

¹⁵⁸⁹ Minister Ng Launches Call for Applications To Deliver The Inclusive Women Venture Capital Initiative, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 25 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/04/minister-ng-launches-call-for-applications-to-deliver-the-inclusive-women-venture-capital-initiative.html>

¹⁵⁹⁰ Prime Minister Attends Second Global COVID-19 Summit to Contribute To A Global Solution, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2022/05/12/prime-minister-attends-second-global-covid-19-summit-contribute>

¹⁵⁹¹ G7 Development Ministers Conclude Successful Meeting and Issue Statement on Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/g7-development-ministers-conclude-successful-meeting-and-issue-statement-on-ukraine.html>

populations, specifically displaced persons, refugees and people with disabilities through the Humanity and Inclusion program.¹⁵⁹²

On 19 May 2022, Canada committed CAD2 million to build a cooperative-managed dairy processing plant in western Ukraine and support local farmers.¹⁵⁹³ The goal is to create economic opportunities and enhance food security in the region.¹⁵⁹⁴

On 20 May 2022, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland committed an additional CAD250 million, on top of its previously pledged CAD1 billion, to the International Monetary Fund's Administered Account for Ukraine to meet its balance of payments and budgetary needs and stabilize its economy.¹⁵⁹⁵

On 26 May 2022, Minister Sajjan committed CAD68 million to promote inclusivity, sustainability and resilience in Rwanda and Kenya during his visit to discuss the Vancouver Principles on Peacekeeping, Prevention on the Recruitment and Use of Child Soldiers and Canadian development and humanitarian priorities in the region.¹⁵⁹⁶ CAD25 million of the funding is earmarked for “technical and vocational education and training in Kenya’s emerging blue economy sector” to advance development cooperation priorities. CAD37 million is set to fund four projects to promote women empowerment, especially in politics. Minister Sajjan also announced CAD6 million in “humanitarian funding for crisis-affected people, including refugees, in East Africa” to promote local solutions to notably drought, food security and conflict prevention.

On 2 June 2022, Canada announced that they had donated over 14.8 million surplus vaccine doses through the COVAX Facility and 762,080 AstraZeneca doses through direct, bilateral arrangements with Latin American and Caribbean countries to uphold equitable vaccine allocation and “ensure everyone may be immunized against COVID-19.”¹⁵⁹⁷ Canada delivered almost 3 million total surplus vaccines to date in 2022, specifically to the Middle Eastern, African, and Caribbean regions. Canada is on track to meet its donation commitment of at least 200 million doses to COVAX by the end of 2022.

On 6 June 2022, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien signed the Canada-Chile memorandum of understanding on ‘Cooperation in Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.’¹⁵⁹⁸ The memorandum sets out a framework for both governments to “cooperate on the advancement, design, implementation and monitoring of public policies for the promotion of gender equality and women’s empowerment as well as for developing joint programs and policies.”

¹⁵⁹² Backgrounder: Canada Announces International Assistance to Support People Affected by the War in Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/backgrounder-canada-announces-international-assistance-to-support-people-affected-by-the-war-in-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁹³ Backgrounder: Canada Announces International Assistance to Support People Affected by the War in Ukraine, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/backgrounder-canada-announces-international-assistance-to-support-people-affected-by-the-war-in-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁹⁴ G7 Development Ministers Conclude Successful Meeting and Issue Statement on Ukraine, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 19 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/g7-development-ministers-conclude-successful-meeting-and-issue-statement-on-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁹⁵ Canada Provides Additional Financial Support to Ukraine, Department of Finance Canada (Bonn) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/05/canada-provides-additional-financial-support-to-ukraine.html>

¹⁵⁹⁶ Minister Sajjan Announced CAD68 Million in International Assistance funding on Trip to Rwanda and Kenya, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/05/minister-sajjan-announces-68-million-in-international-assistance-funding-on-trip-to-rwanda-and-kenya.html>

¹⁵⁹⁷ Canada’s COVID-19 Vaccine Supply and Donation Strategy, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/supply-donation.html>

¹⁵⁹⁸ Canada and Chile sign Memorandum of Understanding to advance gender equality, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Ottawa) 6 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/06/canada-and-chile-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-to-advance-gender-equality.html>

On 8 June 2022, Canada launched its Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System to support a green economy.¹⁵⁹⁹ The offset system will give municipalities, foresters, farmers, Indigenous communities and others a market-based incentive to undertake innovative projects that reduce greenhouse gases.

On 10 June 2022, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Helena Jaczek announced an investment of nearly CAD2 million for Bioenterprise Canada to “deliver the FoodShift program; a green initiative that will help southern Ontario agri-business and food processors adopt net-zero technologies.”¹⁶⁰⁰ The project aims to connect agri-business and food processors, who are looking to adopt clean technologies, with cleantech entrepreneurs, who are developing technologies that are ready for market.

Canada took strong actions to promote a sustainable and resilient recovery by joining agreements and announcing grants promoting adaption to climate change in developing countries and providing humanitarian assistance in countries ridden with conflicts and challenges created by the pandemic. Canada has also funded initiatives advancing economic growth, inclusive economic and political participation and equitability.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 12 November 2021, the State Council approved and released the 14th Five-Year Plan for promoting agricultural and rural modernization which targeted to modernize and vitalize agriculture and rural areas by 2035.¹⁶⁰¹ This plan also provided 17 indicators to measure the progress of modernization, including total meat production, contribution rate of agricultural science and technology progress and growth rate of per capita disposable income of rural residents.

On 30 November 2021, President Xi Jinping pledged to provide 600 million free COVID-19 vaccine doses and 400 million jointly produced doses to African countries at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.¹⁶⁰²

On 6 December 2021, the General Office of the Chinese Communist Party (Central Office) and the General Office of the State Council approved and issued the Action Plan for Improvement of Rural Living Environment as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).¹⁶⁰³ This plan aims to improve living conditions and sanitary facilities in rural areas.

¹⁵⁹⁹ Canada launches Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System to support a clean, green economy, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2022/06/canada-launches-greenhouse-gas-offset-credit-system-to-support-a-clean-green-economy.html>

¹⁶⁰⁰ Government of Canada invests nearly \$2 million to help food processors and agri businesses accelerate adoption of clean technologies, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (Guelph) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2022/06/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-2-million-to-help-food-processors-and-agri-businesses-accelerate-adoption-of-clean-technologies.html>

¹⁶⁰¹ Notice of the State Council on announcing the “14th Five-Year Plan” to Promote the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Areas, The State Council (Beijing) 12 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-02/11/content_5673082.htm

¹⁶⁰² The Eighth FOCAC Ministerial Conference Achieves a Full Success, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 1 December 2021. Access Date: 22 January 2022. https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/202112/t20211202_10461016.html

¹⁶⁰³ Action plan to improve rural living conditions, The State Council (Beijing) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202112/07/content_WS61aeb21fc6d09c94e48a1c9c.html

On 15 December 2021, the State Council agreed to the Marine Economy Development Plan as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan.¹⁶⁰⁴ This initiative aims to enhance marine technology, modernize maritime industry and use ocean resources sustainably.

On 21 December 2021, the Chinese Embassy in Manila raised 20,000 food packages for the residents of the Philippines to help victims of Typhoon Rai.¹⁶⁰⁵

On 22 December 2021, China pledged RMB1 million in financial aid and 4,725 metric tonnes of rice for the Philippines to accelerate relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai.¹⁶⁰⁶

On 31 December 2021, the State Council approved and announced the implementation of the special education development and improvement action plan as part of the 14th Five-Year Plan.¹⁶⁰⁷ This initiative aims to boost the school enrollment rate of disabled children to 97 per cent by 2025, increase the accessibility and quality of special education and promote an inclusive education system.

On 7 January 2022, Director of the Occupational Capacity Department under the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security Liu Kang promised to make efforts in improving workers' skills through the work training campaign.¹⁶⁰⁸ The action plan seeks to encourage 40 million people to get their training certificates and 8 million people to obtain the title of "senior engineers" or "senior workers" by 2025.

On 10 January 2022, Premier Li Keqiang committed to advancing the centralized drug bulk-buying program to ease patients' burden.¹⁶⁰⁹ This program will provide a stable supply of selected drugs which benefits low-income and marginalized patients.

On 21 January 2022, the National Development and Reform Commission reaffirmed the importance of the Implementation Plan for Boosting Green Consumption.¹⁶¹⁰ The plan aims to promote sustainable supply and consumption in various major fields including new energy vehicles, renewable energy and other green products.

On 25 January 2022, China donated 1.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Laos.¹⁶¹¹

On 28 January 2022, China donated 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Zanzibar.¹⁶¹²

¹⁶⁰⁴ The State Council's "14th Five-Year Plan" Marine Economy Approval of development plan, The State Council (Beijing) 15 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2021-12/27/content_5664783.htm

¹⁶⁰⁵ China sends aid, offers condolences to typhoon victims in Philippines, The State Council (Manila) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202112/21/content_WS61c1720dc6d09c94e48a2844.html

¹⁶⁰⁶ China offers more assistance to Philippine typhoon victims, The State Council (Manila) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202112/22/content_WS61c2ef89c6d09c94e48a28d6.html

¹⁶⁰⁷ The General Office of the State Council on forwarding the Ministry of Education and other departments Notice of the "14th Five-Year" Special Education Development and Improvement Action Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 31 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-01/25/content_5670341.htm

¹⁶⁰⁸ Work training programs to be renewed, The State Council (Beijing) 8 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/pressbriefings/202201/08/content_WS61d8c688c6d09c94e48a3517.html

¹⁶⁰⁹ China to promote centralized drug bulk-buying to ease patient burden, The State Council (Beijing) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/premier/news/202201/11/content_WS61dcb837c6d09c94e48a3699.html

¹⁶¹⁰ The demand for green consumption is still to be stimulated and released - a detailed explanation of the "Implementation Plan for Promoting Green Consumption" by multiple departments (Beijing) 21 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/xwzx/gnxw/216841.htm>

¹⁶¹¹ 8th batch of China-donated COVID-19 vaccines arrives in Laos, The State Council (Beijing) 16 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/26/content_WS61f0e068c6d09c94e48a44d3.html

¹⁶¹² China donates more COVID-19 vaccine doses to Tanzania's Zanzibar, The State Council (Beijing) 30 January 2022. Access date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/30/content_WS61f5cb7ac6d09c94e48a48a9.html

On 24 January 2022, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian pledged RMB20 million in emergency aid and supplies for Tonga, in response to the volcanic eruption.¹⁶¹³

On 11 February 2022, China issued a plan to advance agricultural and rural modernization during the 14th Five-Year Plan period.¹⁶¹⁴ This plan outlines a target to guarantee the supply of grain and other agricultural products with quality, efficiency and competitiveness, and that rural ecology environment protection and anti-poverty are expected to be consolidated by 2025.

On 24 February 2022, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment committed to enhancing green financial instruments by introducing “a pilot program for financing aimed at mitigating climate change, tax reductions and exemptions for companies that work on carbon capture, utilization and storage” and improved carbon trading programs.¹⁶¹⁵

On 1 March 2022, the Ministry of Education launched four national smart education platforms, which were the national primary and secondary school smart education platform, the national smart vocational education platform, the national smart higher education platform and the national 24365 college student employment service platform.¹⁶¹⁶ The platforms aimed to improve the quality of education, equalize resources and lift learning barriers.

On 4 March 2022, the State Council approved an annual external evaluation mechanism for achieving opinion solicitation through studying and providing evaluation results to relevant parties.¹⁶¹⁷ This mechanism aims to combat corruption and facilitate political stability and justice.

On 14 March 2022, the Ministry of Water Resources pledged to accelerate the promotion of water supply projects in rural areas, aiming to boost the proportion of rural residents that have access to tap water from 83 per cent to 85 per cent by the end of 2022.¹⁶¹⁸

On 17 March 2022, the Ministry of Water Resources committed to investing a minimum of RMB800 billion in supporting water conservation.¹⁶¹⁹

On 8 April 2022, the State Council launched a three-year action plan to create one million new jobs for disabled people across public institutions, state-owned and private enterprises.¹⁶²⁰ The actions included constructing “infrastructure facilities for provincial-level blind massage hospitals in medical care, rehabilitation and training,” improving disabled employment services and intensifying vocational training.

¹⁶¹³ China to provide Tonga with more emergency aid, The State Council (Beijing) 24 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/news/international/exchanges/202201/24/content_WS61eea7dec6d09c94e48a432f.html

¹⁶¹⁴ China unveils plan to advance agricultural, rural modernization, The State Council (Beijing) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202202/11/content_WS620654d4c6d09c94e48a4f38.html

¹⁶¹⁵ Financial instruments to aid climate change fight, China Daily (Beijing) 24 February 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/15/WS62304846a310fd2b29e5103d.html>

¹⁶¹⁶ Four platforms are launched together to promote the digital transformation of education, The State Council (Beijing) 16 April 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2022-04/06/content_5683601.htm

¹⁶¹⁷ China to give more rural residents access to tap water, China Daily (Beijing) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/15/WS62304846a310fd2b29e5103d.html>

¹⁶¹⁸ External mechanism to evaluate achievements in soliciting opinions, The State Council (Beijing) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202203/04/content_WS6221d9cfc6d09c94e48a5ecc.html

¹⁶¹⁹ More funds for water conservancy announced, China Daily (Beijing) 17 March 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202203/17/WS6232ee4fa310fd2b29e518f1.html>

¹⁶²⁰ China to boost employment for disabled workers, The State Council (Beijing) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/08/content_WS624ffebfc6d02e5335328eee.html

On 8 April 2022, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Education committed an additional RMB5.276 billion in funding to accelerate the high-quality development of modern vocational education.¹⁶²¹ This initiative focused on improving the quality of vocational education in rural and underdeveloped regions and cultivating skilled labours that are inadequate in the market.

On 12 April 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs released an action plan on expanding the planting of soybean and oil crops at State-owned farms by 2 per cent.¹⁶²² This plan aimed to ensure national food security and protect the supply of agricultural products.

On 26 April 2022, the State Council released the circular for the construction of a pilot zone in response to the Yellow River basin protection and development.¹⁶²³ This initiative aimed to promote green and low-carbon development through environmental remediation, water conservation and ecological restoration.

On 27 April 2022, the State Council released an action plan to promote national health during the 14th Five-Year Plan.¹⁶²⁴ This circular aimed to facilitate basic medical and health services to be more equitable and accessible and narrow the gaps in resource allocation, service capability and health conditions between urban and rural areas.¹⁶²⁵

On 1 May 2022, the Supreme People's Court introduced the unified compensation standard for injured victims.¹⁶²⁶ This new rule closed the gap between urban and rural residents' injury and death compensation.

On 4 May 2022, the State Council issued an action plan for controlling new pollutants, including organic pollutants, endocrine disruptors and antibiotics to reduce threats to the environment.¹⁶²⁷ This initiative pledged to gradually establish and advance laws, regulations and management systems on chemical-related environmental issues.¹⁶²⁸

On 5 May 2022, the State Council announced the notice on improving employment and entrepreneurship for college graduates that committed to expanding the scale and diversity of employment suitable for college graduates.¹⁶²⁹ The actions included promoting small and medium enterprises' recruitment, supporting business start-ups with loans, interest discounts and tax reductions and speeding up the transformation and upgrading of the manufacturing industry.

¹⁶²¹ Issuing the Fund for the Quality Improvement Plan of Modern Vocational Education in 2022, The State Council (Beijing) 8 April 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengceku/2022-04/29/content_5688077.htm

¹⁶²² Action plan puts measures in place to ensure national food security, China Daily (Beijing) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202204/12/WS6254ce41a310fd2b29e56577.html>

¹⁶²³ Pilot zone for Yellow River basin protection approved, The State Council (Beijing) 26 April 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html

¹⁶²⁴ The General Office of the State Council on Printing and Distributing the "14th Five-Year Plan" Notice of National Health Planning, The State Council (Beijing) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/20/content_5691424.htm

¹⁶²⁵ China to promote national health during 14th Five-Year Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/20/content_WS62874295c6d02e533532b0bd.html

¹⁶²⁶ China to close urban-rural gap in personal injury compensation, Xinhua News (Beijing) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202204/26/content_WS6267bb34c6d02e5335329f26.html

¹⁶²⁷ The General Office of the State Council Printed and Distributed A Notice of New Pollutant Control Action Plan, The State Council (Beijing) 24 May 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/24/content_5692059.htm

¹⁶²⁸ China outlines plan to control new pollutants, The State Council (Beijing) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/24/content_WS628cd024c6d02e533532b3e1.html

¹⁶²⁹ The General Office of the State Council Released Notice on Improving Employment and Entrepreneurship for College Graduates, The State Council (Beijing) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2022-05/13/content_5690111.htm

On 14 May 2022, the National Development and Reform Commission and the National Energy Administration drew the implementation plan to promote the high-quality development of new energy in the new era.¹⁶³⁰ The goal of this plan was to accelerate the construction of a clean, low-carbon, safe and highly efficient energy system by expanding the electricity capacity of wind and solar power.

On 31 May 2022, China announced a package of 33 measures covering fiscal, financial, investment and industrial policies to “revive its pandemic-ravaged economy.”¹⁶³¹ The State Council aims to further reduce real borrowing costs and strengthen financial support for infrastructure and major projects with this project, in addition to accelerating local government special bond issuance and cash support for firms that hire college graduates.

On 8 June 2022, China adopted a number of targeted measures to bolster the growth of its foreign trade sector.¹⁶³² These measures aim to secure market entities, stabilize their orders and markets and protect their confidence.

China has taken strong actions to support an inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery on an international level through providing foreign countries medical and emergency relief aids in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters. China has also accelerated progress on all SDGs and the promotion of equity domestically through implementing action plans that facilitate equal access in healthcare, education and clean sanitation, responsible consumption and protection of the environment.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 1 November 2021, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) signed a EUR7 million grant agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development to implement the Resilience of Organizations for Transformative Smallholder Agriculture project that aims to improve food security and resilience to climate change in Gambia.¹⁶³³ The funds will serve to increase agricultural productivity, open Gambia’s agricultural markets to investments and trade and subsidize family farms and local farmer organizations.

On 2 November 2021, France announced the Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union to accelerate South Africa’s decarbonization.¹⁶³⁴ The aim is to reduce emissions in South Africa by an expected one to 1.5 gigatonnes over the next 20 years and accelerate the transition away from coal towards a climate-resilient electricity-powered

¹⁶³⁰ China to develop high-quality new energy in the new era, The State Council (Beijing) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202205/30/content_WS62946dc4c6d02e533532b7e5.html

¹⁶³¹ China announces detailed stimulus measures to support virus-hit economy, Reuters (Beijing) 31 May 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/china-unveils-detailed-stimulus-policies-support-virus-hit-economy-2022-05-31/>

¹⁶³² China adopts targeted measures to bolster foreign trade growth, The State Council (Xinhua) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/pressbriefings/202206/08/content_WS62a0906ac6d02e533532bde7.html

¹⁶³³ The French Development Agency and the International Fund for Agricultural Development Join Hands to Promote Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in the Republic of the Gambia, International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/french-development-agency-and-ifad-to-promote-food-security-and-sustainable-agriculture-in-gambia?p_l_back_url=/en/web/latest/news

¹⁶³⁴ France, Germany, UK, US and EU Launch Ground-Breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768

economy. France and its partners committed to raising USD8.5 billion through grants, investments and other mechanisms for the first phase of the project.

On 24 November 2021, the AFD signed a preliminary protocol with the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey to purchase EUR100 million in bonds through a private placement.¹⁶³⁵ The aim is to accelerate climate adaptation and a transition to a low carbon economy through the financing of at least 75 per cent green projects in Turkey and promote gender equality with the implementation of a Technical Assistance Programme.

On 10 December 2021, the AFD signed a partnership agreement with the Association of Development Financing Institution in Asia and the Pacific (AFIAP) to share knowledge and provide training on green finance practices.¹⁶³⁶ The goal is to “promote climate finance and Sustainable Development Goals among national development banks in Asia and the Pacific” and encourage exchanges and financing between AFIAP members.

On 10 December 2021, France announced it had donated approximately 31 million COVID-19 vaccines to low- and middle-income countries worldwide, particularly in the African and Middle Eastern regions, through the COVAX mechanism during November and December 2021.¹⁶³⁷

On 2 February 2022, French Ambassador to Liberia Michael Roux signed an agreement to establish a EUR10 million grant to revitalize poor neighbourhoods as part of the Greater Monrovia Integrated Development Project, following up on their Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development strategy.¹⁶³⁸ These funds will serve to enhance the accessibility and quality of essential services and public spaces for vulnerable communities by making their infrastructure more climate change resilient.

On 17 February 2022, AFD CEO Rémy Rioux signed two guarantees totaling more than EUR65 million with the European Commission for the FISEA+ and Cityriz Initiatives to support grassroots initiatives and sustainable infrastructure development in Africa.¹⁶³⁹ The initiative comprises an EUR35 million agreement for FISEA+ aimed at reducing risks for potential investments in high-impact funds in Africa and a EUR30 million agreement for Cityriz aimed at strengthening domestic banking markets and reducing lending risks to cities.

On 18 February 2022, AFD Director Arthur Germond signed two financial agreements with the Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD) CEO Kampeta Sayinzoga totalling EUR20.5 million to support BRD’s achievement of its development objectives.¹⁶⁴⁰ The fund involves the implementation of a EUR20 million long-term credit facility that will reinforce the BRD’s lending capacity in conjunction with its developmental objectives and a EUR500,000 grant to finance the necessary technical assistance. The goal is to promote sustainable growth in

¹⁶³⁵ Climate: AFD Intends to Invest in Development and Investment Bank of Turkey’s First Ever EUR100 Million Sustainable Bond, French Agency of Development (Paris) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/afd-invest-development-and-investment-bank-turkey-first-ever-eu100-million-sustainable-bond>

¹⁶³⁶ AFD and ADFIAP Join Forces to Promote Green Finance Among Development Banks in Asia and Pacific Region, French Agency of Development (Paris) 20 December 2021. Translation provided by analyst. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-adfiap-promote-green-finance-development-banks-asia-pacific>

¹⁶³⁷ France, Spearheading Vaccine Solidarity, French Agency of Development (Paris) 10 December 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/development-assistance/priority-sectors/health/news/article/france-spearheading-vaccine-solidarity>

¹⁶³⁸ France Supports Liberia’s Vulnerable with EUR10 Million Grant, Republic of Liberia Ministry of Finance & Development Planning (Monrovia) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://mfdp.gov.lr/index.php/media-center/press-release/france-support-liberia-s-vulnerable-with-euros-10m-grant>

¹⁶³⁹ AFD Group And The European Commission Collaborate To Support Public And Private Investments in Africa, French Agency of Development (Paris) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.proparco.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-and-european-commission-collaborate-support-public-and-private-investments>

¹⁶⁴⁰ France and Rwanda’s Public Development Banks To Partner For Sustainable Growth, French Agency of Development (Paris) 18 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-de-presse/france-and-rwandas-public-development-banks-partner-sustainable-growth>

the financial and other priority sectors, financial risk management and a green transition to sustainable finance in Rwanda.

On 21 February 2022, the AFD “co-organized [...] a gathering of public development banks and financing institutions of Europe and the Indo-Pacific with the India Exim Bank to address sustainable development challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.”¹⁶⁴¹ The event’s purpose was to reaffirm their commitment to the rapid implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement in the Indo-Pacific region and find sustainable, cooperative solutions in connectivity, climate finance, energy and resilience.

On 9 March 2022, the AFD loaned USD100 million to Serbia’s Local Self Governments with the approval of the World Bank for the Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project.¹⁶⁴² This loan aims to support the renovation of transportation infrastructure, promote sustainable mobility and public finance solutions and redesign the urban landscape.¹⁶⁴³ The goal is to improve mobility and access to equitable economic opportunities while ensuring a green transition in Serbia.¹⁶⁴⁴ As of 23 May 2022, the AFD contributed over EUR176.8 million to the project valued at EUR265 million.¹⁶⁴⁵

On 10 March 2022, France delivered a EUR100 million package comprised of material assistance to Ukraine through non-governmental organizations and international organizations, including the United Nations, to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs.¹⁶⁴⁶

On 21 March 2022, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs’ Crisis and Support Centre coordinated the administration of EUR2.4 million of emergency aid to Ukrainian authorities and people.¹⁶⁴⁷ The supply of 19 tonnes of medical equipment, 31 generators, eight tonnes of electronic and communication devices, nine family tents and four tonnes of baby milk addressed medical, electrical and physiological needs, respectively, in the region subject to the ongoing conflict.

On 5 April 2022, France signed two agreements, pledging a total of EUR126 million to Moldova to mitigate the consequences of the war in Ukraine and fund public policies supporting the energy sector and sustainable railways, respectively.¹⁶⁴⁸ The long-term goal is to ensure Moldova converges toward European Union standards and implements the Paris Agreement.

On 17 May 2022, the AFD, in partnership with the German Development Agency, loaned EUR40 million to Togo to finance waste management in Kinshasa and enhance rural transport infrastructures in the country as

¹⁶⁴¹ Sustainable Finance in the Indo-Pacific: Final Communiqué, French Agency of Development (Paris) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communiquede-presse/sustainable-finance-indopacific-final-communique>

¹⁶⁴² Serbia’s Transition to More Equitable and Greener Growth to Benefit from Better Local Service Delivery, with World Bank Support (Belgrade) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/03/09/serbia-s-transition-to-more-equitable-and-greener-growth-to-benefit-from-better-local-service-delivery-with-world-bank-s>

¹⁶⁴³ Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/mobility-serbia-taking-social-and-environmental-needs-board?origin=/en/actualites>

¹⁶⁴⁴ Serbia’s Transition to More Equitable and Greener Growth to Benefit from Better Local Service Delivery, with World Bank Support (Belgrade) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/03/09/serbia-s-transition-to-more-equitable-and-greener-growth-to-benefit-from-better-local-service-delivery-with-world-bank-s>

¹⁶⁴⁵ Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/mobility-serbia-taking-social-and-environmental-needs-board?origin=/en/actualites>

¹⁶⁴⁶ Ukraine – France Steps Up Humanitarian Relief Efforts for Ukraine (Paris) 10 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-france-steps-up-humanitarian-relief-efforts-for-ukraine-10-mar-2022>

¹⁶⁴⁷ Ukraine: Exceptional Solidarity Operation by France, France Diplomacy (Paris) 21 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/ukraine/news/article/ukraine-exceptional-solidarity-operation-by-france-21-mar-2022>

¹⁶⁴⁸ AFD Group Launches Its First Operations In Moldova (Paris) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-launches-its-first-operations-moldova?origin=/en/actualites>

part of the fourth phase of the Lomé Urban Environment Project.¹⁶⁴⁹ The project expects to better the living conditions of 2 million people.¹⁶⁵⁰

On 23 May 2022, the AFD announced that they had financed EUR51 million of a EUR102 million railway modernization project in Serbia with co-financing from the World Bank.¹⁶⁵¹ The goal is to integrate Serbia into the European railway ecosystem, promote sustainable urban mobility and improve service quality for the population.¹⁶⁵²

On 25 May 2022, the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the World Food Programme and UNICEF, launched a program aimed at promoting proper nutrition for infants in Laos which was supported by an investment of EUR500,000 from the French Alimentary Aid Program.¹⁶⁵³ The initiative contributes to eliminating wasting, a form of malnutrition which compromises the development and, sometimes, lives of children, particularly in Phongsaly Province, by promoting best feeding practices and maternal knowledge and bolstering the detection and treatment of the malnutrition form.

On 3 June 2022, President Emmanuel Macron and UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions Michael R. Bloomberg announced a Climate Data Steering Committee to “advise how to capture and create open, centralized climate data to accelerate the transition towards a resilient, net zero global economy.”¹⁶⁵⁴ This new Committee will bring together international organizations, regulators, policy makers and data service providers to advise on the creation and design of an open-data public platform that will collect, aggregate and standardize net-zero climate transition data.

France took strong actions to promote sustainable and resilient recovery by signing partnerships and announcing grants promoting adaption to climate change in developing countries and providing humanitarian assistance to contribute to ongoing relief efforts in regions ridden with conflicts. France also supported an inclusive and equitable recovery by implementing social programs and engaging in knowledge transfers in developing countries.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Zexi Li

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

¹⁶⁴⁹ Togo: FAD and KfW Lend EUR20 Million to Improve Waste Management in Lomé (Paris) 17 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afrik21.africa/en/togo-afd-and-kfw-lend-e20-million-to-improve-waste-management-in-lome/>

¹⁶⁵⁰ Lomé Recycles Its Waste, It's Clean! (Paris) September 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/lome-recycles-its-waste>

¹⁶⁵¹ Mobility in Serbia: Taking Social and Environmental Needs on Board (Paris) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/mobility-serbia-taking-social-and-environmental-needs-board?origin=/en/actualites>

¹⁶⁵² Backing the Modernization of Serbia's Railways (Paris) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/backing-modernization-serbias-railways>

¹⁶⁵³ France, UNICEF and WFP Join Hands to Improve Child Health and Nutrition in Lao PDR, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Bonneua) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://reliefweb.int/report/lao-peoples-democratic-republic/france-unicef-and-wfp-join-hands-improve-child-health-and-nutrition-lao-pdr>

¹⁶⁵⁴ Press release – Climate Date Steering Committee, Élysée (Paris) 3 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2022/06/03/press-release-climate-date-steering-committee>

On 2 November 2021, Germany, the Netherlands, and the Inter-American Development Bank announced a partnership working towards sustainable landscapes and forest protection in the Amazon.¹⁶⁵⁵ The German government pledged EU15 million towards the Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund. The partnership prioritizes three forms of action: resilient and diverse landscapes, Amazon-positive value chains and sustainability within the supply chain.

On 2 November 2021, Germany, France, South Africa, the European Union, the United Kingdom and the United States announced a 'Just Energy Transition Partnership' to support South Africa's efforts toward decarbonization.¹⁶⁵⁶ The goal of this partnership is to reduce emissions rates and support climate action.

On 9 November 2021, Germany and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) held their biennial meeting and reaffirmed their partnership.¹⁶⁵⁷ The goal of the partnership is to promote the implementation of the policies and programs that fulfill Sustainable Development Goals.

On 13 December 2021, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development passed a draft law for the second supplementary budget of 2021.¹⁶⁵⁸ The budget allocated EU60 billion for the Energy and Climate Fund. This draft law works toward economic recovery and climate protection.

On 24 January 2022, the Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze announced the allocation of EUR200 million to the Education Cannot Wait global fund.¹⁶⁵⁹ The goal is to provide education globally for children that are deprived of an education due to external conflict, displacement and other crises.

On 16 March 2022, the Federal Cabinet presented the draft budget for 2022.¹⁶⁶⁰ The budget provides EU457.6 billion for expenditure and revenues, reflecting integral political priorities of the coalition agreement: climate change and protection, education, research, and required infrastructure.

On 6 April 2022, the Federal Cabinet approved amendments to the Offshore Wind Energy Act to expand offshore wind energy.¹⁶⁶¹ This legislation aims to achieve a rated capacity of offshore wind turbines of a minimum of 30 gigawatts by 2030 and a minimum of 40 gigawatts by 2035.

¹⁶⁵⁵ IDB, Germany, and the Netherlands to Promote Sustainable Development in the Amazon, Inter-American Development Bank (New York) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.iadb.org/en/news/idb-germany-and-netherlands-promote-sustainable-development-amazon>

¹⁶⁵⁶ France, Germany, UK, US and EU launch ground-breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768

¹⁶⁵⁷ German Government and ECLAC Reaffirm Strategic Partnership to Promote a Recovery with Equality and Environmental Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.cepal.org/en/pressreleases/german-government-and-eclac-reaffirm-strategic-partnership-promote-recovery-equality>

¹⁶⁵⁸ Habeck: Additional funds for the transformation to a climate-neutral economy - Cabinet approves draft of the second supplementary budget for 2021, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection (Berlin) 12 December 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022 <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2021/12/20211213-habeck-zusaetzhliche-mittel-fuer-die-transformation-zu-einer-klimaneutralen-volkswirtschaft-kabinett-beschliesst-entwurf-des-zweiten-nachtragshaushalts-2021.html>

¹⁶⁵⁹ World Education Day: Germany gives 200 million euros for children in need, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 24 January 2022. Access Date: 24 January 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-gives-200-million-euros-for-children-in-need-102634>

¹⁶⁶⁰ Federal budget 2022: Investing in the future and securing stability, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/cabinet-federal-budget-2022-2016888>

¹⁶⁶¹ Accelerated expansion: More wind energy at sea, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/offshore-wind-energy-act-2024112>

On 6 April 2022, the Federal Government updated its legislation on renewable energy sources that aims to achieve the 1.5°C pathway in the Paris Climate Agreement.¹⁶⁶² This legislation aims to reduce Germany's dependence on fossil fuels. It also provides incentives for sustainable energy transition, aiming to make sustainable energy accepted and established.

On 8 April 2022, the Federal and Länder Governments agreed that Ukrainian refugees will receive basic income benefits come 1 June 2022, to provide the EU2 billion for costs like accommodations and schooling and that all refugees will be registered and dispersed quickly and equally among federal states.¹⁶⁶³

On 2 May 2022, Federal Development Minister Svenja Schulze and Indian Ministers signed three joint declarations on development policies in India pertaining to climate change, increasing renewable energies, and agroecology approaches in agriculture.¹⁶⁶⁴ Federal Minister Schulze and Indian Foreign Minister Jaishankar jointly signed a declaration of intent on the Indo-German Renewable Energy Partnership, as well as a Joint Declaration of Intent on Triangular Cooperation. Federal Minister Schulze and Indian Agriculture Minister Tomar jointly agreed to a lighthouse initiative on Agroecology and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Modi signed a Green and Sustainable Development Partnership. Germany is funding India with over EU1 billion a year. These projects aim to address greenhouse emissions, address climate change, and foster sustainable urban development.

On 9 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with President Emmanuel Macron in Berlin.¹⁶⁶⁵ Chancellor Scholz emphasized both countries' humanitarian and financial support for Ukraine and its people, as well as the necessity to transition to sustainable forms of energy.

On 11 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with President Fernández in Berlin.¹⁶⁶⁶ Chancellor Scholz emphasized the importance of Germany's partnership with Argentina and discussed bilateral economic collaboration, particularly in renewable energies and green hydrogen production.

On 12 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz and US President Joe Biden co-hosted the second digital COVID-19 summit.¹⁶⁶⁷ Chancellor Scholz emphasized the ongoing severity of the pandemic and declared Germany's intent to contribute a total of US1.5 billion to the 'Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator' in 2022. EU850 million of this contribution will go towards the 'Last Mile Initiative,' which aims to support countries with weaker healthcare systems to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

On 14 May 2022, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture Cem Özdemir met with his fellow ministers at the G7 Conference of Agriculture Ministers in Stuttgart, Germany.¹⁶⁶⁸ As a result of this meeting, the G7 states committed to providing support to Ukraine through securing the food supply and supporting Ukrainian

¹⁶⁶² Renewables legislation updated: Cabinet approves accelerated development of renewable energies, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/amendment-of-the-renewables-act-2024096>

¹⁶⁶³ Federation-Länder agreement "Precise, far-reaching and viable solutions found," BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federation-laender-ukraine-refugees-2024580](https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federation-laender-ukraine-refugees-2024580)

¹⁶⁶⁴ Cooperation with India: Development Minister Schulze signs three agreements, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 2 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/indo-german-cabinet-consultations-108470>

¹⁶⁶⁵ President Macron in Berlin: Standing up for each other and for Ukraine, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/president-macron-in-berlin-2038032>

¹⁶⁶⁶ President Fernández of Argentina visits Berlin: A trusted partner in Latin America, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/fernandez-berlin-2038898>

¹⁶⁶⁷ The Federal Chancellor addresses the Global COVID-19 Summit: "Through our actions we can change reality," BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/covid-19-summit-2039932>

¹⁶⁶⁸ G7: Solidarity is our current priority: Combating global hunger, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 14 May 2022. Access Date: 1 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/g7-ministers-of-agriculture-2040174>

agriculture. The G7 states also announced they will launch a ‘Global Alliance for Food Security’ to address vulnerable food supplies globally.

On 18 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz attended the North Sea Summit in Esbjerg, Denmark where Chancellor Scholz, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and Belgian Prime Minister Alexander de Cro co-signed a joint summit declaration, ‘The Summit Declaration of Esbjerg.’¹⁶⁶⁹ The joint declaration outlined the countries commitment to replacing fossil fuels with European renewables energies from the North Sea. The joint declaration also outlined joint projects for offshore wind production and electricity and green hydrogen interconnectors.

On 24 May 2022, Chancellor Scholz met with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa in South Africa.¹⁶⁷⁰ Chancellor Scholz reaffirmed Germany’s participation in the ‘Just Energy Transition Partnership’ and their commitment to achieving climate-neutrality.

On 30 May 2022, the Germany announced it would implement a tax relief package for low- and middle-income citizens to combat rising prices, especially in the energy sector.¹⁶⁷¹ This package includes tax improvements such as raising the commuters’ allowance, payments to low-income families and heating cost subsidies.

Germany has taken strong action to support a sustainable recovery by allocating funds to promote equitable access to education. Germany has also taken weak action to support a sustainable recovery by attending the biennial meeting with ECLAC, committing to address food insecurity and reaffirming their commitment to their international partnerships and to fulfilling SDGs.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Hayley Spens

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the Infrastructure for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) initiative.¹⁶⁷² India pledged USD10 million towards achieving the initiative’s goal of providing island states with technical and financial services to develop resilient infrastructure against climate change and disaster events.¹⁶⁷³

On 2 November 2021, Prime Minister Modi announced India’s commitment to increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030, meet 50 per cent of its renewable energy requirements by 2030, reduce its

¹⁶⁶⁹ North Sea Summit: Together for more offshore wind power, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 1 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/wind-power-cooperation-2040980>

¹⁶⁷⁰ Federal Chancellor Scholz visits Senegal, Niger and South Africa: Expanding partnerships in Africa, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/federal-chancellor-scholz-in-africa-2043854>

¹⁶⁷¹ The relief measures the Federal Government has put in place, BMZ Federal Government (Berlin) 30 May 2022. Access Date: 11 June 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/relief-package-2027038>

¹⁶⁷² Launch of IRIS gives new hope, satisfaction of doing something for most vulnerable countries: PM Modi, The Times of India (Mumbai) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/launch-of-iris-gives-new-hope-satisfaction-of-doing-something-for-most-vulnerable-countries-modi/articleshow/87484818.cms>

¹⁶⁷³ Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Government of India (New Delhi) January 2022. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/doc/eschapter/echap06.pdf>

projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by more than 45 per cent by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2070.¹⁶⁷⁴

On 16 November 2021, Chief Executive Officer of the National Institution for Transforming India Aayog Amitabh Kant communicated India's commitment to ensuring policies and programs are inclusive towards the needs of children.¹⁶⁷⁵

On 22 November 2021, First Secretary Sneha Dubey voted in favour of a United Nations resolution to eradicate rural poverty.¹⁶⁷⁶ The resolution aims to progress the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 29 November 2021, the Ministry of External Affairs announced the clearing of all orders placed by COVAX for COVISHIELD vaccines to Malawi, Ethiopia, Zambia, Mozambique, Guinea, Botswana and Lesotho, while simultaneously pledging to provide vaccines, PPE kits and ventilators to affected countries in need.¹⁶⁷⁷ The announcement served to support Africa as it faces the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

On 9 December 2021, while attending a G20 International Seminar, Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman stated the importance of inclusion, investment, innovation and institutions in supporting global recovery.¹⁶⁷⁸

On 13 April 2022, India's cabinet approved INR59,110 million to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals in rural India.¹⁶⁷⁹ The funds will go towards Panchayati Raj institutions or rural governments in order to improve local governing capabilities.

On 2 May 2022, India issued a joint declaration of intent with Germany committing to a shared pursuit of Green and Sustainable Development.¹⁶⁸⁰ The declaration seeks to reinforce India and Germany's mutually assured partnership in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

On 7 May 2022, Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu "called for collective action from people, along with enabling policies, for limiting the impact of climate change" while inaugurating the International Conference on Environmental Diversity and Environmental Jurisprudence at Chandigarh University.¹⁶⁸¹ He also reiterated

¹⁶⁷⁴ National Statement by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Minister of External Affairs Government of India (New Delhi) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://www.mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/34466/National+Statement+by+Prime+Minister+Shri+Narendra+Modi+at+COP26+Summit+in+Glasgow>

¹⁶⁷⁵ SDGs cannot be achieved without realisation of child rights: Amitabh Kant, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/sdgs-cannot-be-achieved-without-realisation-of-child-rights-amitabh-kant/articleshow/87740706.cms>

¹⁶⁷⁶ India votes in favour of UN resolution to eradicate rural poverty, The Times of India (Mumbai) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-votes-in-favour-of-un-resolution-to-eradicate-rural-poverty/articleshow/87859293.cms>

¹⁶⁷⁷ India announces vaccine support to Africa to fight Omicron, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 29 November 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/india-announces-vaccine-support-to-africa-to-fight-omicron/articleshow/87989068.cms?from=mdr>

¹⁶⁷⁸ Collective progress of all nations to ensure sustainable inclusive recovery: Finance minister, The Times of India (Mumbai) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 9 February 2022. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/collective-progress-of-all-nations-to-ensure-sustainable-inclusive-recovery-finance-minister/articleshow/88187515.cms>

¹⁶⁷⁹ Cabinet approves scheme to help rural India achieve UN SDGs, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/cabinet-approves-scheme-to-help-rural-india-achieve-un-sdgs-101649855647459.html>

¹⁶⁸⁰ Joint Declaration of Intent between The Republic of India And The Federal Republic of Germany on the Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development, German Department of Press and Information (Berlin) 2 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/resource/blob/997532/2029828/6a4f226c3e696417d110e0651ea26d77/2022-05-02-joint-declaration-ger-ind-data.pdf?download=1>

¹⁶⁸¹ Vice President calls for a people's movement for environmental protection, Press Information Bureau (Delhi) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1823487>

India's commitment to fulfil the ambitious national targets set by the Prime Minister Modi at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

On 17 May 2022, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated the services of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.¹⁶⁸² The CRC will support and rehabilitate persons with disabilities through providing assistive aids and appliances, Universal ID Cards for Divyangjan, financial assistance as well as scholarships for further education.

On 18 May 2022, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy Shri Bhagwanth Khuba inaugurated the "Industry Connect with Centre of Excellence Conclave under DCPC [Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals]."¹⁶⁸³ The Centre of Excellence serves to bring together industries and academia, ensuring sustainability through developing Energy Efficient Devices, Eco-Friendly Polymeric Products and waste management.

On 25 May 2022, Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri R.K Singh asked the Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories and all State Chief Ministers to develop "State Level Steering Committees for Energy Transition."¹⁶⁸⁴ The committees will serve to facilitate energy transitions through the use of biomass and green hydrogen in order to reduce carbon emissions and fulfill international commitments.

On 11 June 2022, Union Minister of State Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh stated that "India is moving from women-specific to women-led projects" in the biotech startups sector.¹⁶⁸⁵ Minister Singh highlighted that "India is looking at a growth of the Biotech sector from INR70 billion to INR150 billion in the next four years which cannot be accomplished without the active participation of women."

India took strong actions towards supporting a resilient, equitable and sustainable recovery while also advancing SDGs by promoting infrastructure development through launching and funding IRIS, progressing sustainable climate action domestically through inaugurating committees and conclaves specializing in energy efficiency, providing COVID-19 vaccines to promote good health and well-being in other countries as well as funding local governments so to further SDGs in rural settings. India also took weak actions towards supporting recovery and advancing SDGs through reaffirming its commitments to international objectives and calling on other countries to do the same.

Thus, India has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Arad Farhadi-Niaki

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

¹⁶⁸² Union MoS Pratima Bhoumik inaugurates services of CRC for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Divyangjan in Shillong, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Delhi) 17 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1826068>

¹⁶⁸³ Shri Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers and New & Renewable Energy inaugurates "Industry connect with Centre of Excellence Conclave," Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Delhi) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1826239>

¹⁶⁸⁴ Addition of Renewables, Promotion of Energy Efficiency, and use of biomass & green hydrogen are key to Energy Transition: R.K Singh, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (Delhi) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1828192>

¹⁶⁸⁵ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh says, India is moving from women-specific to women-led projects, Ministry of Science and Technology (Delhi) 11 June 2022. Access Date: 11 June 2022. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1833148>

On 2 November 2021, President Joko Widodo announced at the World Leaders Summit on Forest and Land Use that Indonesia is willing to share “experiences and knowledge” regarding forest conservation under “the framework of sustainable development.”¹⁶⁸⁶ In his speech, President Widodo noted that forest management should prioritize partnerships with the community and an emphasis on sustainability, addressing the necessity of an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

On 23 November 2021, Vice President Amin hosted the Annual Conference on SDGs Indonesia.¹⁶⁸⁷ The forum aims to accelerate progress on SDGs by obtaining “input and recommendations from experts and practitioners regarding inclusive innovative funding.” Vice President Amin urged agencies and “various parties” to ensure that SDGs are reached through “inclusive, no one left behind efforts.”

On 10 December 2021, President Widodo signed Presidential Decree 105 of 2021, which contains measures to reduce inequality, and fulfill basic needs and basic infrastructure for underdeveloped regions.¹⁶⁸⁸ The decree aims to eradicate disadvantaged regions from poverty in 2024 by allocating village funds towards infrastructure development.

On 14 December 2021, Vice President Amin announced at the 2021 National Stunting Forum that the government will adopt the 2018-2024 National Strategy for the Acceleration of Stunting Prevention in order to be in accordance with SDG targets by 2030.¹⁶⁸⁹ Vice President Amin noted that reducing stunting requires “the involvement of all parties” and “urged all related parties to start investing in nutrition interventions.”

On 17 December 2021, Vice President Amin announced in a press statement in the 22nd Congress of the Indonesian Engineers Association that the government aims to increase the number of engineering certifications for “energy transition, as well as achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets.”¹⁶⁹⁰ As a part of this plan, the government aims to build more higher education institutions capable of training engineers and prepare a “demand site” to encourage “vocational acceleration.”

On 21 December 2021, while chairing the Meeting for Addressing Extreme Poverty in Coastal Areas, Vice President KH Ma'ruf Amin increased the number of regencies aimed at combating poverty from 35 in 2021 to 212 in 2022.¹⁶⁹¹ Vice President Amin aims to have regional governments increase income and reduce the expenditure burden of the extreme poor in coastal areas by increasing “access to basic services.”

¹⁶⁸⁶ Forest Management Must Combine Environmental with Economic and Social Considerations (Jakarta) 2 November 2021.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pengelolaan_hutan_harus_padukan_pertimbangan_lingkungan_dengan_ekonomi_dan_sosial

¹⁶⁸⁷ SDGs Global Commitment to Realize Community Welfare (Jakarta) 23 November 2021. Translation provided by Google

Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/komitmen_global_sdgs_wujudkan_kesejahteraan_masyarakat

¹⁶⁸⁸ New Presidential Decree Concerning National Strategy for Accelerating Development of Underdeveloped Regions

(Manokwari) 27 December 2021. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://westpauadaily.com/new-presidential-decree-concerning-national-strategy-for-accelerating-development-of-underdeveloped-regions.html>

¹⁶⁸⁹ Handling Stunting Determines the Future of the Nation (Jakarta) 14 December 2021. Translation provided by Google

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https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/penanganan_stunting_tentukan_masa_depan_bangsa

¹⁶⁹⁰ Expand Engineer Certification to Promote National Development (Jakarta) 17 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/perbanyak_sertifikasi_insinyur_guna_mendorong_pembangunan_nasional

¹⁶⁹¹ Chairing Extreme Poverty Meeting, Vice President Says Coastal Areas Have Higher and More Complex Figures (Jakarta) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 January 2022

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pimpin_rapat_kemiskinan_ekstrem_wapres_sebut_wilayah_pesisir_angkanya_lebih_tinggi_dan_lebih_kompleks

On 25 January 2022, President Widodo and Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong released a joint press statement discussing “strengthening cooperation in economic recovery.”¹⁶⁹² The press statement notes “new investments worth USD9.2 billion including in the field of new and renewable energy.” Moreover, President Widodo and Prime Minister Loong signed memorandums of understanding on “Energy Cooperation” and “Green Cooperation and Circular Economy Development.” Finally, to maintain stability to support economic recovery, “the Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement and Bilateral Repo Line cooperation has been extended for one year.”

On 19 March 2022, Indonesia agreed to host the 2024 World Water Forum in Bali.¹⁶⁹³ Indonesia went on to reaffirm its commitment to “enhancing the collaboration between various stakeholders to reach the SDG 6 target in ensuring access to clean water and sanitation.

On 9 April 2022, Director of Standard Development for Mechanics, Energy, Electronics, Transportation and Information Technology of the National Standardization Agency Yustinus Kristianto Widiwardono announced the enactment of SNI ISO 50001: 2018 Energy Management System to “help change global climate and achieve energy saving targets.”¹⁶⁹⁴ SNI ISO 50001 will save costs and reduce “risks due to rising energy prices and increasing resilience to energy supply.”

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all SDGs, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies. Indonesia took strong actions to support the inclusive, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs through domestic infrastructure and poverty alleviation projects, as well as bilateral cooperation to promote sustainable, inclusive and resilient economic recovery. Indonesia has also taken action in conferences and forums to ensure Indonesian and global progress towards meeting SDGs support the inclusive, and sustainable dimensions of recovery.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 17 November 2021, the Ministry for Ecological Transition sponsored schools across Italy to plant upwards of 5,000 trees.¹⁶⁹⁵ This is designed to increase biodiversity, protect natural areas and get students involved and interested in the climate.

¹⁶⁹² Joint Press Statement of the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the Prime Minister of Singapore (Jakarta) 25 January 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 February 2022

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pernyataan_pers_bersama_presiden_republik_indonesia_dan_perdana_menteri_singapura

¹⁶⁹³ Bali to Host 2024 World Water Forum (Jakarta) 20 March 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022.

<https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/3418/berita/bali-to-host-2024-world-water-forum>

¹⁶⁹⁴ BSN Develops New and Renewable Energy SNI (Jakarta) 9 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2022 <https://www.indonesia.go.id/kategori/kabar-terkini-g20/4631/bsn-kembangkan-sni-energi-baru-dan-terbarukan?lang=1>

¹⁶⁹⁵ Fontana: planting trees to give oxygen to our cities, Ministry for Ecological Transition (Rome) 17 November 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/notizie/fontana-piantare-alberi-dare-ossigeno-alle-nostre-citta>

On 23 November 2021, the Ministry for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies announced a grant of EUR30 million to support the transition of olive oil supply chain to an eco-sustainable model.¹⁶⁹⁶ The funds will be divided between the existing supply chains and new investments in the sector.

On 30 November 2021, Minister of Education Patrizio Bianchi, Minister for Equal Opportunities and the Family Elena Bonetti, Minister for the South and Territorial Cohesion Mara Carfagna and Minister for Regional Affairs and Autonomies Mariastella Gelmini announced EUR5 billion in measures related to education under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).¹⁶⁹⁷ Under these measures, EUR800 million will be allocated to the construction of new sustainable and energy efficient schools, EUR3 billion to strengthen early childhood education and EUR400 million to enhance school canteens.

On 3 December 2021, the government and the National Association of Italian Municipalities reached an agreement that allocates EUR97 million to implement more economic resources in municipalities.¹⁶⁹⁸ In particular, EUR30 million is earmarked for small municipalities and the remaining EUR67 million will support recruitment efforts in the south of Italy to increase economic prosperity and decrease regional inequalities.

On 27 December 2021, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli announced EUR83 million to support companies' recovery from natural disasters.¹⁶⁹⁹ The money will be allocated on an as-needed basis with the Emilia-Romagna province being prioritized, followed by the Piedmont, Lombardy and Puglia provinces.

On 28 December 2021, Minister Patuanelli signed a decree allocating EUR10 million to “regulate the criteria and methods for allocating the resources of the Fund for the protection and relaunch of the beekeeping, brewing, hemp and nut supply chains.”¹⁷⁰⁰ The funding is designed to keep the artisan market afloat as well as to boost the economy of smaller municipalities. The fund will be distributed across industries with EUR3.5 million allocated for the brewing sector, EUR3 million for hemp, EUR3 million euros for nuts and EUR500,000 for beekeeping.

On 30 December 2021, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies enacted a budget allocating EUR2 billion to multiple fishing and agricultural sectors.¹⁷⁰¹ The budget includes measures devoted to risk management, tax breaks, development of funds for various agricultural sectors, measures to support the investments, protections for forests, defense of production, interventions for fisheries and miscellaneous funding.

¹⁶⁹⁶ Minister Patuanelli signed a decree in support of the eco-sustainable transition of the olive-oil supply chain, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17553>

¹⁶⁹⁷ PNRR: Ministers Bianchi, Bonetti, Carfagna and Gelmini present measures on Education, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 30 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/pnrr-i-ministri-bianchi-bonetti-carfagna-e-gelmini-presentano-misure-su-istruzione/18677>

¹⁶⁹⁸ Pnrr, Government-Anci agreement: more space for recruitment and funds for the Municipalities, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

<https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/pnrr-accordo-governo-anci-pi-spazi-assunzioni-e-fondi-i-comuni/18720>

¹⁶⁹⁹ Minister Patuanelli signs the decrees for 83 million euros in compensation to companies for natural disasters, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 27 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17699>

¹⁷⁰⁰ Minister Patuanelli signs the decree for the distribution of 10 million euros for the smaller supply chains, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 28 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17701>

¹⁷⁰¹ Budget law: over 2 billion euros for agriculture, fishing and agri-food, Italian Government and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 30 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17528>

On 15 February 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies announced EUR900 million to address supply chain issues which is a key part of the PNRR strategy.¹⁷⁰²

On 25 February 2022, Minister of Labor and Social Policies Andrea Orlando and Minister for Economy and Finance Daniele Franco co-signed a piece of legislation allocating EUR60 million towards the industrial sector to deal with the “industrial crisis.”¹⁷⁰³ Provinces could request financial aid which is broken down by need per province and the aid of the Social Fund for Employment and Training to prevent structural unemployment.

On 19 March 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies announced an additional EUR140 million to support artisan workers.¹⁷⁰⁴ This is an expansion of an already existing program and is designed to provide welfare to a sector which relies heavily on tourism and boost the economy.

On 19 March 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies announced the renegotiation of all agricultural loans made by the government and opening a public guarantee fund with a ceiling of EUR5 million per individual.¹⁷⁰⁵ This is designed to revamp the agricultural sector as well as safeguard soil fertilizer and aqua life. An additional 20 per cent of the funding is earmarked for fuel, a provision added to address the sky rocketing fuel prices.

On 23 March 2022, the Ministry of Ecological Transition opened public notices for research grants aimed at research institutions and universities working cooperatively with corporations to look into the production of clean and green hydrogen and hydrogen support options.¹⁷⁰⁶ The call for grants includes EUR20 million earmarked for the north of Italy and EUR30 million for the south of Italy.

On 29 March 2022, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies in collaboration with the Italian Social Security System announced an up-to EUR12,000 discount on energy bills will run from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022.¹⁷⁰⁷ This initiative is designed to combat rising energy prices and will expand the number of citizens who can access this discount.

On 5 April 2022, Prime Minister Mario Draghi announced the Patto per Torino, in which EUR1.1 billion will be divided among multiple municipalities for to support initiatives related to renewable energy, sustainable economic regrowth, education and healthcare.¹⁷⁰⁸ This program is designed to revitalise areas affected by COVID-19, increase income for Italian citizens, improve education, address climate change and create more equitable healthcare.

¹⁷⁰² Green light from CIPESS to 900 million euros for supply chain and district contracts, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 15 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17846>

¹⁷⁰³ 60 million euros in 2022: Minister Orlando signed the decree for the allocation of resources for areas of complex industrial crisis, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Rome) 25 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/60-milioni-euro-nel-2022-ministro-Orlando-ha-firmato-Decreto-di-ripartizione-risorse-per-aree-crisi-industriale-complexa.aspx>

¹⁷⁰⁴ Alternative bilateral solidarity fund for workers in the artisan sector: another 140 million euros assigned, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 19 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Fondo-bilaterale-alternativo-per-i-lavoratori-del-settore-artigiano-assegnati-altri-140-milioni-di-euro.aspx>

¹⁷⁰⁵ In the Council of Ministers go-ahead for the renegotiation of the debts of agri-food companies and the transferable tax credit for expensive fuels, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 19 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

https://www.politicheagricole.it/Supporto_aziende_agroalimentari_Crisi_Ucraina

¹⁷⁰⁶ Public notices for the selection of research projects in the hydrogen sector (PNRR - M2-C2 / Investment 3.5), Ministry of Ecological Transition (Rome) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.mite.gov.it/bandi/avvisi-pubblici-la-selezione-di-progetti-di-ricerca-nel-settore-dell-idrogeno-pnrr-m2-c2>

¹⁷⁰⁷ Discount on electricity and gas bills for millions of families, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/priorita/Pagine/Sconto-in-bolletta-luce-e-gas-per-oltre-5-milioni-di-famiglie.aspx>

¹⁷⁰⁸ Prime Minister Draghi’s speech at the ‘Patto per Torino’ signing ceremony, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/prime-minister-draghi-s-speech-patto-torino-signing-ceremony/19604>

On 6 April 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Finance announced that EUR16 billion had been earmarked outside the current budget for sustainable mobility in cities.¹⁷⁰⁹ This plan is meant to address the increasing price of day to day living in Italy after cutting ties with Russia.

On 7 April 2022, the Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro and la Struttura Tecnica di Missione del Ministero delle Infrastrutture e della Mobilità Sostenibili announced a joint effort to increase road safety and sustainable mobility.¹⁷¹⁰ This effort seeks to increase citizens' safety and decrease emissions through creating safe sustainable transport.

On 11 April 2022, Prime Minister Draghi announced a deal with Algiers to create a bilateral energy agreement and decrease reliance on Russian oils.¹⁷¹¹ This agreement is meant to increase usage of renewable energy and hydrogen fuel.

On 12 April 2022, the Italian Medicines Agency approved a second booster shot for COVID-19 for the most vulnerable members of the population.¹⁷¹² This is designed to protect the elderly and immunocompromised while allowing Italy to continue to recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19.

On 13 April 2022, the Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro began a public outreach effort by setting up a physical table for community outreach and giving talks on the mismatch between supply and demand for labour in the Italian economy.¹⁷¹³ This effort seeks to aid workers in getting jobs and restabilizing the Italian economy.

On 13 April 2022, the government received EUR21 billion from the European Union to invest in the National Recovery and Resilience plan (NRRP).¹⁷¹⁴ The NRRP is an investment plan that will target renewable energy, youth engagement, gender equality, education and reducing the wage gap in standards of living.

On 14 April 2022, the Ministry of Education announced the creation of a new initiative bringing green workshops to schools as well as introducing an additional EUR100 million of PON-REACT EU funds to

¹⁷⁰⁹ PM Draghi's press conference with Minister Franco following Council of Ministers meeting, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/pm-draghi-s-press-conference-minister-franco-following-council-ministers-meeting/19605>

¹⁷¹⁰ Sustainable Mobility, CNEL-MIMS Agreement on Road Safety, National Council of Economy and Labor and the Technical Mission Structure of the Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility (Rome) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.cnel.it/Comunicazione-e-Stampa/Notizie/ArtMID/694/ArticleID/2228/COMUNICATO-N-25-DEL-07-APRILE-2022-MOBILITA%e2%80%99-SOSTENIBILE-ACCORDO-CNEL-MIMS-SU-SICUREZZA-STRADALE>

¹⁷¹¹ Prime Minister Draghi's press statement in Algiers, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/prime-minister-draghi-s-press-statement-algiers/19627>

¹⁷¹² Italy begins offering fourth Covid jobs to most vulnerable, Italian Medicines Agency AIFA (Rome) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.thelocal.it/20220412/italy-begins-offering-fourth-covid-jobs-to-most-vulnerable/>

¹⁷¹³ Work, AI CNEL Settled Table On Mismatch. "Urgent Orientation And Re-skilling ", National Council of Economy and Labor (Rome) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.cnel.it/Comunicazione-e-Stampa/Notizie/ArtMID/694/ArticleID/2240/COMUNICATO-N-30-DEL-13-APRILE-2022-LAVORO-AL-CNEL-INSEDIATO-TAVOLO-SU-MISMATCH-URGENTE-ORIENTAMENTO-E-RE-SKILLING%e2%80%9d>

¹⁷¹⁴ NRRP: Italy receives payment of first instalment, amounting to EUR 21 bn, from European Commission, Italian Government - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/nrrp-italy-receives-payment-first-instalment-amounting-eur-21-bn-european-commission/19633>

promote ecological transition training.¹⁷¹⁵ This will result in the creation of “sustainable and innovative laboratories for second cycle schools” to strengthen the field of sustainability education.¹⁷¹⁶

On 29 April 2022, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces reached an agreement on the measures proposed by Minister Patuanelli designed to support and develop the Italy’s agricultural sector.¹⁷¹⁷ The agreement approved EUR30 million towards interventions specially for poultry farm and a condition of the decree was that EUR15 million be put towards “structural and functional interventions in the field of biosecurity” specifically focused in five regions across Italy which are Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany.¹⁷¹⁸

On 29 April 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced EUR15 million for initiatives combating African swine fever through the “Fund for structural and functional interventions in the field of biosecurity” to protect the pork supply chain.¹⁷¹⁹

On 6 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced an aid decree that includes EUR180 million earmarked for Institute of Services for the Agricultural and Food guaranteed loans to small and medium-sized agricultural and fishing companies, the refinancing of the “Fund for the development and support of agricultural, fishing and aquaculture enterprises” and EUR20 million through the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies “in support of agricultural companies to cope with the economic damage caused by the war in Ukraine and the sanctions against Russia.”¹⁷²⁰ These measures are designed to shield supply chains from the “liquidity crisis of the agri-food companies connected to the exceptional increase in the cost of energy and raw materials.”¹⁷²¹

On 6 May 2022, the Ministry of Education announced EUR1.189 million in funding for 216 “innovative and sustainable schools” under the NRRP.¹⁷²² The new schools will be built sustainably and on 85 different Provinces and the planned intervention will include schools of different cycle levels and socio-economic placements.

On 9 May 2022, Minister Orlando and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Tiny Kox to discuss the role of Italy and the PACE’s roles in resolving the conflict with Ukraine and

¹⁷¹⁵Green workshops in schools, an additional 100 million available for second-cycle institutions. Bianchi: “We are expanding the audience of beneficiaries. Extraordinary opportunity to educate about the ecological transition,” Ministry of Education (Rome) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/laboratori-green-nelle-scuole-disponibili-ulteriori-100-milioni-per-gli-istituti-del-secondo-ciclo-bianchi-ampliamo-la-platea-dei-beneficiari-opportun>

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¹⁷¹⁷ Agreement reached in the State-Regions Conference on biosecurity, poultry and biological measures, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces (Rome) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/Conferenza_Regioni_biosicurezza_biologico

¹⁷¹⁸ Agreement reached in the State-Regions Conference on biosecurity, poultry and biological measures, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions and the Autonomous Provinces (Rome) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/Conferenza_Regioni_biosicurezza_biologico

¹⁷¹⁹ Minister Patuanelli signs the 15 million euro decree for interventions on African swine fever, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/Decreto_Biosicurezza

¹⁷²⁰ DI Aid: 180 million for small and medium-sized enterprises, 20 million fund refinanced and incentives for agrisolare, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/DI_Aiuti

¹⁷²¹ DI Aid: 180 million for small and medium-sized enterprises, 20 million fund refinanced and incentives for agrisolare, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/DI_Aiuti

¹⁷²² The rankings of the areas where the 216 schools foreseen by the PNRR will be built have been published. Funds increased: 42.4% goes to the South. Bianchi: “New buildings for a new idea of teaching,” Ministry of Education (Rome) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.miur.gov.it/-/pubblicate-le-graduatorie-delle-aree-dove-saranno-costruite-le-216-scuole-previste-dal-pnrr-aumentati-i-fondi-il-42-4-va-al-sud-bianchi-nuovi-edifici->

how the two organizations can “strengthen its role in protecting freedoms and the rule of law, also in new areas, such as digital innovation and artificial intelligence” as well as protecting human rights.¹⁷²³

On 10 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli and Undersecretary with Responsibility for Organic Farming Francesco Battistoni attended a conference where they spoke about the importance of the “primacy in the organic sector” and who the provisions currently in place support organic products in the current Italian economy.¹⁷²⁴ In addition, they spoke of future actions to aid with green transition and the European objectives of the “Farm to Fork and Biodiversity 2030” goals set by the EU.

On 18 May 2022, Minister Orlando announced a program to finance vocational training which included EUR15 million for training activities, EUR130 million for a dual training system with a diploma and EUR189,109,570 towards creations of courses to provide said training.¹⁷²⁵ This is designed to enhance the current abilities of the Italian population.

On 20 May 2022, the European Commission approved the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies’ EUR1.2 billion framework scheme to support the agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture sectors and reduce the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the Italian economy.¹⁷²⁶ The scheme will provide financial support in light of the increase in electricity, feed and fuel prices.

On 24 May 2022, Minister Orlando extended certain measures related to COVID-19 until 30 June 2022 which included the extension of financial support for health care, reemployment and professional training activities and income support for parents with at least one child under 14.¹⁷²⁷

On 25 May 2022, the Ministry of the Interior published the calls for tenders for urban rescue and tanker trucks powered by biomethane for the National Fire Brigade through the PNRR.¹⁷²⁸ They aim to purchase the first 1000 electric vehicles by 31 August 2022. This aims to increase the sustainable mobility of the National Fire Brigade and aid in Italy’s strategy to fight against climate change.

On 27 May 2022, Minister Patuanelli announced EUR420 million to implement the National Forestry Strategy over the next decade.¹⁷²⁹ The Strategy prioritizes actions related to strengthening and enhancing Italy’s forests, including: the increase of biological diversity of forest ecosystems; the prevention or repairing of damages caused by natural and anthropogenic risks; the adoption sustainable forest management techniques; training forest operators; and actions concerning genetic resources and forest propagation materials.

¹⁷²³ Orlando met with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Tiny Kox, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 9 May 2022. Access: 10 May 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/orlando-ha-incontrato-il-presidente-assemblea-parlamentare-del-consiglio-europa-tiny-kox.aspx/>

¹⁷²⁴ Minister Patuanelli at the conference “It’s time for BIO agriculture - A strategic resource to overcome crises,” Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/Patuanelli_Biologico_AgricolturaBio

¹⁷²⁵ Resources for vocational training, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Risorse-per-la-formazione-professionale.aspx>

¹⁷²⁶ European Commission approves 1.2 billion aid scheme for agriculture, forestry and fishing, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/ucraina_commissione_europea_aiuti_agricoltura_silvicoltura_pesca

¹⁷²⁷ COVID-19 and smart working: extension of measures related to the pandemic emergency, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Rome) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/COVID-19-e-smart-working-proroga-delle-misure.aspx>

¹⁷²⁸ The call for tenders for biomethane fueled VVF vehicles has been published, Ministry of the Interior (Rome) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.interno.gov.it/it/notizie/pubblicato-bando-gara-i-mezzi-dei-vvf-alimentati-biometano>

¹⁷²⁹ 420 million for the implementation of the National Forest Strategy: funds available for 2022 and 2023 allocated by the 2022 Stability Law, Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Rome) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. https://www.politicheagricole.it/Strategia_Nazionale_Forestale

On 9 June 2022, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies announced the refinancing of EUR11.8 million from the European Social Fund 2014-2020 to create 2,000 “socio-work insertion paths” for “vulnerable migrants” with the collaboration of public and private operators of the labour market.¹⁷³⁰ The initiative will allow participants to receive the necessary training and support through a 6-month long internship.

On 14 June 2022, Italy announced they had joined the Global Deal Partnership, the international initiative that “addresses global labour market challenges by encouraging governments, businesses, trade unions and other organisations to engage in improving social dialogue.”¹⁷³¹ Upon joining the initiative, Minister Orlando highlighted Italy’s intention in the Partnership was “the aim of facing together the future challenges: achieving decent work for all, equality and equal opportunities and promoting inclusive and sustainable growth, guaranteeing safe workplaces.”

Italy has taken strong actions towards all the Sustainable Development Goals. Italy has made significant climate change and COVID-19 recovery contributions through both policy and funding. Additionally, they have shown their commitment to international cooperation through finance and eco-friendly financial decisions. In combination with actions in the other three categories, Italy has shown strong actions in the four dimensions of recovery.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 8 November 2021, Japan established the New Form of Capitalism Realization Headquarters and the corresponding Council of New Form of Capitalism Realization.¹⁷³² This advances domestic efforts to re-focus sustainability and growth in the economy by promoting investments in digital innovation, clean energy technology and workplace reform.

On 9 November 2021, Japan extended USD3.5 million to Pakistan in agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNICEF.¹⁷³³ USD2.1 million will be allocated to the UNHCR for the improvement of primary health, while USD1.4 million will be allocated to UNICEF for safe drinking water. The funds are meant to support domestic services for Afghan refugees travelling into Pakistan.

On 10 November 2021, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Koichi Hagiuda attended the International Conference on a Decade of Progress after Fukushima-Daiichi hosted by the International Atomic Energy

¹⁷³⁰ Online the new NOTICE YOU CAN: project for the socio-occupational integration of vulnerable migrants, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. 9 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Nuovo-avviso-Puoi-progetto-per-l-inserimento-socio-lavorativo-di-migranti-vulnerabili.aspx>

¹⁷³¹ Italy joins the Global Deal Partnership, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. 14 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 June 2022. <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/Pagine/Italia-aderisce-alla-Global-Deal-Partnership.aspx>

¹⁷³² Outline of Emergency Proposal Toward the Launch of a “New Form of Capitalism” that Carves Out the Future, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 8 November 2021. Translation provided by the Secretariat of New Form of Capitalism Realization Headquarters. Access Date: 7 February 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/_00001.html

¹⁷³³ The Government of Japan provides emergency assistance to the Afghanistan refugees and the host communities in Pakistan, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan (Islamabad) 9 November 2021. Translation provided by the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00296.html

Agency.¹⁷³⁴ Minister Hagiuda emphasized Japan's responsibility to share past experiences and strategies regarding nuclear safety after the accident at Fukushima-Daiichi in 2011.

On 19 November 2021, the Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies held their first meeting.¹⁷³⁵ The Committee recognized the increased importance of government in solving various socioeconomic challenges such as digital growth, environmentally conscious growth and economic security of the Japanese economy in addition to workplace reform.¹⁷³⁶

On 24 November 2021, Japan's Ambassador to Vietnam Takio Yamada alongside Deputy Minister of Finance of Vietnam Thanh Hung Vo and Deputy Minister of Transport of Vietnam Ngoc Dong Nguyen further developed The Second Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project and The Economic and Social Development Programme.¹⁷³⁷ The Second Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project loans up to JPY10.813 billion for sewerage and drainage improvement in Ho Chi Minh City, and The Economic and Social Development Programme grants a total of JPY500 million to improve Vietnam's maritime search and rescue resources. Both projects aim for social stabilization through strengthened infrastructure.

On 29 November 2021, the Prime Minister's Office hosted the 65th meeting of the Council for Gender Equality.¹⁷³⁸ The Intensive Policy for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality 2022 was further developed focusing on greater economic independence of women.

On 10 December 2021, Japan implemented the Emergency Grant Aid which provided USD500,000 for Belarus through the International Organization for Migration (IOM).¹⁷³⁹ The funds will support humanitarian assistance such as food, medical services, shelter, and other necessities for those impacted by domestic conflict.

On 13 December 2021, Japan sent approximately 790,000 out of the planned total of 1.49 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Bangladesh.¹⁷⁴⁰

On 14 December 2021, Japan donated approximately 7,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Tonga.¹⁷⁴¹

¹⁷³⁴ Minister Hagiuda Attends "International Conference on a Decade of Progress after Fukushima-Daiichi" by IAEA, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 15 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 7 February 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1115_002.html

¹⁷³⁵ Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies Established in the Industrial Structure Council, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 16 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2021/1116_001.html

¹⁷³⁶ Press Conference by Minister Hagiuda (Excerpt): Opening Remarks: Committee on New Direction of Economic and Industrial Policies, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (Tokyo) 16 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. Access Date: 22 January 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2021/1116001.html

¹⁷³⁷ Exchange of Notes concerning Yen Loans and Grant Aid to Viet Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 November 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 2 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003062.html

¹⁷³⁸ The Prime Minister in Action: Council for Gender Equality, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 29 November 2021. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 7 February 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202111/_00058.html

¹⁷³⁹ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/press4_009208.html

¹⁷⁴⁰ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the People's Republic of Bangladesh through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 13 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000356.html

¹⁷⁴¹ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Tonga through the COVAX Facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000358.html

On 16 December 2021, the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy and the Industrial Structure Council held a joint meeting to discuss the Clean Energy Strategy, which targets carbon neutrality by 2050 and aims for a carbon emissions reduction of 46 per cent by 2030.¹⁷⁴²

On 20 December 2021, Japan announced plans to send emergency relief through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the Republic of the Philippines.¹⁷⁴³ This is in response to a corresponding request by the Philippines and will support survivors of Typhoon Odette.

On 21 December 2021, Japan announced the contribution of approximately USD100 million to Afghanistan and a total of USD9.15 million to Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.¹⁷⁴⁴ These funds are to address basic needs such as healthcare, food, security and water in the above-mentioned countries to address the expected influx of diasporic movements between borders.

On 24 December 2021, Japan announced an emergency grant of USD12.4 million to support the regions of Afar, Amhara and Tigray in Northern Ethiopia.¹⁷⁴⁵ The grant will support relief efforts through the UNHCR, the World Food Programme (WFP), the IOM and the United Nations Mine Action Service.

On 24 December 2021, Japan extended an emergency grant of USD28.95 million to Syria and its neighbouring countries.¹⁷⁴⁶ The grant will provide funding for basic provisions such as clothing, food, health and clean water for internally displaced persons and refugees.

On 24 December 2021, Japan sent approximately 150,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Syria to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.¹⁷⁴⁷

On 25 December 2021, the 11th meeting of the Sustainable Development Goals Promotion Headquarters was led by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.¹⁷⁴⁸ The SDGs Action Plan 2022 was reviewed, while the office also determined the winners of the 5th Japan SDGs Award to promote sustainable actions domestically. Prime Minister Kishida further announced goals to create a “new form of capitalism” focusing on sustainable growth and distribution strategies and called for national cooperation with the most recent action plan.

¹⁷⁴² Press Conference by Minister Hagiuda (Excerpt): Opening Remarks: Clean Energy Strategy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 7 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 7 February 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/speeches/press_conferences/2021/1207001.html

¹⁷⁴³ Emergency Assistance to the Philippines in Response to the Typhoon Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000360.html

¹⁷⁴⁴ Support for Afghanistan and its Neighboring Countries from the FY2021 Supplementary Budget, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000294.html

¹⁷⁴⁵ Emergency Grant Aid for People in the Northern Ethiopia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000297.html

¹⁷⁴⁶ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000298.html

¹⁷⁴⁷ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Syrian Arab Republic through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000301.html

¹⁷⁴⁸ The Prime Minister in Action: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters, Cabinet Public Affairs Office (Tokyo) 24 December 2021. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 27 January 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202112/_00022.html

On 27 December 2021, Japan sent the first provision of approximately 7000,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Egypt to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁴⁹

On 12 January 2022, Japan sent approximately 350,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Iran out of the planned total of 700,000 doses.¹⁷⁵⁰ The vaccines are meant to prevent the spread of the virus in Iran.

On 14 January 2022, Japan provided USD13 million to the Philippines to fund emergency response efforts against damages caused by Typhoon Odette.¹⁷⁵¹ This grant will provide survivors of the natural disaster food, shelter, health and clean water.

On 18 January 2022, Japan announced its plan to provide emergency relief supplies to Brazil.¹⁷⁵² This announcement is in response to the request for aid by Brazil and will support survivors of the flood disaster that occurred in December 2021.

On 20 January 2022, Japan announced plans to provide emergency relief supplies through the JICA, as well as send the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Self-Defense Force Unit, to Tonga.¹⁷⁵³ This announcement seeks to support the response to the damage caused by the volcanic eruption and following tsunami in Tonga.

On 21 January 2022, Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hagiuda and State Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Arata Takebe attended the World Trade Organization (WTO) informal ministerial meeting.¹⁷⁵⁴ The virtual meeting was held to discuss plans for global responses to the pandemic, fisheries subsidies, agriculture and WTO reform, as reiterated by Minister Hayashi.

On 28 January 2022, Japan announced USD2 million in emergency aid funding for displaced persons from Rakhine State, Myanmar in Bangladesh.¹⁷⁵⁵ The grant provides funding for food and health supplies through the UNHCR and the WFP.

On 28 January 2022, Japan announced plans to provide emergency relief supplies through the JICA to Madagascar.¹⁷⁵⁶ This is to support damages in Madagascar after the floods that occurred earlier in January.

¹⁷⁴⁹ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Arab Republic of Egypt through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 December 2021. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000302.html

¹⁷⁵⁰ Provision of additional COVID-19 vaccines to the Islamic Republic of Iran through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 12 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000304.html

¹⁷⁵¹ Emergency Grant Aid for the Philippines in Response to Typhoon Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 14 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 4 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000244.html

¹⁷⁵² Emergency Assistance to the Federative Republic of Brazil in Response to the flood disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 18 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000247.html

¹⁷⁵³ Emergency Assistance to the Damage Caused by Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami Disaster in the Kingdom of Tonga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 20 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000248.html

¹⁷⁵⁴ Foreign Minister Hayashi's attendance at the WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting hosted by Switzerland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000249.html

¹⁷⁵⁵ Emergency Grant Aid for the displaced persons in the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000251.html

¹⁷⁵⁶ Emergency Assistance to Republic of Madagascar in Response to the Flood Disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 5 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000254.html

On 4 February 2022, Japan announced plans to provide USD2.44 million to Tonga.¹⁷⁵⁷ The funds will finance necessities for those affected by the volcanic eruption and tsunami in January 2022 through UNICEF and the WFP.

On 7 February 2022, the JICA announced that emergency relief goods, emergency shelter and first aid materials will be shipped to Malawi.¹⁷⁵⁸ This is in response to the Government of Malawi's request for the flood disaster in January 2022.

On 8 February 2022, Japan extended emergency relief goods such as tents, blankets and water purifiers to Zambia at the request of the Government of Zambia in response to the flood disaster that occurred in January 2022.¹⁷⁵⁹

On 8 February 2022, Japan provided USD18.5 million worth of food, shelter and medical supplies to Myanmar.¹⁷⁶⁰ This follows aid totaling approximately USD20 million as encouraged by Association of Southeast Asian Nations members in response to the government coup on 1 February 2022 and the corresponding economic stagnation in Myanmar.

On 16 February 2022, JICA announced that they will extend emergency relief goods such as tents, blankets and water purifiers to Madagascar in response to the flood disaster in February 2022.¹⁷⁶¹

On 17 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced that the country will begin its steps to exit the sixth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁷⁶² The government will be promoting booster shots for all in parallel to the gradual removal of emergency measures in several priority prefectures.

On 18 February 2022, the International Atomic Energy Agency conducted their first review mission on the safety aspects in handling Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) treated water at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, specifically during the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea.¹⁷⁶³ This review was conducted in accordance with international clean energy efforts.

On 21 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 500,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Tajikistan as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁶⁴

¹⁷⁵⁷ Emergency Grant Aid in response to the volcanic eruption and tsunami in the Kingdom of Tonga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 28 January 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000255.html

¹⁷⁵⁸ Emergency Assistance to Republic of Malawi in Response to the Flood Disaster, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 7 February 2022. Translation provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220207_71.html

¹⁷⁵⁹ Emergency Assistance to the Republic of Zambia in Response to the Flood disaster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003081.html

¹⁷⁶⁰ Humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000256.html

¹⁷⁶¹ Emergency Assistance to Republic of Madagascar in Response to Flood Disaster caused by Cyclone Batsirai, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 16 February 2022. Translation provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20220216_71.html

¹⁷⁶² Press Conference by the Prime Minister, Cabinet Public Affairs Office (Tokyo) 17 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00005.html

¹⁷⁶³ The IAEA Conducted Its Review Mission of Safety Aspects of Handling of ALPS Treated Water at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 18 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0218_001.html

¹⁷⁶⁴ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Tajikistan through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003083.html

On 22 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida condemned Russia's recognition of pro-Russian regions in Ukraine and announced the development of a set of sanctions in cooperation with the G7.¹⁷⁶⁵ These efforts affirmed Japanese support for Ukraine's territorial sovereignty.

On 22 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 860,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Nigeria as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁶⁶

On 23 February 2022, Japan extended surplus liquefied natural gas from Japanese corporations to Europe and urged "oil-producing countries to stabilize the oil market and cooperate with the International Energy Agency."¹⁷⁶⁷ This was done to demonstrate solidarity with other countries promoting Ukrainian sovereignty and to ensure that the global oil supply is stabilized.

On 23 February 2022, Japan established a temporary liaison office in Lviv, Ukraine and organized flights out of Poland to support Japanese nationals fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.¹⁷⁶⁸

On 24 February 2022, Prime Minister Kishida offered formal instructions to the Cabinet to place all efforts for information collection on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, for the protection of all Japanese nationals in Ukraine, and to prioritize sustainable energy consumption for minimal effects on the Japanese economy.¹⁷⁶⁹

On 24 February 2022, Japan provided approximately 280,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Malawi as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁷⁰

On 25 February 2022, Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid USD30 million to Ecuador, El Salvador, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Belize, Bolivia, Honduras, Botswana, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Namibia, Niger, South Africa, Tanzania and Togo.¹⁷⁷¹ This was done in recognition of the immense impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in these regions and will expand the capacity of institutions to provide vaccines by providing medical equipment such as cold-storage facilities.

On 27 February 2022, Japan announced the provision of total USD200 million to Ukraine in humanitarian assistance to support Ukrainian civilians affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.¹⁷⁷²

¹⁷⁶⁵ Press Conference by the Prime Minister regarding the Situation in Ukraine, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Prime Minister's Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00008.html

¹⁷⁶⁶ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000323.html

¹⁷⁶⁷ Japan's efforts toward the stabilization of the energy market in response to the situation in Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 23 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000265.html

¹⁷⁶⁸ Press Conference by the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 23 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00013.html

¹⁷⁶⁹ Instructions by Prime Minister Kishida on the situation in Ukraine (14.30), Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 24 February 2022. Translation provided by the Prime Minister's Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/discourse/20220224_siji.html

¹⁷⁷⁰ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Malawi through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 22 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000324.html

¹⁷⁷¹ Emergency Grant Aid promoting COVID-19 vaccination in Latin American and the Caribbean and African countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 February 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000266.html

¹⁷⁷² Press Conference by the Prime Minister regarding Japan's Response to the Situation in Ukraine, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 25 February 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202202/_00014.html

On 3 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 2nd Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy which assessed domestic impacts of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, particularly the increasing energy prices, concluding to increase wages to reduce consumer burden and provide loans for small and medium enterprises that may struggle with higher oil prices.¹⁷⁷³ In addition, the Council noted that Japan will “seize this opportunity” and strengthen investments in carbon neutral practices and projects that promote sustainable growth.

On 3 March 2022, Japan extended “priority measures to prevent the spread” of COVID-19 in 18 prefectures where the Omicron strain was particularly concentrated.¹⁷⁷⁴ Japan also continues to promote vaccinations through the Self-Defense Forces and local medical practitioners, with more than “60 million people and municipalities” involved in the process of establishing vaccine stations.

On 3 March 2022, Japan announced the launch of “revitalization packages” for small-and-medium enterprises.¹⁷⁷⁵ These assistance efforts include liquidity support and extended loan deadlines and encourage debt forgiveness by banks against small and medium-sized enterprises in recognition of the financial burden that businesses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and now the increased energy costs due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 5 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida instructed his Cabinet to “dedicate maximum effort to gather and analyze information” and provide these to the public, to “ensure the safety of aircraft, vessels, and other assets” and to “take all possible measures for precaution” against reports of the missile launch by North Korea.¹⁷⁷⁶ These measures protect the wellbeing and integrity of the Japanese population and borders against possible contingencies.

On 8 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 4th New Capitalism Realization Conference where the key topic was the role of science and technology in sustainable growth.¹⁷⁷⁷ The Conference identified issues of disconnect between researchers, companies and research institutions, to which the government responded by committing to a research system that emphasizes public- private partnerships. Japan also will shift course to focus on quantum technology, continue efforts in medicine and biomanufacturing to resolve “social issues such as economic growth and global warming,” promote renewable energy and hydrogen and develop “non- carbon power sources such as small nuclear power.” These efforts lay out a sustainable economic future for Japan to be showcased at the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo.

On 10 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 53rd National Strategic Special Zones Advisory Council. The Council designated Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City and Tsukuba City as a Super City, where test methods to realize a digitalised future through regulation reform will be enacted.¹⁷⁷⁸ In addition, Kibichuou Town and Kaga City was designated as Digital Rural Health Special Zones, where digital technology will be utilized to resolve issues in rural areas such as population decline and aging population. These efforts revitalize Japanese communities and encourage local reform.

On 11 March 2022, Japan extended USD100 million to international organizations (including UNHCR, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UNICEF, WFP, IOM and the UN Office for the

¹⁷⁷³ Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/03keizaishimon.html

¹⁷⁷⁴ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00005.html

¹⁷⁷⁵ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00005.html

¹⁷⁷⁶ Instructions by the Prime Minister in Response to the Missile Launch by North Korea (08:51), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 5 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00008.html

¹⁷⁷⁷ New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 8 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/08shihon.html

¹⁷⁷⁸ National Strategic Special Zones Advisory Council, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 10 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/10senryaku_tokku.html

Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) and Japanese non-governmental organizations (NGOs).¹⁷⁷⁹ These funds follow Prime Minister Kishida's commitment announced 27 February 2022, and will respond to urgent needs in shelter, health, food and child protection in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

On 16 March 2022, Japan established a Liaison and Coordination Meeting to Advance Measures to Assist Ukrainian Evacuees under the Chief Cabinet Secretary to ensure smooth acceptance of Ukrainian refugees into Japan, done in solidarity with the international community against Russia's invasion of Ukraine.¹⁷⁸⁰

On 16 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced the beginning of transitioning back to "normal times" regarding restrictions against the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁷⁸¹ The country will increase financial support to hospitals for greater intake capacity and raise the number of medical institutions caring for people recovering from the virus at home to 22,000. Japan will also secure an additional 3 million doses of Merck and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines over the next six months for the ultimate goal of 15 million Pfizer vaccine doses and 70 million Moderna vaccine doses, as well as 350 million more antigen testing kits. Measures will be realized with the "greatest possible level of vigilance" through an allocated JPY1.35 trillion.¹⁷⁸²

On 16 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida formally instructed the Cabinet to "assess the state of affairs regarding damage as soon as possible," to "act in close coordination with local governments... under the principle of prioritizing human life above all else" in emergency disaster responses and provide timely evacuation information to the public.¹⁷⁸³ Measures will alleviate the impacts of the earthquake in Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

On 17 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Uzbekistan as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁸⁴

On 19 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 70,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Cameroon as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁸⁵

On 19 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida visited India and reaffirmed the continued development of the high-speed rail and metro system in India through the support of the Japan official development assistance.¹⁷⁸⁶

¹⁷⁷⁹ Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 11 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003097.html

¹⁷⁸⁰ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00018.html

¹⁷⁸¹ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00018.html

¹⁷⁸² Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00018.html

¹⁷⁸³ Instructions from the Prime Minister Regarding the Earthquake Centered in Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures (23:38), Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00009.html

¹⁷⁸⁴ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to Uzbekistan through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 17 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003102.html

¹⁷⁸⁵ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Cameroon through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 19 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000342.html

¹⁷⁸⁶ Contribution to The Indian Express by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio of Japan, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 19 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202203/_00019.html

On 20 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 310,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Ghana as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁸⁷

On 22 March 2022, Japan contributed approximately JPY659 million to the Adaptation Fund.¹⁷⁸⁸ The fund is a “multilateral climate fund which provides assistance for adaptation efforts of developing countries in addressing the adverse impacts of climate change” and supports developing countries in their efforts against climate change.

On 22 March 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications dispatched two groups of support staff to Fukushima prefecture in response to the earthquake that occurred on 16 March 2022.¹⁷⁸⁹ The staff provided expertise and support in disaster management.

On 23 March 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 3rd Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy.¹⁷⁹⁰ At the meeting, attendees confirmed efforts in sustainable growth by expanding disposable income and wage increases as well as promote decarbonization to achieve the 46 per cent emission reduction target for 2030.

On 26 March 2022, Japan provided approximately 300,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Senegal as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁹¹

On 26 March 2022, Minister Hayashi chaired the Tokyo International Conference on African Development Ministerial Meeting and met with 7 ministers of African countries along with the UN, UN Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the African Union Commission.¹⁷⁹² Ministers affirmed priority issues on African development on Economy, Society and Peace and Stability and continued support for countries against the COVID- 19 pandemic.

On 29 March 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications announced the Digital Rural City National Infrastructure Development Plan.¹⁷⁹³ This plan will promote the development of digital infrastructure to realize better integrated rural communities.

On 31 March 2022, Japan launched the energy-saving communication ranking system.¹⁷⁹⁴ This ranking considers the level of communication that energy retailers provide information to consumers to promote energy

¹⁷⁸⁷ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Ghana through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 20 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000343.html

¹⁷⁸⁸ Japan’s contribution to the Adaptation Fund (AF), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ch/page24e_000351.html

¹⁷⁸⁹ Dispatch of support staff to Fukushima Prefecture under the emergency response staff dispatch system for damage caused by an earthquake whose epicenter is off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 22 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01gyosei11_02000175.html

¹⁷⁹⁰ Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 23 March 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202203/23keizaishimon.html

¹⁷⁹¹ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Senegal through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 2 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000347.html

¹⁷⁹² Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting (Overview), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 March 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000277.html

¹⁷⁹³ Announcement of “Digital Rural City National Infrastructure Development Plan,” Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 29 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01kiban01_02000042.html

¹⁷⁹⁴ Start operation of energy-saving communication ranking system, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 31 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2021/03/20220331007/20220331007.html>

saving and provides the company with a label out of five stars. This system aims to incentivize companies to promote energy saving efforts to households and regular consumers.

On 1 April 2022, the Child Care and Family Care Leave Law took effect which promotes gender equality in the workplace and households obligating companies to confirm with expecting fathers when they would like to take paternal leave, should they choose to do so.¹⁷⁹⁵ This recognizes the social pressure placed on fathers to decline paternal leave due to external discouragement.

On 1 April 2022, Japan extended Emergency Grant Aid USD3.35 million to the Gaza Strip.¹⁷⁹⁶ These funds will provide food, COVID-19 support for patients and other healthcare services for Palestinians during the Israel- Palestine conflict.

On 1 April 2022, Japan extended an Emergency Grant Aid of USD8.3 million for “humanitarian assistance to the populations in the south east area of Myanmar.”¹⁷⁹⁷ These funds will be delivered through UNICEF, the WFP and the UNHCR for displaced people in the region facing food shortages and lacking other basic necessities.

On 4 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Kenya as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁷⁹⁸

On 5 April 2022, the JICA dispatched a “needs assessment survey team for humanitarian and medical assistance” to Moldova.¹⁷⁹⁹ The medical personnel team and JICA staff utilized Japan’s expertise in disaster relief to coordinate emergency support such as patient data analysis and determine medical sector needs for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova.

On 5 April 2022, Japan announced an additional USD100 million to support emergency humanitarian assistance in Ukraine.¹⁸⁰⁰ Funds will be directed to the UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, ICRC, World Health Organization, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, IOM, UNDP, and Food and Agriculture Organization as well as other Japanese NGOs to support Ukrainians displaced by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 12 April 2022, Japan, together with Australia, India and the US, donated 4.65 million COVID-19 vaccine doses (of which about 1.3 million doses came directly from Japan) to Cambodia as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁸⁰¹

¹⁷⁹⁵ Law amendment aims to make paternity leave more accessible in Japan, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by the Japan Times. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/04/04/national/social-issues/child-care-leave-law-amendment/>

¹⁷⁹⁶ Emergency Grant Aid in response to deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 1 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000357.html

¹⁷⁹⁷ Emergency Grant Aid for humanitarian assistance to the populations affected by the coup in Myanmar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 1 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000280.html

¹⁷⁹⁸ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Kenya through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000359.html

¹⁷⁹⁹ Dispatch of Needs Assessment Survey Team (second survey team) to Moldova to assess the needs for humanitarian and medical assistance for the displaced Ukrainians, JICA (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by JICA. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220413_22_en.html

¹⁸⁰⁰ Additional Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine and neighboring countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 5 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_003108.html

¹⁸⁰¹ Vaccine Donation to Cambodia by Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 12 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000283.html

On 12 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 5th New Capitalism Realization Conference.¹⁸⁰² The meeting specified future efforts in startups development by providing funds and investments, expanding the SME technological innovation system (SBIR) to start-ups. Japan will also revisit the legal system to ensure smoother transactions for “freelancers” struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 13 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 700,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Iran as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁸⁰³

On 13 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 4th Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy.¹⁸⁰⁴ The meeting affirmed focus on “regional revitalization” in recognition of increased interest in rural migration using “digital transformation,” a more robust “industry-academia-government collaboration” climate and strengthen the tourism industry to attract business in rural areas.

On 21 April 2022, Japan, together with Australia, India and the US, donated 200,000 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to Thailand as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁸⁰⁵

On 21 April 2022, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Ministry of the Environment held the first Study Group on the Proper Introduction and Management of Renewable Energy Power Generation Facilities.¹⁸⁰⁶ This group of experts and practitioners will discuss the impacts of measures introduced to achieve the 36-38 per cent renewable energy by 2030.

On 23 April 2022, Japan hosted the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto City where Prime Minister Kishida reiterated Japan’s commitment to clean water and encouraged discussions in disaster prevention and climate change.¹⁸⁰⁷

On 26 April 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced the four pillar emergency measures responding to rising oil prices due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁸⁰⁸ Japan will establish a new subsidy system for oil worth approximately JPY1.5 trillion to prevent oil prices from rising sharply, promote energy conservation and clean energies practices to “ensure the stable supply of energy,” ensure optimal transactions for SMEs to decrease costs and provide assistance of people experience poverty such as by providing a subsidy of JPY50,000 per child to low-income families and add JPY1 trillion to the Extraordinary Regional Revitalization Grants for local authorities to act on the above pillars.

On 28 April 2022, Minister Hayashi signed with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine Sergiy Korsunsky notes on the outline and conditions of the Emergency Economic Reconstruction

¹⁸⁰² New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 12 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Relations Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/12shihon.html

¹⁸⁰³ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Iran through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000364.html

¹⁸⁰⁴ Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 13 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Relations Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/13keizaishimon.html

¹⁸⁰⁵ Vaccine Donation to Thailand by Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 21 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000286.html

¹⁸⁰⁶ We will hold a study group (1st) on the proper introduction and management of renewable energy power generation facilities., Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 19 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 May 2022. <https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2022/04/20220419001/20220419001.html>

¹⁸⁰⁷ Asia-Pacific Water Summit and Bilateral Meetings and Other Events, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 23 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202204/_00017.html

¹⁸⁰⁸ Press Conference by Prime Minister Kishida, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 26 April 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/statement/202204/_00012.html

Development Policy Loan and the Economic and Social Development Programme.¹⁸⁰⁹ The loan extends up to JPY13 billion to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Government of Ukraine that is currently facing a financial crisis for the stabilization of “self-sustained governance,” while the programme grants JPY300 million to strengthen the health and medical system in Ukraine.

On 28 April 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications established the Regional Cooperation Promotion Headquarters for Countermeasures against Coronavirus Infectious Diseases and Promotion of Digitalization.¹⁸¹⁰ The entity will support local governments to encourage vaccinations and use of ‘My Number Cards’ that will prevent the spread of COVID-19 and make medical data collection more efficient.

On 29 April 2022, Japan provided approximately 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Sierra Leone as part of global efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.¹⁸¹¹

On 4 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida instructed his Cabinet to “dedicate maximum effort to gather and analyze information” and provide these to the public, to “ensure the safety of aircraft, vessels, and other assets” and to “take all possible measures for precaution” against reports of the missile launch by North Korea.¹⁸¹² These measures protect the wellbeing and integrity of the Japanese population and borders against possible contingencies.

On 12 May 2022, the Japan-EU Digital Partnership was launched at the 28th Japan-EU Summit.¹⁸¹³ The partnership will strengthen cooperation to “support an inclusive, sustainable, human-centric digital transformation” between the two parties.

On 13 May 2022, Japan attended the Second Global COVID-19 Summit.¹⁸¹⁴ Prime Minister Kishida presented Japan’s contributions to the Global Action Plan, including Japan’s financial contribution to COVAX and other initiatives to strengthen transportation and vaccination capacities. Japan also announced additional assistance worth USD5 billion to developing countries to support their COVID-19 responses.

On 16 May 2022, the JICA signed a loan agreement with Ukraine under which Japan will provide an ODA loan of up to JPY13,000 million as part of the Emergency Economic Recovery Development Policy Loan.¹⁸¹⁵ This loan will support Ukraine implement economic policy reforms and alleviate impacts of the economic crisis triggered by the military invasion.

¹⁸⁰⁹ Support for Emergency Economic Recovery and Health and Medical System Development to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000289.html

¹⁸¹⁰ Establishment of “Regional Cooperation Promotion Headquarters for Countermeasures against Coronavirus Infectious Diseases and Promotion of Digitalization,” Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01gyosei01_02000267.html

¹⁸¹¹ The Provision of COVID-19 vaccines to the Republic of Sierra Leone through the COVAX facility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 28 April 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 4 May 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000372.html

¹⁸¹² Instructions by the Prime Minister in Response to the Missile Launch by North Korea (12:08), Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 4 May 2022. Translation provided by the Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 8 May 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/decisions/2022/_00011.html

¹⁸¹³ The Launch of the Japan-EU Digital Partnership, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2022/0512_004.html

¹⁸¹⁴ The Second Global COVID-19 Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ic/ghp/page1e_000394.html

¹⁸¹⁵ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Ukraine: Financial support for Ukraine, which is facing an economic crisis caused by the military invasion, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 16 May 2022. Translation provided by JICA. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2022/20220516_11e.html

On 20 May 2022, Japan revised the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in South Sudan for an additional year.¹⁸¹⁶ This was done in recognition of the continued need for peace efforts in the country.

On 20 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 7th New Capitalism Realization Conference during which he emphasized investments in digital and green transformation, raising the minimum wage and encouraged the acceleration of work necessary to implement the plan in early June.¹⁸¹⁷

On 23 May 2022, the Governor Tadashi Maeda from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation signed a memorandum of cooperation with the US Trade and Development Agency.¹⁸¹⁸ The memorandum declares joint support for infrastructure projects and studies in renewable energy and telecommunication and digital connectivity in developing countries, particularly in the Indo-Pacific.

On 24 May 2022, Prime Minister Kishida participated in the Quadrilateral Leaders' Meeting, which includes Japan, Australia, India and the US.¹⁸¹⁹ The leaders discussed current regional and global events, methods to further promote cooperation on COVID-19, climate change and infrastructure and affirmed continued cooperation.

On 27 May 2022, Japan extended an Emergency Grant Aid of USD1.66 million to Ukraine.¹⁸²⁰ The aid included “fire-fighting equipment, communication devices, medicine” and other products through the United Nations which is intended to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

On 27 May 2022, Japan and Azerbaijan agreed in principle on a new tax convention between the two countries.¹⁸²¹ The new convention eliminates international double taxation and promotes “mutual investments and economic exchanges.”

On 1 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 8th Digital Rural City National Concept Realization Conference.¹⁸²² Participants discussed the basic policy draft of the Digital Rural City National Concept, which promote digitalization of systems in rural communities. The Prime Minister integrated three new grant programs for eligible cities to achieve this goal.

On 3 June 2022, the Prime Minister's Office held a joint meeting with the Recovery Promotion Council and the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters.¹⁸²³ The meeting recognized the damage and the progress of recovery made in the Fukushima Prefecture after the nuclear accident following the Great East Japan

¹⁸¹⁶ Revision of the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in South Sudan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000391.html

¹⁸¹⁷ New Capitalism Realization Conference, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 20 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202205/20shihon.html

¹⁸¹⁸ JBIC Signs MOC with U.S. Trade and Development Agency: Strengthening Cooperation for Promoting Projects in Cooperation between Japan and the U.S. in Extensive Regions and Sectors, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (Tokyo) 23 May 2022. Translation provided by JIBC. Access Date: 6 June 2022. <https://www.jbic.go.jp/en/information/press/press-2022/0523-016329.html>

¹⁸¹⁹ QUAD Leaders' Meeting: Tokyo 2022, Quad Leaders' Meeting (Tokyo) 24 May 2022. Translation provided by Cabinet Public Affairs Office. Access Date: 6 June 2022. <https://www.kantei.go.jp/quad-leaders-meeting-tokyo2022/index.html>

¹⁸²⁰ Emergency Grant Aid for the transportation of relief products for Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press3e_000396.html

¹⁸²¹ New Tax Convention with Azerbaijan Agreed in Principle, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Ministry of Finance. Access Date: 6 June 2022. https://www.mof.go.jp/english/policy/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20220527Aze.html

¹⁸²² Digital Rural City National Concept Realization Conference, Cabinet Secretariat (Tokyo) 1 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022. https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/digital_denen/index.html

¹⁸²³ Joint Meeting of Reconstruction Promotion Council and Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, Prime Minister's Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022. https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03fukko_gensai.html

Earthquake in 2011 and lifted the evacuation order for Futaba Town and part of Katsura Village to “accelerate the reconstruction of Fukushima.”¹⁸²⁴

On 3 June 2022, the Prime Minister’s Office held a joint meeting with the Headquarters for Creating a Society in Which All Women Shine and the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality.¹⁸²⁵ Participants finalized the Intensive Policy for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality 2022 to promote female financial independence as a “core of the new capitalism” project by addressing pay gaps and strengthening responses to gender violence.¹⁸²⁶

On 7 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced JPY65 billion in additional support for emergency economic recovery support in Ukraine.¹⁸²⁷ This financial aid intends to help the Government of Ukraine reach short-term financial goals during the economic crisis related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 14 June 2022, Prime Minister Kishida held the 12th meeting of the Sustainable Development Goals Promotion Headquarters during which participants discussed the progress in initiatives related to the SDGs.¹⁸²⁸ At the meeting, the participants discussed the progress in initiatives on the SDGs.

Japan took strong actions to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all SDGs, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies (development) by extending financial, material and strategic aid to eligible countries. Japan has especially maintained international presence in COVID-19 pandemic response and joined G7 members against Russia in the Russia- Ukraine conflict. Japan also supported sustainability and inclusivity by launching new initiatives in sustainable energy development domestically.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

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Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 25 November 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the 3rd International Conference on Action with Women and Peace.¹⁸²⁹ The purpose of the conference was to discuss the situation of conflict-related sexual violence in Asia and the urgent need for women’s role and leadership in the process of peace-building. Korea also presented an action plan in the context of the Action with Women and Peace Initiative which promises to fulfill its contributions towards women, peace and the security agenda through concrete actions such as hosting its Annual International Conference on Action with Women and Peace, prioritizing the survivor-centered

¹⁸²⁴ Joint Meeting of Reconstruction Promotion Council and Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022.

https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03fukko_gensai.html

¹⁸²⁵ Joint meeting of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine and the Headquarters for Gender Equality Promotion, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022.

https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03josei.html

¹⁸²⁶ Joint meeting of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine and the Headquarters for Gender Equality Promotion, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 3 June 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 June 2022.

https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/03josei.html

¹⁸²⁷ Additional Support for Emergency Economic Recovery to Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000299.html

¹⁸²⁸ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters, Prime Minister’s Office (Tokyo) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202206/_00026.html

¹⁸²⁹ 3rd International Conference on “Action with Women and Peace,” Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 29 November 2021. Access Date: 20 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320695&page=2

approach, responding to and preventing conflict-related sexual violence through the development of cooperative projects and through participating in the Women, Peace and Security Focal Point Network.

From 11 December 2021 to 12 December 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chung Eui-yong attended the G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting in Liverpool, England.¹⁸³⁰ During the meeting, Minister Chung announced the country's commitment "to contribute to the COVID-19 recovery, to strengthen the resilience of global supply chains and to expand infrastructure investments in the Indo-Pacific region," emphasizing an inclusive and balanced approach in fulfilling these commitments. Minister Chung also brought attention to the need for participating countries to cooperate in restoring the sustainability and resilience of supply chains and expanding infrastructure investment for peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. Minister Chung also reaffirmed the Korean government's resolute position in the issue of sexual violence in conflict, particularly with regards to women's human rights in Myanmar and Afghanistan.

On 14 December 2021, President Moon Jae-in and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison agreed to update their bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership at the Korea-Australia Expanded Summit in Seoul.¹⁸³¹ The two countries agreed to expand their cooperation to include "supply chain stability and the development and commercialization of low-carbon technology, as well as space and cyber technologies and other future-oriented high-tech fields."

On 21 January 2022, President Moon provided a series of opening remarks for the Saudi-Korean Investment Forum which was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.¹⁸³² In his speech, President Moon emphasized three key areas for future cooperation between the two countries: cooperation in the field of hydrogen – a key energy source in the era of carbon neutrality; cooperation in future city construction; and cooperation of new growth engines such in healthcare and medical service-related cooperation with regards to diagnostic kits and other epidemic prevention and control supplies, as well as COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

On 14 February 2022, the Ministry of Science held the seventh meeting of Korea and the EU Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in Seoul.¹⁸³³ This meeting discussed policies to achieve carbon neutrality and brought attention to "five core areas for cooperation: information and communication technology; health and bio; climate change; emerging future technology; research hub; and human capital development." Korea pledged to research cooperatively with the EU to aid in global antibiotic resistance research, understand best practices for controlling the spread of COVID-19 and develop methods to accelerate carbon neutrality.

On 21 February 2022, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced it would be transferring blue carbon-driven advanced aquaculture technology to Vietnam as part of its official development assistance endeavours. In order to successfully implement the project, the Ministry will "leverage the untapped potential of blue carbon resources that sequester carbon (such as mangroves and other marine ecosystems) in the coastal region of Vietnam."¹⁸³⁴ A full-scale project will be implemented from 2022 to 2026 with a total budget of KRW3 billion

¹⁸³⁰ Minister of Foreign Affairs Attends G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 22 February 2022

https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320703&page=1

¹⁸³¹ Remarks by President Moon Jae-in at Korea-Australia Expanded Summit, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 21 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320701&page=1

¹⁸³² Remarks by President Moon Jae-in at Saudi-Korean Investment Forum, Government of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 20 February 2022. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5674/view.do?seq=320707&page=1

¹⁸³³ The 7th meeting of the Republic of Korea (Korea) -- European Union (EU) Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological (S&T) Cooperation, Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 14 February 2022. Access Date: 22 February 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6306&type=O&insttCode=A110439&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

¹⁸³⁴ MOF Transfers Blue Carbon-Driven Advanced Aquaculture Technology to Vietnam, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 23 February 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6313&type=O&insttCode=A110440&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

to share its leading aquaculture farming techniques with Vietnam. Bringing together Korea Forest Service's ongoing mangrove reforestation efforts (330 hectares for 2020 to 2024) and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries' aquaculture expertise, the goal of the project is "to restore habitats rich in organic matter through mangrove rehabilitation and to create synergy with shellfish farming."

On 3 May 2022, the Ministry of Environment held a bilateral meeting with the Mongolian Ministry of Environment and Tourism where the two countries signed an agreement to cooperate in the mitigation of GHG in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as well as a memorandum of understanding on Environmental Cooperation.¹⁸³⁵ Both countries agreed to carry out the greenhouse gas reduction project and to organize a joint committee that will monitor the implementation of the arrangement. The Ministry of Environment also agreed to provide Mongolia with institutional and technical support to achieve carbon neutrality, including building a GHG emission inventory, technical support, and strengthening existing measurement, reporting and verification capabilities.

On 10 May 2022, Korea announced it would provide USD13.8 million in humanitarian assistance to Syria, as well as Lebanon and Jordan that have been hosting Syrian refugees, at the 6th Brussels Conference on "Supporting the future of Syria and the Region."¹⁸³⁶ The funds will prioritize life-saving assistance such as food, water and health services, as well as long-term resilience-building initiatives for vulnerable communities.

On 11 May 2022, Minister of Environment Han Wha-jin outlined four policy directives to successfully implement the national task of "achieving carbon neutrality and creating a sustainable future."¹⁸³⁷ The directives included establishing environmental policies grounded in science, technology and innovation; enhance the policies' applicability through better communication and cooperation; respond to the international environmental order by proactively responding to international environmental norms, such as carbon barriers to trade, ending plastic pollution and green finance; and, enhance policies and administrative systems that match the advancement of present day science and technology.

On 12 May 2022, President Yoon Suk-yeol pledged to provide an additional USD300 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator initiative, sponsored by the World Health Organization, which will fund COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines for developing countries.¹⁸³⁸

On 13 May 2022, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced the official start of the "Ecosystem Guardians" initiative, which seeks to implement protective measures for the marine species such as the Southern bottlenose dolphin and their habitat.¹⁸³⁹ Some of these preservation measures includes the posting or installation of observation guidelines within boat interiors and making announcements during boat operations.

¹⁸³⁵ South Korea and Mongolia to Pursue Cooperation in the Mitigation of GHG in Accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 18 May 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1523930&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=5&gov=>

¹⁸³⁶ Korea Announces US\$13.8 Million in Humanitarian Assistance in Support of Syrian Refugees, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (Seoul) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 19 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6410&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=4&gov=>

¹⁸³⁷ The New Minister of Environment of South Korea, Han Wha-jin, to "Create Sustainable Future through Convergence and Harmony," Ministry of Environment (Seoul) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 20 May 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1525660&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=3&gov=>

¹⁸³⁸ S.Korea's Yoon pledges \$300 million to global COVID response initiative, Reuters (Seoul) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/skoreas-yoon-pledges-300-million-global-covid-response-initiative-2022-05-12/>

¹⁸³⁹ Protecting the Southern Bottlenose Dolphins of Jeju, "Ecosystem Guardians" in Action, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Seoul) 13 May 2022. Access Date: 21 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6413&type=O&insttCode=A110440&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=6&gov=>

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On 15 May 2022, Second Vice Minister of Health and Welfare Lee Ki-il attended the first meeting of health ministers of Korea and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the ninth ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers meeting in Bali, Indonesia.¹⁸⁴⁰ This year's meeting centered around the themes of 'Strengthening Health Systems for Sustainable Universal Coverage,' and 'Health Security for Resilient Health Systems.' At the conference, Second Vice Minister Lee discussed the ASEAN-Korea Healthcare Partnership cooperation projects, including the K-Health International Cooperation Project, which will be carried out to share Korea's experiences in health insurance, primary health care and public health reinforcement activities with ASEAN member states.

On 16 May 2022, Korea announced the expansion of eligibility for prescription oral antiviral pills for COVID-19 to include patients with underlying symptoms that meet the age requirement for emergency use.¹⁸⁴¹ The government has placed an additional purchase order of 1.009 million doses, which has increased the total volume of antiviral treatment to 2.071 million doses.

On 29 May 2022, the Ministry of Environment announced that fourteen environmental bills passed the National Assembly plenary session and will be transferred for approval by the State Council.¹⁸⁴² The bills that are to be transferred for approval include: the Framework Act on Environmental Policy; the Sewerage Act; The Act on the Integrated Control of Pollutant-discharging Facilities; The Wildlife Protection and Management Act; The Natural Environment Conservation Act; The Korea National Park Service Act; The River Act; The Persistent Organic Pollutants Control Act; The Special Act on the Reduction and Management of Fine Dust; The Natural Parks Act; the Act on Resource Circulation of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Vehicles; the Clean Air Conservation Act; and the Asbestos Safety Management Act.

From 21 May 2022 to 28 May 2022, Director General Yoon Chan Sik for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Health and Welfare attended the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.¹⁸⁴³ At the Assembly, Director General Yoon highlighted South Korea's active participation in the efforts of the international community to bring an end to COVID-19, such as their contribution of USD300 million to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator initiative announced on 12 May 2022. Director General Yoon also announced that Korea will be co-hosting the 'World Bio Summit' with the World Health Organization in October 2022 in Seoul, which will "present a vision for the international community regarding preparation against future pandemic outbreaks."

On 8 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that Korea would provide USD1.2 million in assistance through the International Atomic Energy Agency to support the safe and secure operation of Ukraine's nuclear power plants under the threat of military conflict.¹⁸⁴⁴ The assistance will support efforts in Ukraine to ensure the safety and security of the plants, management of radioactive waste and implementation of safeguards measures.

¹⁸⁴⁰ Korea and ASEAN to discuss collaboration regarding universal medical coverage and health security issues, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 21 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=371528&type=N&insttCode=A260111&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

¹⁸⁴¹ Additional Purchase of Oral COVID-19 Pills and Expansion of Prescription Targets, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 20 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=371505&type=N&insttCode=A260111&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

¹⁸⁴² The National Assembly passed fourteen environmental bills, Ministry of Environment (Seoul) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1528970&type=N&insttCode=A260112&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

¹⁸⁴³ MOHW Emphasizes International Cooperation for Peace and Health at the WHO 75th World Health Assembly, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 5 May 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=371607&type=N&insttCode=A260111&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=2&gov=>

¹⁸⁴⁴ ROK Government Provides US\$1.2 Million Worth of Assistance through IAEA for Safety and Security of Ukraine's Nuclear Power Plants (8 June 2022), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6453&type=O&insttCode=A110405&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=undefined>

On 8 June 2022, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Lee Chang-yang met with United Arab Emirates' Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber to discuss industrial technology and energy supply chain cooperation.¹⁸⁴⁵ Their discussions focused on opportunities to expand economic cooperation in new industries like digital transition, e-learning and bio.

Korea took strong actions to promote a sustainable, equitable, inclusive and resilient recovery by strengthening its cooperation with trading partners, creating initiatives that support the health of women and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals. Korea also took part in numerous roundtables and discussions advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Maria del Mar Cuevas

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 16 December 2021, Mexico donated 1 million AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador as part of Mexico's pro tempore presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and in solidarity with the nations of the region during the pandemic.¹⁸⁴⁶

On 12 January 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Novartis Mexico signed a memorandum of understanding to promote investment in health.¹⁸⁴⁷ The memorandum calls for cooperation in actions for economic recovery and promotion of health and investment in Mexico, with which Novartis Mexico will invest USD50 million. Together, they agreed to coordinate actions within the next five years that fall within four strategic pillars, which are: internal market, employment, and business; investment promotion and facilities; international trade; and regionalization and sectors.¹⁸⁴⁸

On 2 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard visited the Center for Human Resources Specialization in the Automotive Sector and various hybrid assembly plants in Ciudad Modelo, Puebla to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.¹⁸⁴⁹ It was announced that the Foreign Ministry will connect the state of Puebla with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the UN Human Settlements Program to

¹⁸⁴⁵ Korea and UAE to kick energy and tech cooperation into high gear, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Seoul) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=6456&type=O&insttCode=A110412&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=undefined>

¹⁸⁴⁶ Mexico donates 1 million COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador Press Release 589, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-donates-1-million-covid-19-vaccines-to-ecuador-press-release-589?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁴⁷ Ministry of Economy and Novartis Mexico sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Promote Investment in Health, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/se/galerias/2022-ene-12-secretaria-de-economia-y-novartis-mexico-firman-memorandum-de-entendimiento-para-fomentar-la-inversion-en-salud?idiom=es>

¹⁸⁴⁸ The Ministry of Economy and Novartis signed an agreement in which the laboratory will invest 50 million dollars in Mexico, Grupo Consulto EFE (Mexico City) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://grupoconsultorefe.com/recursos/latam-weekly/279/the-ministry-of-economy-and-novartis-signed-an-agreement-the-laboratory-will-invest-50-million-dollars-in-mexico>

¹⁸⁴⁹ In Puebla, Foreign Secretary Ebrard announces international collaboration for electrical vehicle transition Press Release 33, Government of Mexico (Ciudad Modelo) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/in-puebla-foreign-secretary-ebard-announces-international-collaboration-for-electric-vehicle-transition?idiom=en>

create an economic promotion atlas with the methodology that was developed for the Territorial-Industrial Investment Atlas.

On 2 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard announced a citizen consultation on urban policy priorities that invites citizens to share their concerns and ideas about the future of Mexican cities following the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁸⁵⁰ In addition to the consultation, there will be “Interconnecting Smart Cities” forums that will take place in cities around the country that form part of Mexico’s agenda at the 2022 UN-Habitat World Urban Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean in Poland this year.

On 8 February 2022, the Foreign Ministry and the University of California announced the creation of the Mexico-United States Electrical Vehicle Working Group – an initiative which aims to ensure a coordinated and strategic transition towards electromobility that encompasses work in five thematic areas: innovation, human capital, provider development, infrastructure development and governance structures.¹⁸⁵¹ This initiative is in keeping with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador’s instructions to reactivate the economy by focusing on development and projects that attract investment with regards to transitioning the automotive sector to electric vehicles.

On 10 February 2022, Representatives from Mexico, Canada and the United States convened virtually for the Fifth North American Drug Dialogue to follow-up on the progress that has been made since the last meeting in December 2019.¹⁸⁵² The meeting primarily focused on actions that were undertaken to address the production and trafficking of illegal drugs, the public health harms associated with drug use, overdoses, and illicit finance. Representatives of all three countries agreed to continue to work together to “finalize and adopt a framework that encompasses a comprehensive approach to address drug related issues; to improve and advance cooperation efforts and information sharing to better respond to North American illegal drug production and trafficking; to continue to facilitate information exchange of best practices to strengthen public health approaches to address harms associated with drug use and overdoses; and to strengthen cooperation to address illicit activities.”

On 11 February 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard took part in the One Planet Summit for the Ocean that was held in Brest, France.¹⁸⁵³ The purpose of the Summit was to increase the initiatives taken by the international community to protect marine ecosystems, fight ocean pollution and collectively address the impacts of the climate crisis.

On 18 February 2022, the Foreign Ministry reported that Mexico delivered 2,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Dominica on 17 February 2022 and 10,000 doses to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 18 February 2022.¹⁸⁵⁴

On 21 February 2022, the Ministry of Economy announced the creation of an initiative called “Soluciones 2030,” which aims to promote sustainable development at the local level by linking local governments and

¹⁸⁵⁰ Foreign Secretary Ebrard announces citizen consultation for the 2022 UN-Habitat world Urban Forum Press Release 34, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 15 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebrard-announces-citizen-consultation-for-the-2022-un-habitat-world-urban-forum?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵¹ Foreign Secretary Ebrard presents binational electric vehicle working group Press Release 42, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 8 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebrard-presents-binational-electric-vehicle-working-group?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵² Fifth Meeting of the North American Dialogue Press Release 49, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/fifth-meeting-of-the-north-american-drug-dialogue?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵³ Foreign Secretary Ebrard calls on world leaders to protect the oceans Press Release 48, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-secretary-ebrard-calls-on-world-leaders-to-protect-the-oceans>

¹⁸⁵⁴ Mexico donates COVID-19 vaccines to Dominica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 18 February 2022. Access Date: 20 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-donates-covid-19-vaccines-to-dominica-and-saint-vincent-and-the-grenadines?idiom=en>

organizations to innovative projects that provide solutions to the challenges of sustainable development.¹⁸⁵⁵ In the first edition of Soluciones 2030, up to 30 local governments and 50 initiatives for innovative solutions to socio-environmental challenges will be selected to participate in the Soluciones 2030 Meeting where participants will strengthen their proposals and work on multi-stakeholder procedures to implement solutions that respond to local challenges of sustainable development.

On 2 March 2022, Mexico and Japan launched a project to strengthen disaster risk governance in Mexico.¹⁸⁵⁶ The initiative will center around developing local plans to implement existing disaster risk reduction (DRR) investments in Mexico City and Chiapas with regards to their seismic and hydrological risks. The project will run from May 2022 to June 2025, and includes human resource training, local DRR plans at the pilot sites, a training program to prepare the local plans and risk assessment that will be applied to other pilot sites in the second phase of the initiative.

On 11 March 2022, the Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora recognized Mexico's progress in implementing Decision 18.293 regarding the threats to totoaba and vaquita species in Mexico.¹⁸⁵⁷ According to the Mexican delegation, the country's progress has lowered the risk level of totoaba from "endangered" to "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

On 14 March 2022, Mexico participated in the United Nations' 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which focused on the effects of the climate crisis and pandemics on women's rights.¹⁸⁵⁸ Mexico called for broad promotion of women's rights and asserted its commitment to recognizing the multiple crises faced by women and girls as a consequence of the climate crisis and pandemics.

On 16 March 2022, Mexico reaffirmed its international commitment to gender equality by ratifying the International Labour Organization Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment, which aims to eradicate all forms of violence and discrimination against women in the workforce.¹⁸⁵⁹

On 25 March 2022, the Foreign Ministry, the German Agency for International Cooperation in Mexico and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation held an event on 'Civil society and the prevention

¹⁸⁵⁵ Solutions 2030: initiative to face local challenges in sustainable development, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 18 February 2022. Translation by Analyst. <https://www.gob.mx/se/articulos/soluciones-2030-iniciativa-para-hacer-frente-a-desafios-locales-en-desarrollo-sostenible-295093?idiom=es>

¹⁸⁵⁶ Mexico and Japan begin a disaster risk reduction project in Mexico, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-and-japan-begin-a-disaster-risk-reduction-project-in-mexico?idiom=en> <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-and-japan-begin-a-disaster-risk-reduction-project-in-mexico?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵⁷ Mexico takes another step towards protecting the vaquita porpoise and totoaba, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 13 March 2022. Access Date: 4 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-takes-another-step-towards-protecting-the-vaquita-porpoise-and-totoaba?idiom=en> <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-takes-another-step-towards-protecting-the-vaquita-porpoise-and-totoaba?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵⁸ Mexican delegation participates in the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 14 March 2022. Translation by Analyst. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexican-delegation-participates-in-the-66th-session-of-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women?idiom=en> <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexican-delegation-participates-in-the-66th-session-of-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁵⁹ Mexico ratifies ILO Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 6 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-ratifies-ilo-convention-190-on-violence-and-harassment?idiom=en> <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-ratifies-ilo-convention-190-on-violence-and-harassment?idiom=en>

of violence against women and girls during COVID-19.¹⁸⁶⁰ The aim of the event was to evaluate the results and findings of projects undertaken by these organizations in order to design inclusive public policies to prevent violence against women in the context of COVID-19 lockdowns.

On 27 March 2022, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation took part in the 4th session of the Monitoring Committee of the Mexico-Caricom-FAO initiative on ‘Cooperation for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in the Caribbean’ in Bridgetown, Barbados.¹⁸⁶¹ The initiative includes projects related to the water-energy nexus in agriculture, resilient school food projects, as well as a resilient aquaculture sector to strengthen food security in the Caribbean.

On 24 May 2022, the Foreign Ministry and the UNDP concluded consultations with 70 women from government, civil society and academia in Querétaro, Mexico on environmental and urban issues.¹⁸⁶² The aim of the consultation was to incorporate these women’s concerns into Mexico’s positions in the lead-up to the World Urban Forum and Stockholm+50.

On 26 May 2022, Foreign Secretary Ebrard and Argentina’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Santiago Cafiero held a council meeting for the Mexico-Argentina Strategic Partnership Agreement during which they agreed to continue strengthening the political and economic-commercial cooperation between the two countries, and to continue focusing on issues pertaining to the digital agenda, international humanitarian assistance, comprehensive disaster risk management and gender equality.¹⁸⁶³

On 10 June 2022, Mexico announced it will expand its temporary labor programs for foreigners and integrate refugees into its labor market by launching a new labor cooperation program for 15,000-20,000 Guatemalans and expanding the existing Border Worker Card Program, doubling it to include 10,000-20,000 additional beneficiaries per year.¹⁸⁶⁴

On 14 June 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the first Mexican Oceans Caucus which will engage in a strategic collaboration with the executive and legislative branches of government to accelerate the country’s transition to a sustainable ocean economy.¹⁸⁶⁵

¹⁸⁶⁰ Foreign Ministry, Amexcid and GIZ Mexico promote strategies to prevent violence and discrimination against women and girls, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 25 March 2022. Access Date: 7 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-amexcid-and-giz-mexico-promote-strategies-to-prevent-violence-and-discrimination-against-women-and-girls?idiom=en><https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-amexcid-and-giz-mexico-promote-strategies-to-prevent-violence-and-discrimination-against-women-and-girls?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁶¹ Amexcid participates in the 4th session of the Monitoring Committee for the Mexico-Caricom-FAO Initiative, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 27 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/amexcid-participates-in-the-4th-session-of-the-monitoring-committee-for-the-mexico-caricom-fao-initiative?idiom=en>
<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/amexcid-participates-in-the-4th-session-of-the-monitoring-committee-for-the-mexico-caricom-fao-initiative?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁶² Foreign Ministry, UNDP conclude consultations with women in Querétaro, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 30 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-undp-conclude-consultations-with-women-in-queretaro?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁶³ Mexico-Argentina Joint Statement, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-argentina-joint-statement?idiom=en> <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-argentina-joint-statement?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁶⁴ Mexico to expand labor mobility programs and integrate refugees into its labor market, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-to-expand-labor-mobility-programs-and-integrate-refugees-into-its-labor-market?idiom=en>

¹⁸⁶⁵ The first Mexican Oceans Caucus is created with the accompaniment of the Foreign Ministry and civil society, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 18 June 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/the-first-mexican-oceans-caucus-is-created-with-the-accompaniment-of-the-foreign-ministry-and-civil-society?idiom=en>

Mexico took strong actions to promote a sustainable, resilient and equitable recovery by investing in public health resources, creating citizen consultations and donating over a million COVID-19 vaccines to Ecuador and thousands of doses to Dominica, Saint Vincent, and the Grenadines.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Maria del Mar Cuevas

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 16 December 2021, Russia approved the rules for posting publicly available information on the state of the environment. According to the new rules, federal, regional, and local authorities are obligated to publish information on the state of the environment, including the quality of atmospheric air, soil, water, and forest resources, harmful emissions, as well as radiation levels on their official websites or make it available to the public through state and municipal information systems.¹⁸⁶⁶

On 28 December 2021, Russia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed two memoranda of understanding investing more than USD14 million in climate action projects.¹⁸⁶⁷ These projects consist of addressing marine litter in the Caspian Sea, supporting the UNDP Climate Box initiative, supporting local communities in Uzbekistan and funding the efforts to implement Sustainable Development Goals in Belarus. The goals of these projects are to drive sustainable climate action within various countries and to nationalize and localize SDGs.

On 29 March 2022, the Federal Project “Clean Air” was extended by two years – until 31 December 2026. The project aims to ensure a significant reduction in air pollution in 12 major industrial centers: Bratsk, Krasnoyarsk, Lipetsk, Magnitogorsk, Mednogorsk, Nizhny Tagil, Novokuznetsk, Norilsk, Omsk, Chelyabinsk, Cherepovets and Chita through measures to reduce emissions from industrial enterprises, municipal and transport infrastructure facilities.¹⁸⁶⁸

On 21 April 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment announced that in March-April 2022 four new projects for the reclamation of landfills near Moscow “Safonovo,” “Yadrovo,” “Zavolenye” and “Taldomsky” were launched in accordance with the federal project “Clean Country” of the national project “Ecology.” Additionally, in December 2021, contracts were signed for the reclamation of the Egorievsky and Volovichi landfills.¹⁸⁶⁹

On 22 April 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment reported that it had finished the drafting of the federal law “On Amending the Forest Code of the Russian Federation” and Article 9 of the Federal Law “On Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” The draft law is aimed at the implementation of

¹⁸⁶⁶ The Government of Russia approved the rules for posting publicly available information on the state of the environment, Russian Government (Moscow) 18 December 2021. Access Date: 2 February 2022. <http://government.ru/news/44150/>.

¹⁸⁶⁷ Russia invests over \$14 million in new projects for climate action and SDGs, UNDP: Europe and Central Asia (New York) 28 December 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2021. <https://www.eurasia.undp.org/content/rbec/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2021/russia-invests-over--14-million-in-new-projects-for-climate-acti.html>

¹⁸⁶⁸ A law was passed that expanded the terms of the federal "Clean Air" project, Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (Moscow) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 30 May 2022. https://www.mnr.gov.ru/press/news/prinyat_zakon_kotoryy_rasshiril_sroki_realizatsii_federalnogo_proekta_chistyy_vozdukh/.

¹⁸⁶⁹ "Clean Country": six new projects for the elimination of large landfills in the Moscow region started in 2022, Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (Moscow) 21 April 2022. Access Date: 30 May 2022. https://www.mnr.gov.ru/press/news/chistaya_strana_v_2022_godu_startovali_shest_novykh_proektov_po_likvidatsii_krupnykh_poligonov_tko_v/.

climate projects in the field of forest relations on the territory of Russia, ensuring the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the absorption of greenhouse gases.¹⁸⁷⁰

Russia took some action to support the fulfillment of SDGs and a sustainable recovery by investing millions of USD in climate action projects to promote sustainable development on a national and local level.

Thus, Russia has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Keab Sharma

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the stated goals of the commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world and to promote equity and accelerate progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 13 December 2021, Minister of Finance Mohammed Al-Jadaan announced the government's plan to promote post-pandemic economic growth and continuation of social supports and benefits while remaining fiscally sustainable.¹⁸⁷¹ The budget aims to implement strategic economic programs with economic and social dimensions.

On 23 January 2022, the National Center for Vegetation and Combating Desertification signed a two-year contract with an Imam Turki bin Abdullah Royal Reserve company promising to plant 400,000 tree seedlings.¹⁸⁷² The goal of the contract is to preserve natural reserves, restore biodiversity in natural environments and improve quality of life throughout the country.

On 24 January 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed a memorandum of understanding with the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.¹⁸⁷³ The purpose of the memorandum is to increase cooperation between government officials and policy experts with scientists and researchers in order to leverage research and evidence in achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

On 3 February 2022, the Steering Committee for Sustainable Development held a meeting under the supervision of the Minister of Economy and Planning Faisal Alibrahim.¹⁸⁷⁴ The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Sustainable Development Goals, the Saudi Kingdom's performance during the past year and the roadmap towards achieving SDGs.

On 6 February 2022, the Deputy Governor of Madinah Prince Saud bin Khalid Al-Faisal oversaw the launch of the Smart Madinah Forum.¹⁸⁷⁵ The purpose of the forum was to discuss goals to make Madinah one of Saudi Arabia's three most livable cities by increasing its annual economic growth by 3 per cent and reducing unemployment by 5 per cent by 2030.

¹⁸⁷⁰ Forest climate projects will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (Moscow) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 30 May 2022.

https://www.mnr.gov.ru/press/news/klimaticheskie_proekty_v_oblasti_lesnykh_otnosheniy_pomogut_sokratit_vybrosy_parniko_vykh_gazov/.

¹⁸⁷¹ Minister of Finance: The Budget 2022 to Focus on Service Improvement, Fiscal Sustainability and Private Sector Empowerment, Government of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) 13 December 2021. Access Date: 25 February 2022. <https://www.my.gov.sa/wps/portal/snp/content/news/newsDetails/CONT-news-131220213>

¹⁸⁷² Saudi royal reserve to plant 400k seedlings, Arab News (Riyadh), 23 January 2022. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2009831/saudi-arabia>

¹⁸⁷³ MEP & KAUST sign MoU to advance Vision 2030 efforts and SDGs in Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Economy & Planning (Riyadh) 24 January 2022. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/-MEP-&-KAUST-sign-MoU-to-advance-Vision-2030-efforts-and-SDGs-in-Saudi-Arabia.aspx>

¹⁸⁷⁴ Steering Committee for Sustainable Development Holds its Second Meeting, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 3 February 2022. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2326490>

¹⁸⁷⁵ Tech experts discuss smart ways to make Madinah a city of the future, Arab News (Riyadh) 9 February 2022. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2021746/saudi-arabia>

On 24 February 2022, the Federation of Saudi Chambers and the UN Global Compact Network Saudi Arabia signed an agreement to strengthen sustainable development efforts.¹⁸⁷⁶ The agreement aims to promote corporate responsibility and the role of the private sector in achieving SDGs.

On 15 March 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that the Sustainable Tourism Global Centre appointed “eight international experts to lead the multi-country, multi-stakeholder coalition’s bid to reduce the industry’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.”¹⁸⁷⁷

On 20 March 2022, Saudi Arabia attended the Gulf Cooperation Council’s first Gulf Women: Leadership for a Sustainable Tomorrow forum.¹⁸⁷⁸ This forum occurred as Saudi Arabia exceeded its 2030 30 per cent target for women’s labour market participation rate, reaching 32 per cent. The Gulf Cooperation Council discussed how to develop a vision for a joint action mechanism on women’s issues in the region.

On 27 March 2022, Saudi Arabia reiterated its interest in strengthening partnership and cooperation with the UN in development and women’s empowerment at the UN meeting on “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.”¹⁸⁷⁹ Saudi Arabia aims to contribute to this through strengthening laws, policies and regulatory frameworks.

On 17 April 2022, Saudi Arabia converted USD300 million deposit in Mauritania’s central bank into a soft loan.¹⁸⁸⁰ This will support development and inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

On 6 May 2022, Saudi Arabia participated in the ministerial session of the Seventh United Nations Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals, which aims to innovate technical solutions to address the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and promote sustainable development.¹⁸⁸¹

On 9 May 2022, Minister of Energy Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud signed a memorandum of understanding regarding renewable energy and a framework agreement for cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy with Morocco’s Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development.¹⁸⁸²

¹⁸⁷⁶ Saudi, UN bodies sign sustainable development deal, Arab News (Riyadh) 24 February 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2031286/saudi-arabia>

¹⁸⁷⁷ Saudi-initiated global tourism body appoints 8 top experts, Arab News (Riyadh) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2043051/business-economy>

¹⁸⁷⁸ GCC to adopt joint mechanism for women’s issues, Arab News (Riyadh) 20 March 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2046421/saudi-arabia>

¹⁸⁷⁹ Saudi Arabia keen to strengthen UN partnership, cooperation in development and women’s empowerment, Arab News (Riyadh) 27 March 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2051091/saudi-arabia>

¹⁸⁸⁰ Saudi Arabia converts \$300 million deposit in Mauritania’s central bank to soft loan, Al Arabiya News (Riyadh) 17 April 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/04/17/Saudi-Arabia-converts-300-million-deposit-in-Mauritania-s-central-bank-to-soft-loan>

¹⁸⁸¹ KACST President: Saudi Arabia has taken great steps to harness science, technology and innovation; achieve sustainable development goals and sustainable recovery from Coronavirus epidemic, Saudi Press Agency (New York) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2352024#2352024>

¹⁸⁸² The Ministry of Energy signs a memorandum of understanding in the field of renewable energy and a cooperation agreement for the peaceful uses of atomic energy with the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development in the sisterly Kingdom of Morocco, Ministry of Energy (Riyadh) 9 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/ar/MediaCenter/News/Pages/ministry-of-energy-signs-renewable-energy-mou-with-Moroccan-energy-ministry.aspx#!>

On 14 May 2022, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), founded by King Salman bin Abdulaziz distributed 400 food baskets to the neediest groups in the Dourbali Governorate of Chad which benefitted 2,400 people.¹⁸⁸³

On 27 May 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that surplus revenues from oil production would be invested in resilience, such as paying off debts accelerating transformation projects.¹⁸⁸⁴

On 29 May 2022, Saudi Arabia participating in the World Economic Forum 2022 under the theme “History at a Turning Point: Government Policies and Business Strategies.”¹⁸⁸⁵ The Saudi delegation focused on Vision 2030 initiatives and discussed efforts to address SDGs related to climate and nature, fairer economics, technology and innovation, jobs and skills, social equality and global cooperation. Saudi Arabia also signed three memoranda of understanding with the World Economy Forum on enhancing the healthcare sector and food security.

On 1 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced that it had invested over USD94.6 billion in humanitarian and relief aid before 1996 and 2022 to 164 countries.¹⁸⁸⁶ This was announced at the National Council of US-Arab Relations meeting. The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, established in 2015, had implemented 2,000 humanitarian projects in 84 countries worth nearly USD5.8 billion alongside the UN and international organizations.

On 3 June 2022, Minister of Finance and the Kingdom’s Governor of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Mohammed Aljadaan called on the IsDB to establish an “urgent and comprehensive plan to proactively address the challenges of food security in the member countries,” while reaffirming the Kingdom’s willingness to provide technical support for this goal.¹⁸⁸⁷

On 9 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced a grant of USD30 million for the Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund.¹⁸⁸⁸ The funding will go to development in Afghanistan to support the people and limit further deterioration.

On 11 June 2022, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Ahmed bin Sulaiman Al-Rajhi met with the Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mathias Cormann in Paris during the ministerial meeting of OECD Working and Employment Group.¹⁸⁸⁹ During the meeting, Minister Al-Rajhi stated the importance of such meetings to “intensify efforts and consolidate joint cooperation between countries to meet the challenges facing labor markets and societies,” and highlighted that the Saudi Arabian labor market has undergone a transformation in recent years that was “in line with the Kingdom’s vision 2030, which aims to build a more prosperous, developing and vibrant homeland.”

¹⁸⁸³ KSrelief Distributes 400 Food Baskets to Neediest Groups in Dourbali Governorate of Chad, Saudi Press Agency (N'Djamena) 14 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2353866#2353866>

¹⁸⁸⁴ Surplus oil revenues will be invested in ‘resilience,’ Saudi Economy Minister Faisal Al-Ibrahim tells Arab News, Arab News (Riyadh) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2090831/saudi-arabia>

¹⁸⁸⁵ Saudi delegation concludes successful participation in World Economic Forum 2022, Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyahd) 22 May 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-delegation-concludes-successful-participation-in-WEF-2022.aspx>

¹⁸⁸⁶ Dr. Al-Rabeeah: KSA offered humanitarian aid to 164 countries worth over \$94bn, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/621266>

¹⁸⁸⁷ AlJadaan Urges the IsDB Group to Develop an Urgent and Comprehensive Plan to Proactively Address Challenges of Food Security in the Member Countries, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 5 June 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2360058>

¹⁸⁸⁸ Saudi Arabia provides \$30 million grant to Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund, Al Arabiya (Riyadh) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/06/09/Saudi-Arabia-provides-30-million-grant-to-Afghanistan-Humanitarian-Trust-Fund>

¹⁸⁸⁹ Saudi Minister of Human Resources and Social Development meets OECD Secretary General, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 11 June 2022. Access Date: 11 June 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2361603#2361603>

On 13 June 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Planning signed the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. “The agreement aims to enhance the partnership between Saudi Arabia and the UN to accelerate their joint efforts to deliver progress on sustainable development in Saudi Arabia and meet the goals outlined in the 17 SDGs under the UN 2030 Agenda, as well as the socioeconomic ambitions of the Kingdom's Vision 2030.”¹⁸⁹⁰

On 21 June 2022, Saudi Arabia announced a joint investment with Egypt in generating renewable energy through an electric power project with a capacity of 10 gigawatts through Aquapower Company. The two countries also “agreed to continue coordination and cooperation in the field of preserving the marine environment, enhance commercial exchange between the two countries, mainly in the field of agricultural products...enhance cooperation in the medical field and stressed keenness to support global initiatives aimed at combating pandemics and current and future health threats and challenges...welcomed increasing the level of scientific and educational cooperation, calling for increasing cooperation in the higher education, research and innovation fields, and encouraging universities and scientific institutions and research centers to enhance research cooperation in fields of joint interest.”¹⁸⁹¹

Saudi Arabia has taken actions to promote sustainable and equitable recovery by committing to the development of biodiversity through planting 400,000 trees within two years and providing food to impoverished communities. Saudi Arabia has taken strong actions in support of an inclusive and resilient recovery to accelerate SDGs during the compliance period. Saudi Arabia has taken strong actions to advance SDGs and recovery such as signing the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arad Farhadi-Niaki

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery, promoting equity and accelerating progress on some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 10 November 2021, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Barbara Creecy alongside Ministers of Brazil, India and China, representing Brazil, South Africa, India and China (BASIC), gathered in Glasgow, United Kingdom to attend the 26th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.¹⁸⁹² This meeting highlighted that “the BASIC countries continue to lead from the front on climate change actions” and that South Africa had submitted an updated and “significantly more ambitious” Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement.

¹⁸⁹⁰ Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Economy and Planning and the United Nations in Saudi Arabia Strengthen Partnership to Accelerate Sustainable Development Efforts through Signing the “United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework” (UNSDCF 2022-2026), Ministry of Economy and Planning (Riyadh) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Saudi-Arabia%E2%80%99s-Ministry-of-Economy-and-Planning-and-the-United-Nations-in-Saudi-Arabia-Strengthen-Partnership-to-Accelerate.aspx>

¹⁸⁹¹ Final Joint Statement for HRH Crown Prince’s Visit to Egypt Issued, Saudi Press Agency (Cairo) 21 June 2022. Access Date: 29 August 2022. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/2364362>

¹⁸⁹² Forestry, Fisheries and Environment releases joint statement on UNFCCC’s Glasgow Climate Change Conference, South African Government (Glasgow) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/basic-ministerial-joint-statement-unfccc%E2%80%99s-glasgow-climate-change-conference-cop26cmp16cma3>

On 18 November 2021, Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel and industry stakeholders signed the Global Business Services Masterplan.¹⁸⁹³ The plan seeks to invite government, industry, social partners and labour to work together for a shared vision and agenda in the economic sector.

On 14 December 2021, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiza announced the start of the second phase of the South African Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan.¹⁸⁹⁴ This programme seeks to support vulnerable individuals and groups, address the country's unemployment challenge and “sustain self-employment for subsistence producers.”

On 14 December 2021, the Umtata Women's Support Centre, funded by South Africa's National Development Agency, launched the Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme which aims to bring women in rural regions together using the Masiphunge, or “Let's Have a Cup of Tea' approach.¹⁸⁹⁵ This programme aims to make a safe space for women to “heal and encourage holistic wellness physically, spiritually and psychologically” to help reduce gender violence and gender inequality.

On 1 February 2022, Minister of Human Settlement Mmamoloko Kubayi announced the launch of the Property Practitioner Regulatory Authority with the initiation of the Property Practitioners Act.¹⁸⁹⁶ The Act seeks to strengthen the regulatory authority of the Human Settlement sector and protect consumers in the property industry. The Act will also help heal historical division and produce an inclusive economic recovery by helping practitioners who have been historically disadvantaged, such as women, people with disabilities and individuals who were disadvantaged by the Apartheid regime.

On 17 February 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa participated in the African Union – European Union Summit with Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor.¹⁸⁹⁷ Leaders involved in this summit exchanged views and commitments on financing for sustainable and inclusive growth, climate actions, peace, security and governance, as well as sustainable development. Leaders also pledged to launch an ambitious Africa-Europe Investment Package that aims to address global challenges, such as the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 17 February 2022, Deputy Minister of Basic Education Reginah Mhaule announced the launch of the Learner Pregnancy Policy.¹⁸⁹⁸ This policy addresses the negative consequences of early and unintended pregnancy through education, specifically through the provision of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education curriculum. The policy will also “link learners to sexual reproductive health services, care counselling and support.”

On 4 March 2022, Minister of Employment and Labour Thulas Nxesi launched a training project program through a partnership agreement with the Fuze Institute for Humanitarian Praxis and the Unemployment

¹⁸⁹³ Minister Ebrahim Patel's keynote address at the signing of the GBS Masterplan, South African Government (Cape Town) 22 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/minister-ebrahim-patels-keynote-address-at-the-signing-of-the-gbs-masterplan/>

¹⁸⁹⁴ Minister Thoko Didiza announces second phase of implementation of Presidential Employment Stimulus Initiative for subsistence producers, South African Government (Cape Town) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thoko-didiza-announces-second-phase-implementation-presidential-employment>

¹⁸⁹⁵ National Development Agency on the launch of Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/umtata-women%E2%80%99s-support-centre-launches-masiphunge-women-empowerment-programme-14-dec-2021>

¹⁸⁹⁶ Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi: Launch of the Property Practitioner Regulatory Authority, South African Government (Cape Town) 1 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-launch-property-practitioner-regulatory-authority-1-feb-2022-0000>

¹⁸⁹⁷ President Cyril Ramaphosa participates in 6th AU-EU Summit in Brussels, 17-18 Feb, South African Government (Cape Town) 16 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/node/811716>

¹⁸⁹⁸ Deputy Minister Reginah Mhaule: Launch of the Learner Pregnancy Policy, South African Government (Cape Town) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/keynote-address-deputy-minister-basic-education-dr-mr-mhaule-launch-learner-pregnancy>

Insurance Fund (UIF) in KwaZulu-Natal.¹⁸⁹⁹ The UIF will provide a SAR551 million investment for the program which will allow 19,921 beneficiaries to undergo training in “fibre optics, food handling and mixed farming sectors.”

On 8 April 2022, Minister of Human Settlements Mmamoloko Kubayi announced that the “Cabinet has approved just over 14,000 hectares made up of 167 portions of land held by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure for release for human settlements development.”¹⁹⁰⁰ This release of land serves to provide the poor and the marginalized in urban areas the access to land and thereby sustain inclusive economic growth in the urban region. The Minister noted that the government has made the decision to revise the income threshold for people applying for social housing. This change will make more people eligible for social housing and thereby allow more people to participate in an inclusive economy in urban areas.

On 5 May 2022, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana announced the launch of Southern Africa-Towards Inclusive Development Phase Two.¹⁹⁰¹ The second phase of the programme invites academics and policymakers to respond to policy issues, including ways to develop enterprises to grow the employment rate; how to make structural adjustments and transform to address the labour markets and inequality; approaches to mobilize public revenue for inclusive development; macro-fiscal analysis and policy modelling; implementation of reforms; food, energy and water in light of the ongoing climate change.

On 12 May 2022, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development John Jeffery announced the launch of the Masibambisane Programme, an initiative with multidimensional approaches that seek to empower women of all ages, sexual orientations and gender identities who are affected by gender-based violence.¹⁹⁰² The programme “builds on the community-based multistakeholder models that take a zero-tolerance approach to address [gender-based violence and femicide] and that involve local state actors, civil society and community members in prevention and response activities.”¹⁹⁰³

On 15 May 2022, Minister of Employment and Labour Thulas Nxesi launched the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals and topics such as “education, crises and climate change, social protection, youth employment, financing, agriculture, supply chain and inequality.”¹⁹⁰⁴ Nxesi also made note of and reaffirmed the South African government’s existing progress in slowing down and eliminating child labour.¹⁹⁰⁵

¹⁸⁹⁹ Minister Thulas Nxesi launches training projects in KwaZulu-Natal, 4 Mar, South African Government (Cape Town) 2 March 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/node/811936>

¹⁹⁰⁰ Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi: Affordable Housing Indaba, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-affordable-housing-indaba-8-apr-2022-0000>

¹⁹⁰¹ Minister Enoch Godongwana: Launch of Southern Africa-Towards Inclusive Economic Development Phase 2, South African Government (Cape Town) 5 May 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/xh/speeches/minister-enoch-godongwana-southern-africa-towards-inclusive-economic-development-phase-2>

¹⁹⁰² Deputy Minister John Jeffery: Launch of Masibambisane Programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-john-jeffery-launch-masibambisane-programme-12-may-2022-0000>

¹⁹⁰³ Masibambisane GBV Programme to be launched, South African Government News Agency (Cape Town) 11 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/masibambisane-gbv-programme-be-launched>

¹⁹⁰⁴ Minister Thulas Nxesi launches 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, South African Government (Cape Town) 5 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-launches-5th-global-conference-elimination-child-labour-5-may-2022>

¹⁹⁰⁵ Minister Thulas Nxesi on child labour at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, South African Government (Cape Town) 16 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thulas-nxesi-child-labour-5th-global-conference-elimination-child-labour-16-may>

On 23 May 2022, Minister Creecy launched the National Waste Management Fleet to improve the municipal level waste collection services.¹⁹⁰⁶ The SAR42.4million-worth plan aims to improve community health by preventing waste pollution as a result of poor, irregular waste services and management in communities.¹⁹⁰⁷

On 30 May 2022, the Department of Social Development announced the Social Assistance Amendment Act to increase funding for payments concerning social grants, including “the implementation of the extended Child Support Grant policy for orphans in the care of relatives.”¹⁹⁰⁸

On 3 June 2022, Minister of Health Joe Phaahla launched the Global Vax campaign, an initiative with the aim of contributing to the goal of vaccinating 70 per cent of the global population against COVID-19.¹⁹⁰⁹ The campaign will increase its capacity to vaccinate the population as well as promote awareness of the facts about the virus and the safety of vaccines.

On 8 June 2022, Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies Khumbudzo Ntshavheni announced that South Africa is implementing a Broadband Connectivity drive through the South Africa (SA) Connect programme.¹⁹¹⁰ The goal of SA Connect is to ensure all South Africans have access to the internet by 2024 and will be complimented by a programme to deploy 4G and 5G networks by 2025.

South Africa took strong actions to support the inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient dimensions of recovery and accelerated progress on SDGs by updating emissions targets through its NDC to the Paris Agreement, providing stimulus to underprivileged individuals and groups, providing more social housing for the poor and marginalized, launching programs designed to reduce gender inequality, introducing financial recovery assistance for economic recovery and investing in professional training and job creation.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pengyu Chen

Turkey: -1

Turkey has failed to comply with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all SDGs, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

Turkey has taken no actions to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals, and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

¹⁹⁰⁶ Minister Barbara Creecy: Launch of national waste management fleet, South African Government (Cape Town) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-barbara-creecy-launch-national-waste-management-fleet-23-may-2022-0000>

¹⁹⁰⁷ South Africa: Improving Waste Services in Communities, AllAfrica (Cape Town) 31 May 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://allafrica.com/stories/202205310604.html>

¹⁹⁰⁸ Social Development improves social grants process to benefit orphaned children, South African Government (Cape Town) 1 June 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/social-development-improves-social-grants-process-benefit-orphaned-children-1-jun-2022-0000>

¹⁹⁰⁹ Minister Joe Phaahla: Launch of Global Vax Campaign, South African Government (Cape Town) 3 June 2022. Access Date 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-joe-phaahla-launch-global-vax-campaign-3-jun-2022-0000>

¹⁹¹⁰ Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni on Broadband Connectivity drive programme, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 June 2022. Access Date: 12 June 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-khumbudzo-ntshavheni-pledging-connecting-unconnected-achieve-sustainable>

Thus, Turkey receives a score of -1 .¹⁹¹¹

Analyst: Alan Chin Web Fan

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to support actions and cooperation with regards to supporting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 1 November 2021, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced government support for a five year study designed to increase opportunities for women.¹⁹¹² The UK's gender diversity has increased by 50 per cent over the past five years and this programme is designed to continue this increase and get more women into high-powered business sector positions.

On 2 November 2021, the UK Space Agency announced GBP3.9 million in funding for a mission dedicated to monitoring atmospheric carbon dioxide with France which was negotiated at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.¹⁹¹³

On 3 November 2021, the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced GBP18 million to “help level up communities around Scotland.”¹⁹¹⁴ The Community Renewal Fund aims to fund projects that aid the UK to achieve their target of net zero emissions, increase productivity and support employment schemes.

On 24 November 2021, the Department for Education and the Office of the Children's Commissioner announced the implementation of a new plan to “improve student outcomes.”¹⁹¹⁵ Universities will now be expected to improve the education outcomes for those with low-socioeconomic backgrounds.

¹⁹¹¹ This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites:

<https://www.iicpsd.undp.org/content/istanbul/en/home/news-centre/2021/impact-investing-can-accelerate-turkeys-quest-for-sustainable-development.html>, <https://en.prnasia.com/releases/apac/spic-releases-report-on-sustainable-development-committed-by-chinese-companies-in-turkey-346412.shtml>, <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Official-National-Pathway-of-Turkey-Clean-31.10.2021-1-3.pdf>, https://www.mfa.gov.tr/un-millennium-development-goals-_mdgs_-andthe-performance-of-turkey.tr.mfa, <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/international-environmental-issues.en.mfa>, https://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkey_s-voluntary-contributions-to-united-nations-funda_-programmes-and-agencies-as-well-as-other-international-organizations.en.mfa, https://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkey_s-development-cooperation.en.mfa, <https://www.iicpsd.undp.org/content/istanbul/en/home/news-centre/2021/impact-investing-can-accelerate-turkeys-quest-for-sustainable-development.html>, <https://turkey.un.org/en/150006-official-kick-new-un-women-eu-project-aiming-support-civil-society-turkey>, <https://enerji.gov.tr/enerji-isleri-genel-mudurlugu-yenilenebilir-enerji>, <https://www.invest.gov.tr/en/library/publications/lists/investpublications/turkey-foreign-direct-investment-strategy-2021-2023.pdf>, <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/turkey-transportation-technology-and-equipment>, <https://www.uab.gov.tr/haberler/sivas-mevlana-tuneli-nin-temel-atma-toreni-gerceklestirildi>, and <https://www.uab.gov.tr/haberler/telgraf-hattiy-la-baslayan-hizmet-e-ticaret-olanagi-sunar-hale-geldi>

¹⁹¹² Ministers renew efforts to increase opportunities for talented women at the top of UK business, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, and Paul Scully MP (London) 1 November 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-renew-efforts-to-increase-opportunities-for-talented-women-at-the-top-of-uk-business>

¹⁹¹³ UK and France reach new agreement on climate change mission, UK Space Agency (London) 2 November 2021, Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-reach-new-agreement-on-climate-change-mission>

¹⁹¹⁴ £18 million to help level up communities across Scotland, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, and The Rt Hon Alister Jack MP (London) 3 November 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18-million-to-help-level-up-communities-across-scotland>

¹⁹¹⁵ New levelling up plans to improve student outcomes, Department for Education, Office of the Children's Commissioner, and The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP (London) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-levelling-up-plans-to-improve-student-outcomes>

On 24 November 2021, the government announced GBP8 million to “remove barriers to post-graduate research for Black, Asian and minority ethnic students, with projects looking at admissions and targeted recruitment.”¹⁹¹⁶

On 1 December 2021, the Department for Work and Pensions unveiled the autumn budget which revealed a tax cut of GBP2.2 billion for people with low-income rates which will save families approximately GBP1,000.¹⁹¹⁷

On 2 December 2021, the Department for Education announced GBP30 million earmarked for ten ‘SAFE’ taskforces led by local schools that will target areas with serious youth violence.¹⁹¹⁸ The program aims to increase school attendance and bring together vulnerable youth and educators to decrease likelihood of criminal activity.

On 14 December 2021, the Department for Work and Pensions revealed annual reports showing a total of GBP1 billion in child maintenance payments which means about 800,000 children are now covered by this program.¹⁹¹⁹ These payments lift approximately 120,000 above the poverty line and has been a large part of breaking the poverty cycle in the UK.

On 15 December 2021, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities revealed new building regulations which will create a 30 per cent decrease in carbon dioxide per household.¹⁹²⁰ This extends beyond housing to general building regulations across the UK and these will come into effect in June 2022 and aid UK on their goal to being net carbon zero in 2030.

On 20 December 2021, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced an additional GBP28 million to vaccinate the homeless and rough sleepers.¹⁹²¹ This will aid increasing vaccine uptake among the homeless and funding emergency accommodation to keep people of the streets. This initiative is also an expansion on the UK government’s current COVID-19 strategy.

On 26 January 2022, HM Revenue and Customs announced a GBP2,000 credit for Tax-Free childcare.¹⁹²² This allows for nearly 316,000 families to receive a share of GBP35 million which is one of the ways the UK government is supporting households with children on low incomes.

On 31 January 2022, UK Export Finance backed a commercial loan of GBP625 million to Jaguar Land Rover to create more sustainable electric cars which is a central part of Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s plan for a

¹⁹¹⁶ New levelling up plans to improve student outcomes, Department for Education, Office of the Children's Commissioner, and The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP (London) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-levelling-up-plans-to-improve-student-outcomes>

¹⁹¹⁷ Thousands of low earners to benefit from income boost today, Department for Work and Pensions and The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP (London) 1 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-low-earners-to-benefit-from-income-boost-today>

¹⁹¹⁸ Support for vulnerable young people in serious violence hotspots, Department for Education and Will Quince MP (London) 2 December 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-vulnerable-young-people-in-serious-violence-hotspots>

¹⁹¹⁹ Record £1 billion in child support, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-1-billion-in-child-support>

¹⁹²⁰ New homes to produce nearly a third less carbon, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Eddie Hughes MP (London) 15 December 2021. Access Date: 11 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-homes-to-produce-nearly-a-third-less-carbon>

¹⁹²¹ Push to protect and vaccinate rough sleepers with £28 million government funding boost, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Eddie Hughes MP (London) 20 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/push-to-protect-and-vaccinate-rough-sleepers-with-28-million-government-funding-boost>

¹⁹²² Don’t miss out on up to £2,000 towards childcare costs, HM Revenue & Customs and Helen Whately MP (London) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dont-miss-out-on-up-to-2000-towards-childcare-costs>

green industrial revolution.¹⁹²³ This loan is a part of a GBP2.5 billion plan backed by both the government and commercial enterprises.

On 1 February 2022, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport announced the National Youth Guarantee backed by GBP560 million.¹⁹²⁴ This plan will bring afterschool activities to all children ages 11 to 18 and up to 25 years old with special needs. The plan has just opened for applications for funding from local organizations.

On 4 March 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the funding the green heat network with a total GBP288 million to be rolled out of the next three years.¹⁹²⁵ This plan expects to take 5.6 million cars off the road for a year. The goal is to save carbon emissions through central heating instead of individual systems.

On 11 March 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing Communities announced the allocation of GBP3 million to the new development in local neighbourhoods aimed at creating “beautiful places to live and work.”¹⁹²⁶

On 31 March 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions doubled the household support with a GBP500 million extension making a total of GBP1 billion.¹⁹²⁷ This extension will aid those in low socio-economic brackets deal with the rising cost of living. This support is part of an overarching fund of GBP22 billion towards families in 2022-23.

On 1 April 2022, Minister of State in the Department for Transport Wendy Morton announced increased funding totalling at GBP32 million to improve transport and create a safer seawall on the Dawlish Coast.¹⁹²⁸ The increased funding is intended to protect the mainly tourist economy and aid in COVID-19 recovery.

On 2 April 2022, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities released an upwards of GBP1 billion funding initiative across three primary targeted investments and 75 secondary investments such as the GBP302 million designated to create family hubs or the GBP100 towards early infancy interventions.¹⁹²⁹ This plan is designed to increase benefits for infants, children and families through investing in social welfare programs aimed at family care services and education, perinatal mental health support and general family support through existing programs

¹⁹²³ £500 million loan guarantee supports Jaguar Land Rover’s electric vehicle plans, UK Export Finance (London) 31 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/500-million-loan-guarantee-supports-jaguar-land-rovers-electric-vehicle-plans>

¹⁹²⁴ Government outlines ambitious plans to level up activities for young people, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, The Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP, Nigel Huddleston MP, and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (London) 1 February 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-ambitious-plans-to-level-up-activities-for-young-people>

¹⁹²⁵ £288 million fund opens for green heating projects, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Lord Callanan (London) 4 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/288-million-fund-opens-for-green-heating-projects>

¹⁹²⁶ Communities empowered to shape design of neighbourhoods, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP (London) 11 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-empowered-to-shape-design-of-neighbourhoods>

¹⁹²⁷ Household Support Fund doubled to help most vulnerable tackle cost of living, Department for Work and Pensions and The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP (London) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/household-support-fund-doubled-to-help-most-vulnerable-tackle-cost-of-living>

¹⁹²⁸ Government protects vital Dawlish coastal rail route with a further £32 million, Wendy Morton MP, Department for Transport and Network Rail (London) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-protects-vital-dawlish-coastal-rail-route-with-a-further-32-million>

¹⁹²⁹ Infants, children and families to benefit from boost in support, Minister of State (Minister for Levelling Up Communities) and Minister of State (Minister for Equalities) Kemi Badenoch, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Patient Safety and Primary Care) Maria Caulfield, Secretary of State for Education Rt Hon Nadim Zahawi, Department of Education, Department of Health and Social Care and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 2 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infants-children-and-families-to-benefit-from-boost-in-support>

creating an initiative that is “in line with the work set out in our Inclusive Britain strategy, which will help create a country where a person’s race, social or ethnic background is no barrier to achieving their ambitions.”

On 4 April 2022, the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills released an updated report on the impact of COVID-19 in primary and secondary schools, as well as prison.¹⁹³⁰ The report cites strong evidence of resilience in the education system and is designed to improve education nationwide.

On 4 April 2022, Homes England announced a finance package partnership with HSBC to build 1,000 new homes.¹⁹³¹ The increased supply of family homes with approximately 30 per cent remaining affordable is designed to address the lack of affordable housing in England.

On 5 April 2022, Minister of State for Care and Mental Health Gillian Keegan announced that GBP500 million would be dedicated to develop the adult social care workforce through the Health and Social Care levy.¹⁹³² This is designed to target social care workers through certifications, training, increased development budgets and improved policies for recruitment.

On 6 April 2022, National Highways approved funding of GBP785,000 “from its Environment and wellbeing fund for the Trust to restore and recreate 16.8 hectares of woodland, orchard, grassland and heathland” in Cornwall. This project is designed to create and improve areas for wildlife, improving transport connectivity, and mitigating the negative environmental impacts of the A30 highway.¹⁹³³

On 12 April 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced GBP33 million in support of the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme.¹⁹³⁴ The new funding will help enable councils to “train many more frontline staff who regularly come into contact with families facing conflict,” in addition to supporting the programme’s initiatives which are designed to increase future economic opportunities for children, improve child mental health, improve child health and improve education.

On 12 April 2022, the British Embassy in Panama City began accepting proposals with potential funding up to USD30,000.¹⁹³⁵ This initiative is designed to create programs that support open societies, climate change and accessible education in Panama. The embassy is running this program as part of its International Programme Fund objectives which support the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office’s goals which operate on the “primary objective, the promotion of economic development and welfare, while ensuring gender equality, and compliance with Paris Agreement objectives.”

On 13 April 2022, the Department of Transportation announced that 51 projects designed to create more innovative and greener transport proposals would be awarded a share of GBP1.96 million through the

¹⁹³⁰ Strong signs of recovery across education, but challenges remain, Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (London) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/strong-signs-of-recovery-across-education-but-challenges-remain>

¹⁹³¹ 1,000 new homes to be built through funding partnership with HSBC, Homes England (London) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1000-new-homes-to-be-built-through-funding-partnership-with-hsbc>

¹⁹³² £500 million to develop the adult social care workforce, Minister of State (Minister for Care and Mental Health) Gillian Keegan and the Department of Health and Social Care (London) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 12 April 2022 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/500-million-to-develop-the-adult-social-care-workforce>

¹⁹³³ National Highways funding gives the ‘green’ light to Cornwall eco improvements, National Highways (London) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-highways-funding-gives-the-green-light-to-cornwall-eco-improvements>

¹⁹³⁴ Families supported by £33 million to drive down parental conflict, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Work and Pensions) and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Women) Baroness Deborah Stedman-Scott and the Department for Work and Pensions (London) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 15 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/families-supported-by-33-million-to-drive-down-parental-conflict>

¹⁹³⁵ Call for project bids 2022: open societies, climate change and accessible education in Panama, British Embassy Panama City (Panama) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-project-bids-2022-open-societies-climate-change-and-accessible-education-in-panama>

Transport Research and Innovation Grant programme.¹⁹³⁶ This funding is designed to decrease emissions in the transport sector, make the transport sector more resilient and aid in COVID-19 recovery.

On 13 April 2022, the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced that Wales would receive GBP585 million through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.¹⁹³⁷ This funding is intended to “spread opportunity and reverse the country’s geographical disparities.”

On 13 April 2022, the United Kingdom announced GBP300 million of additional funding to “improve drug treatment in most deprived areas.”¹⁹³⁸ Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid stated that this initiative will “help to reverse the upward trend in drug use by tackling this major driver of crime which disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable and poorest communities.”

On 13 April 2022, the Marine Management Organisation announced the implementation of four new bylaws designed to protect four marine life habitats; “the four byelaws ban the use of bottom trawls, dredges, demersal seines and semi-pelagic trawls, collectively known as bottom towed gear, over certain areas.”¹⁹³⁹ There are also additional restrictions in two of the sites preventing the use of certain static gears such as pots, nets or lines over especially sensitive areas.” This is designed to aid in nature recovery off the coast of England.

On 14 April 2022, the Cabinet Office, Office for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defense People and Veterans Leo Docherty launched grants totalling GBP5 million to 51 projects designed to aid the mental health of veterans.¹⁹⁴⁰ These projects will increase mindfulness opportunities, exercise, accessibility to service dogs and more projects spread all through the United Kingdom.

On 20 April 2022, the Disclosure and Barring Service collaborated with the Skills for Care program to provide increased free, specialized training to social care providers.¹⁹⁴¹ Using workshops, this plan aims to give adult social care staff better understanding of the governmental system and their role within the system to better protect their patients.

On 20 April 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission implemented a new requirement for the forestry sector where suppliers will demonstrate their compliance with the industry benchmark Plant Health Management Standard.¹⁹⁴² This is designed to increase and stabilize biosecurity and decrease net-loss to forested areas.

¹⁹³⁶ Government awards nearly £2 million to innovative transport proposals, Department of Transport and Trudy Harrison MP (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 14 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-awards-nearly-2-million-to-innovative-transport-proposals>

¹⁹³⁷ Communities in Wales handed control of £585 million to level up, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Wales Rt Hon Simon Hart, Office of the Secretary of State for Wales and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-in-wales-handed-control-of-585-million-to-level-up-in-wales>

¹⁹³⁸ Government to improve drug treatment in most deprived areas, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Minister of State (Minister for Crime and Policing) Rt Hon Kit Malthouse, Department of Health and Social Care and Home Office (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 17 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-improve-drug-treatment-in-most-deprived-areas>

¹⁹³⁹ Government uses Brexit freedoms to protect our seas, Marine Management Organisation (London) 13 April 2022. Access Date: 16 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-uses-brexit-freedoms-to-protect-our-seas>

¹⁹⁴⁰ Stepped up mental health funding for veterans of Afghanistan, the Cabinet Office, Office for Veterans’ Affairs and Minister for Defense People and Veterans Leo Docherty (London) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/stepped-up-mental-health-funding-for-veterans-of-afghanistan>

¹⁹⁴¹ DBS works with Skills for Care to support safer recruitment, Disclosure and Barring Service (London) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 9 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dbs-works-with-skills-for-care-to-support-safer-recruitment>

¹⁹⁴² New pilot requirement for tree suppliers announced to strengthen UK biosecurity, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Forestry Commission (London) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-pilot-requirement-for-tree-suppliers-announced-to-strengthen-uk-biosecurity>

On 21 April 2022, Prime Minister Johnson announced a new partnership with India to increase jobs and technology sharing with a total of GBP1 million in new business investments which will create around 11,000 jobs across the United Kingdom.¹⁹⁴³ The commercial deals are intended to increase prosperity for both the UK and India while fostering international cooperation.

On 26 April 2022, Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) Peru announced six low-carbon projects designed to support access to finance for climate forward projects.¹⁹⁴⁴ The CFA is a portion of the UK's strategy to aid Peru in tackling climate change. Projects range from alternative energy, reforestation, waste management, and ecotourism which are all designed to meet CFA Peru's commitments made at COP26.

On 28 April 2022, the Cabinet Office announced the Civil Service apprenticeship programme which aims to have one in twenty civil servants being an apprentice by 2025.¹⁹⁴⁵ With at least 39 per cent of the positions going to those from low-socioeconomic backgrounds, this program aims to "bring the government closer to the communities it serves" by diversifying the perspectives in the civil service, increasing accessibility to government jobs and increasing accessibility to private sector jobs in the long term.

On 28 April 2022, Health and Social Care Minister Javid with the Department of Health and Social Care received royal assent on the Health and Care bill touted as a milestone and the "most significant health legislation in a decade" this bill aims to address the harm COVID-19 did to the healthcare system by introducing GBP36 billion over the next three years.¹⁹⁴⁶ Containing measures to rebuild social care service, decrease health disparities and create safer services designed to put the system on more sustainable footing, this bill represents the UK's ambitious health care plan by tackling the way the systemic issues within the system.

On April 28 2022, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Market Scully, Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility Lord Callanan and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced a new subsidy control initiative designed to regulate subsidies and boost the economy.¹⁹⁴⁷ In transferring authority to local authorities, the new system increases flexibility while increasing the value of the taxpayer investment in a timely manner which increases economic growth.

On 29 April 2022, the Environment Agency have begun a project to aid fish and eel passage through the Bristol Frome.¹⁹⁴⁸ Changing a defense system enacted in the 1960s, this initiative will increase the diversity of eels and fish, increase birth rates of the fish and eels, and aid in increasing biodiversity and security.

On 6 May 2022, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs George Eustice, the Rural Payments Agency and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced plans to make

¹⁹⁴³ PM announces £1bn new commercial deals on landmark India visit, Prime Minister's Office and PM Boris Johnson (London) 21 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-1bn-new-commercial-deals-on-landmark-india-visit>

¹⁹⁴⁴ Climate Finance Accelerator Peru: First Cohort of projects announced, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (Lima) 26 April 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-finance-accelerator-peru-first-cohort-of-projects-announced>

¹⁹⁴⁵ Civil Service to deliver thousands of high quality apprenticeships across the UK, Cabinet Office and MP Heather Wheeler (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/civil-service-to-deliver-thousands-of-high-quality-apprenticeships-across-the-uk>

¹⁹⁴⁶ Health and Care Bill granted Royal Assent in milestone for healthcare recovery and reform, Department of Health and Social Care and Minister of Health and Social Care Sajid Javid (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-and-care-bill-granted-royal-assent-in-milestone-for-healthcare-recovery-and-reform>

¹⁹⁴⁷ New subsidy control system will support UK jobs, boost the economy and strengthen the union, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Paul Scully MP and Lord Callanan (London) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 8 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-subsidy-control-system-will-support-uk-jobs-boost-the-economy-and-strengthen-the-union>

¹⁹⁴⁸ Improving fish and eel passage on the Bristol Frome, Environment Agency (London) 29 April 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/improving-fish-and-eel-passage-on-the-bristol-frome>

two direct payments to aid farmers with cash flow.¹⁹⁴⁹ This is partially in response to agricultural commodities being linked with gas prices which have skyrocketed since Putin's actions in Ukraine.

On 8 May 2022, Prime Minister Johnson announced the Schools Bill which will improve education designed to provide a spring board into long term job security and economic growth.¹⁹⁵⁰ This set of legislation includes laws to raise school standards, improve attendance and safeguard the schools themselves. The Schools Bill is intended aid in delivering the Levelling Up initiative's goals of 90 per cent of children graduating primary school by 2030 as well as filling local skills gaps.

On 9 May 2022, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Office for the Secretary of State for Scotland, Lord Offord of Garvel and Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility Callanan announced a consultation for the expansion of aid for low-income and vulnerable homes' heating bills throughout the winter.¹⁹⁵¹ The programme is to receive and additional GBP13 million added to the GBP22 billion support package for UK households and the GBP200-pound discount and can now reach and additional 50,000 families in Scotland.

On 9 May 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care, Health and Social Care Minister Javid and Minister Helen Whately announced GBP5.4 million from the suicide prevention fund to go to 113 charities across the UK in honour of Mental Health Awareness Week.¹⁹⁵² This also comes as part of the social enterprise grant fund and is designed to address the demand for services, the backlog from COVID-19 and stigma busting initiatives.

On 11 May 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced the Renters Reform Bill designed to improve standards in both the private and socially rented housing.¹⁹⁵³ This includes banning "no fault" evictions which is monumental in tenant protections and extending the "Decent Homes Standard" to the private sector which enforces the right to a safe, dry and warm home.

On 12 May 2022, the Department for Education announced that GBP7 million will be invested into senior mental health lead training for schools and colleges.¹⁹⁵⁴ This is in conjunction with other reforms designed to "support the wellbeing and mental health of young people alongside their academic recovery."

¹⁹⁴⁹ Payments brought forward to help farmers with cashflow, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Rural Payments Agency, and MP George Eustice (London) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/payments-brought-forward-to-help-farmers-with-cashflow>

¹⁹⁵⁰ PM to announce new laws to level up education opportunity so no child is left behind, PM Boris Johnson (London) 8 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-to-announce-new-laws-to-level-up-education-opportunity-so-no-child-is-left-behind>

¹⁹⁵¹ Warm Home Discount expanded to help 280,000 Scottish households with energy bills, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Lord Offord of Garvel, and Lord Callanan (London) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/warm-home-discount-expanded-to-help-280000-scottish-households-with-energy-bills>

¹⁹⁵² Recipients of £5.4 million suicide prevent fund revealed in Mental Health Awareness Week, Department of Health and Social Care, Helen Whately MP, and The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP (London) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 10 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/recipients-of-54-million-suicide-prevent-fund-revealed-in-mental-health-awareness-week>

¹⁹⁵³ Government to deliver 'new deal' for renters, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (London) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-deliver-new-deal-for-renters>

¹⁹⁵⁴ Increased mental health support for children and young people, Department for Education, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, Department of Health and Social care, Office for health improvement and disparities, Minister for Children and Families Will Quince, Minister for Care and Mental Health Keegan and Minister for Sport, Tourism, Heritage and Civil Society (London) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increased-mental-health-support-for-children-and-young-people>

On 12 May 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs released a policy announcement designed to guide ministers away from environmentally damaging decisions.¹⁹⁵⁵ The principles ensure government decisions aim to prevent environmental harm, the codification of the polluter pay principle and more.

On 23 May 2022, the Department for Education announced the reform and refunding of the social care program.¹⁹⁵⁶ This will include seven new areas getting a portion of the GBP3 million that funds a network of family hubs throughout the UK that began in 2020.

On 23 May 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced GBP553 million in funding to introduce affordable, low carbon heating and energy efficiency upgrades in public buildings.¹⁹⁵⁷ This initiative to move away from fossil fuel use expects to save taxpayers GBP650 million per year on energy bills over the next 15 years.

On 27 May 2022, the Department for Work and Pensions announced a new GBP15 billion cost of living support package designed to improve quality, providing industry training and networks.¹⁹⁵⁸ This package will help “almost all of the eight million most vulnerable households across the UK,” as they are set to receive at least GBP1,200 this year, including a new one-off GBP650 cost of living payment.

On 29 May 2022, the Department for Education announced the doubling of funds for the education recovery programme in secondary schools starting next year.¹⁹⁵⁹ The programme is set to distribute GBP1 billion across all secondary schools in the UK and is designed to “get pupils back on track by funding evidence-based activities from additional tutoring, to extra time in school, or speech and language therapy.”

On 13 June 2022, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a food strategy to increase domestic production, spread jobs and grow the economy.¹⁹⁶⁰ The strategy outlines incentives for industry and investment in research, including GBP270 million that will be invested across farming innovation funding programmes until 2029, and “aims to support farmers to boost home-grown fruit and vegetable production, and in turn create new job opportunities across the country.”

On 14 June 2022, the Department for Education announced GBP18 million of new funding for universal infant free school meals.¹⁹⁶¹ This investment will help schools provide for 1.25 million children with a healthy and nutritious lunch for free, in recognition of the rising cost of living.

¹⁹⁵⁵ Environmental Principles Policy Statement published, Department of Education, Food and Rural Affairs and Minister for Nature Recovery and the Domestic environment (London) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environmental-principles-policy-statement-published>

¹⁹⁵⁶ Fundamental shift in children’s social care set out, Department for Education, Office of the Children’s Commissioner and MP Zahawi (London) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fundamental-shift-in-childrens-social-care-set-out>

¹⁹⁵⁷ Public building upgrades to save taxpayers £650 million per year, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (London) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-building-upgrades-to-save-taxpayers-650-million-per-year>

¹⁹⁵⁸ Prime Minister rallies employers to help get 500,000 into work, Department for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (London) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-rallies-employers-to-help-get-500-000-into-work>

¹⁹⁵⁹ Education recovery funding doubles for secondary schools, Department for Education and Minister for School Standards Robin Walker (London) 29 May 2022. Access Date: 4 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/education-recovery-funding-doubles-for-secondary-schools>

¹⁹⁶⁰ Tech and innovation drive to boost food production and back British farmers, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 16 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tech-and-innovation-drive-to-boost-food-production-and-back-british-farmers>

¹⁹⁶¹ Boost in activities and food pledged to support children, Department for Education (London) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 16 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-in-activities-and-food-pledged-to-support-children--2>

On 16 June 2022, the Forestry Commission announced the GBP7.8 million Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund.¹⁹⁶² The Fund will provide at least 50 Local Authorities with financial support for the “new staff and expertise needed to kickstart woodland creation and tree planting plans.”

The United Kingdom has taken strong actions towards all the SDGs with actions being completed in all four of the dimensions of recovery and progress. They have introduced many programs, policies and have invested in everything from education reform and recovery to environmental policies. Additionally, the UK has reduced barriers to employment and health care through providing inclusive and equity forward policies.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1

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United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, the United States, with the European Union and 103 other partners, launched the Global Methane Pledge.¹⁹⁶³ This initiative includes over 70 per cent of the global economy and will limit global warming to 1.5°C by reducing methane emissions.

On 3 November 2021, the Department of State’s Managing Director for Global Partnerships Thomas Debass announced the launch of the Climate Entrepreneurship for Economic Development Initiative.¹⁹⁶⁴ This project creates partnerships between American leaders and businesses and climate entrepreneurs in developing countries to support climate-focused partners.

On 3 November 2021, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Bonnie Jenkins announced USD25 million would be allocated to expand access to clean nuclear energy.¹⁹⁶⁵ This Nuclear Futures Package will support safe innovations in nuclear technologies.

On 4 November 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris announced the country’s first National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality. This encourages each federal agency to develop formal plans to enable “the full potential of all individuals, regardless of their sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, and socioeconomic status.”¹⁹⁶⁶

On 6 November 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal into law.¹⁹⁶⁷ The Deal increases federal funding on domestic infrastructure to deliver safe water, high-speed internet and updated

¹⁹⁶² New fund opens to accelerate tree planting, Forestry Commission (London) 16 June 2022. Access Date: 16 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fund-opens-to-accelerate-tree-planting>

¹⁹⁶³ United States, European Union, and Partners Formally Launch Global Methane Pledge to Keep 1.5C Within Reach, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/united-states-european-union-and-partners-formally-launch-global-methane-pledge-to-keep-1-5c-within-reach/>

¹⁹⁶⁴ Department of State Launches the Climate Entrepreneurship for Economic Development (CEED) Initiative, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/department-of-state-launches-the-climate-entrepreneurship-for-economic-development-ceed-initiative/>

¹⁹⁶⁵ The United States Announces \$25 Million to Support Access to Clean Nuclear Energy, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-announces-25-million-to-support-access-to-clean-nuclear-energy/>

¹⁹⁶⁶ The First National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-first-national-strategy-on-gender-equity-and-equality/>

¹⁹⁶⁷ Commerce Department Applauds president Biden’s Signing of Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal into Law, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2021/11/commerce-department-applauds-president-bidens-signing-bipartisan>

roads and transit systems.¹⁹⁶⁸ This is expected to increase jobs available to the populace as well as reduce emissions.

On 9 November 2021, the Department of Commerce hosted the Interagency Convening on Equitable Economic Growth.¹⁹⁶⁹ The goal is to connect private and public stakeholders and increase collaboration in projects promoting economic equity for marginalized communities.

On 10 November 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that US-based Global COVID Corps will offer expertise, tools and support without charge in low and middle-income countries.¹⁹⁷⁰ The Department also launched the Global COVID-19 Access Tracker to collect infection data and progress nationally in addition to a partnership with Johnson & Johnson to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to those residing in conflict zones.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People.¹⁹⁷¹ This order establishes Native American wellbeing and safety as a top priority of the administration, as well as encourages greater sensitivity in law enforcement for the prevention of violence against Native Americans and proper support of victims.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.¹⁹⁷² This Act places priority on efficient use of public funds, increasing the competitiveness of the economy by necessitating the use of goods made domestically and establishing an Infrastructure Implementation Task Force to rebuild national transportations, health and environmental infrastructures.

On 15 November 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced the launch of an interagency initiative with the Departments of the Interior, Education and Health and Human Services to build on the Native American Languages Act of 1990.¹⁹⁷³ New goals and programs will strengthen Native languages spoken by federally recognized Native American groups and aims to preserve Native American cultures.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden announced the creation of the Tribal Homelands Initiative with the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.¹⁹⁷⁴ This effort will incorporate Indigenous voices related to federal stewardship of lands, waters and wildlife to protect their interests in relevant decisions.

On 15 November 2021, President Biden brought into effect the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination And Collaboration For The Protection Of Tribal Treaty Rights And Reserved

¹⁹⁶⁸ Fact Sheet: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 November 2021. Access Date: 2 February 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/06/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/>

¹⁹⁶⁹ Department of Commerce Hosts Biden Administration's First Interagency Equity Convening, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 12 November 2021. Access Date: 19 January 2022.

<https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2021/11/department-commerce-hosts-biden-administrations-first-interagency-equity>

¹⁹⁷⁰ Innovative Next Steps in the Global COVID-19 Response, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 10 November 2021.

Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/innovative-next-steps-in-the-global-covid-19-response/>

¹⁹⁷¹ Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/11/15/executive-order-on-improving-public-safety-and-criminal-justice-for-native-americans-and-addressing-the-crisis-of-missing-or-murdered-indigenous-people/>

¹⁹⁷² Executive Order on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date 20 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/11/15/executive-order-on-implementation-of-the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/>

¹⁹⁷³ Departments of the Interior, Education, and Health & Human Services Launch Multi-Agency Initiative to Protect and Preserve Native Languages, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/departments-interior-education-and-health-human-services-launch-multi-agency>

¹⁹⁷⁴ Interior and Agriculture Departments Take Action to Strengthen Tribal Co-Stewardship of Public Lands and Waters, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-and-agriculture-departments-take-action-strengthen-tribal-co-stewardship>

Rights.¹⁹⁷⁵ The Department of the Interior and 16 other federal agencies formally recognized their commitment to protect Tribal treaty rights in policymaking and regulatory processes.

On 16 November 2021, Vice President Harris announced that the first three grants of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program were awarded to various Indigenous communities.¹⁹⁷⁶ The grants will set up broadband services, computers and digital skills training to these communities.

On 16 November 2021, Secretary Haaland announced the establishment of the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.¹⁹⁷⁷ Through the new committee, Tribal leaders can directly engage in regular conversations with the Department of the Interior.

On 18 November 2021, President Biden signed The Minority Business Development Act making the Minority Business Development Agency a permanent entity.¹⁹⁷⁸ It is the only government body dedicated to minority business enterprises, and the Act further increases the Agency's capabilities.

On 18 November 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department would invest USD86 million to improve access to jobs, education, housing and other necessities for over 425,000 people residing in rural areas.¹⁹⁷⁹

On 19 November 2021, the House of Representatives passed the Build Back Better Act.¹⁹⁸⁰ This legislature includes several policy changes and investments in childcare, climate change, health care, education and equity that aims to support lower to middle income families.¹⁹⁸¹

On 19 November 2021, Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small announced that the Department will be investing USD222 million in rural community infrastructure in 44 states, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico.¹⁹⁸² The funding aims to support rural communities to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and revitalize the economy by strengthening health facilities and other critical infrastructure.

¹⁹⁷⁵ Interior Department, Federal Partners Commit to Protect Tribal Treaty Rights, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-federal-partners-commit-protect-tribal-treaty-rights>

¹⁹⁷⁶ Department of Commerce's NTIA Awards First Grants to Tribal Groups Seeking to Expand Broadband, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 20 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2021/11/departments-commerces-ntia-awards-first-grants-tribal-groups-seeking>

¹⁹⁷⁷ Interior Department Announces Formation of First Tribal Advisory Committee to Strengthen Nation-to-Nation Relationship with Tribes, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-formation-first-tribal-advisory-committee-strengthen>

¹⁹⁷⁸ The Minority Business Development Agency is Permanently Authorized in Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, US Department of Commerce (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2021. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2021/11/minority-business-development-agency-permanently-authorized-bipartisan>

¹⁹⁷⁹ USDA Invests \$86 Million to Improve Equitable Access to Jobs, Business Opportunities, Education, Health Care and Housing for Rural People, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/11/18/usda-invests-86-million-improve-equitable-access-jobs-business>

¹⁹⁸⁰ Statement by President Joe Biden on Passage of the Build Back Better Act in the US House of Representatives, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 November 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/19/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-passage-of-the-build-back-better-act-in-the-u-s-house-of-representatives/>

¹⁹⁸¹ The Build Back Better Framework: President Biden's Plan to Rebuild the Middle Class, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build-back-better/>

¹⁹⁸² USDA Invests \$222 Million in Rural Community Infrastructure to Help People in 44 States, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 19 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/11/19/usda-invests-222-million-rural-community-infrastructure-help-people>

On 3 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will be investing USD633 million in climate-smart and resilient infrastructures for rural communities.¹⁹⁸³ These funds will support initiatives to reduce the impacts of climate change by expanding access to renewable energy infrastructure.

On 3 December 2021, President Biden formally updated the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking. This three-year plan aims to “strengthen prosecution of traffickers, enhance victim protections, and prevent the crime from occurring within our borders and abroad.”¹⁹⁸⁴

On 7 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will be allocating USD800 million for biofuel producers and the renewable fuel market.¹⁹⁸⁵ Funds are meant as economic relief for markets impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 8 December 2021, President Biden issued the Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability.¹⁹⁸⁶ With the goal to establish a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035 and net-zero emissions by 2050, this Order sets clear goals for the government to reduce greenhouse gas emission, increase energy and water efficiency and reduce waste and pollution.

On 9 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program.¹⁹⁸⁷ The Program supports greater opportunities and fair prices for farmers as well as food security by strengthening the food supply chain as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

On 10 December 2021, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland announced the launch of a new website to support solving missing and murdered cases of Indigenous individuals.¹⁹⁸⁸ This website will work as an additional tool to resolve and raise awareness on issues affecting Indigenous communities.

On 16 December 2021, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department is investing USD5.2 billion in critical rural infrastructure.¹⁹⁸⁹ This investment will improve access to broadband, safe water and power infrastructures to rural communities.

¹⁹⁸³ USDA Invests \$633 Million in Climate-Smart and Resilient Infrastructure for People in Rural Communities, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 29 January 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/03/usda-invests-633-million-climate-smart-and-resilient-infrastructure>

¹⁹⁸⁴ Release of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/release-of-the-national-action-plan-to-combat-human-trafficking/>

¹⁹⁸⁵ USDA to Make Up to \$800 Million Available to Provide Economic Relief to Biofuel Producers and Restore Renewable Fuel Markets Hit by the Pandemic, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 4 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/07/usda-make-800-million-available-provide-economic-relief-biofuel>

¹⁹⁸⁶ Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 December 2021. Access Date: 31 January 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/12/08/executive-order-on-catalyzing-clean-energy-industries-and-jobs-through-federal-sustainability/>

¹⁹⁸⁷ USDA Launches Loan Guarantee Program to Create More Market Opportunities, Promote Competition and Strengthen America’s Food Supply Chain, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 9 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/09/usda-launches-loan-guarantee-program-create-more-market>

¹⁹⁸⁸ Indian Affairs Announces New Tool to Bring Attention to Missing and Murdered Cases, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 10 December 2021. Access Date: 30 January 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/indian-affairs-announces-new-tool-bring-attention-missing-and-murdered-cases>

¹⁹⁸⁹ USDA Invests \$5.2 Billion to Build and Improve Critical Rural Infrastructure in 46 States and Puerto Rico, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/12/16/usda-invests-52-billion-build-and-improve-critical-rural>

On 21 December 2021, Secretary of State Blinken announced that the United States will be allocating an additional USD580 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to support partner countries by providing vaccines, economic and humanitarian assistance against the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁹⁹⁰

On 22 December 2021, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control issued three additional General Licenses.¹⁹⁹¹ The licenses will increase existing credentials for American humanitarian assistance and other provisions to those affected by the crisis in Afghanistan.

On 23 December 2021, President Biden signed the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act.¹⁹⁹² This addressed the recognized genocide in Xinjian, China, and provides US agencies additional tools to block imports of goods made in that area.

On 12 January 2022, the United States announced several clean energy projects.¹⁹⁹³ These projects advance affordable and pollution-free electricity domestically by developing offshore wind, leveraging public lands and transmission lines.

On 19 January 2022, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced the launch of the Rural Energy Pilot Program.¹⁹⁹⁴ With USD10 million allocated, this program will support community-run renewable energy projects to reduce pollution.

On 26 January 2022, Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh announced that the Department will invest USD1 billion in rural infrastructure.¹⁹⁹⁵ Efforts will improve access to health care, education and public safety in rural communities in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Guam.

On 26 January 2022, Department of State Spokesperson Ned Price announced that the United States will provide an additional USD2.5 million to the Kingdom of Tonga.¹⁹⁹⁶ These funds will contribute to humanitarian assistance such as safe water, shelter and food for communities affected by the volcanic disaster.

On 2 February 2022, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced that the Department will invest USD1.4 million to programs directed at rural communities.¹⁹⁹⁷ The programs include job training, business expansion and technical assistance in 49 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico that aim to create 50,000 more jobs.

¹⁹⁹⁰ Supporting Multilateral Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/supporting-multilateral-responses-to-the-covid-19-crisis/>

¹⁹⁹¹ Issuance of Additional General Licenses and Guidance in Support of Assistance to Afghanistan, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/issuance-of-additional-general-licenses-and-guidance-in-support-of-assistance-to-afghanistan/>

¹⁹⁹² The Signing of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 23 December 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-signing-of-the-uyghur-forced-labor-prevention-act/>

¹⁹⁹³ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Races to Deploy Clean Energy that Creates Jobs and Lowers Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 January 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/12/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-races-to-deploy-clean-energy-that-creates-jobs-and-lowers-costs/>

¹⁹⁹⁴ USDA Launches Pilot Program to Deploy Renewable Energy Infrastructure to People in Rural Towns, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 19 January 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/01/19/usda-launches-pilot-program-deploy-renewable-energy-infrastructure>

¹⁹⁹⁵ USDA Invests \$1 Billion to Improve Community Infrastructure for People Living in Rural Towns Across the Country, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/01/26/usda-invests-1-billion-improve-community-infrastructure-people>

¹⁹⁹⁶ Assistance to Tonga in the Wake of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai Eruptions and Tsunami, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022. <https://www.state.gov/assistance-to-tonga-in-the-wake-of-the-hunga-tonga-hunga-haapai-eruptions-and-tsunami/>

¹⁹⁹⁷ USDA Invests \$1.4 Billion to Support Local Businesses, Create Good-Paying Jobs and Strengthen the Economy in Rural America, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 8 February 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/02/02/usda-invests-14-billion-support-local-businesses-create-good-paying>

On 3 February 2022, the US Department of Justice announced the expansion of President Biden's Comprehensive Strategy to Reduce Gun Crime.¹⁹⁹⁸ New actions include efforts to increase resources for district-specific violent crime strategies, enforce stronger actions against the illicit "Iron Pipeline" gun trade originating in the southern states, launch a National Ghost Gun Enforcement Initiative to build stronger cases against those that use ghost guns for crimes and prioritize federal prosecutions of unlawful firearm dealers. These measures work to reduce gun violence and decrease the flow of firearms used to commit crimes.

On 4 February 2022, the House of Representatives passed the America Competes Act of 2022.¹⁹⁹⁹ This bill will invest USD45 billion in American-made semiconductors and strengthens domestic supply chains to maintain competitiveness in American manufacturing at the global stage.

On 4 February 2022, President Biden authorised the Executive Order on Use of Project Labor Agreements for Federal Construction Projects.²⁰⁰⁰ The policies outline dispute settlement processes and commits stakeholders to prevent work stoppages so that "projects will proceed efficiently without unnecessary interruptions."

On 11 February 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Protecting Certain Property of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) for the Benefit of the People of Afghanistan.²⁰⁰¹ The United States declared the humanitarian crisis and instability in Afghanistan following the Taliban's leadership as a national emergency and prohibited future transactions of all property and interests in property held by DAB in the United States to protect assets held by the people of Afghanistan.

On 11 February 2022, the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced USD1.5 billion for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.²⁰⁰² The program fosters "cooperative partnerships between federal and state agencies... to enhance recreational opportunities while advancing sustainable resource goals."

On 17 February 2022, Secretary Haaland established the first Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Council.²⁰⁰³ The Council will develop and implement specific policies, program and initiatives that assess underserved communities' access to government facilities, services and benefits.

¹⁹⁹⁸ President Biden Announces More Actions to Reduce Gun Crime and Calls on Congress to Fund Community Policing and Community Violence Intervention, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/02/03/president-biden-announces-more-actions-to-reduce-gun-crime-and-calls-on-congress-to-fund-community-policing-and-community-violence-intervention/>

¹⁹⁹⁹ America Competes Act of 2022: AMERICA CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURING, PRE-EMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH ACT OF 2022, House of Representatives (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://science.house.gov/americancompetes>

²⁰⁰⁰ Executive Order on Use of Project Labor Agreements For Federal Construction Projects, The White House (Washington D.C.) 4 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/02/04/executive-order-on-use-of-project-labor-agreements-for-federal-construction-projects/>

²⁰⁰¹ Executive Order on Protecting Certain Property of Da Afghanistan Bank for the Benefit of the People of Afghanistan, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/02/11/executive-order-on-protecting-certain-property-of-da-afghanistan-bank-for-the-benefit-of-the-people-of-afghanistan/>

²⁰⁰² Interior Department Announces Over \$1.5 Billion to Support State Wildlife Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-over-15-billion-support-state-wildlife-conservation-and>

²⁰⁰³ Interior Department Takes Action to Foster Equity and Inclusion Across Its Bureaus, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-takes-action-foster-equity-and-inclusion-across-its-bureaus>

On 22 February 2022, Secretary Haaland announced a list of potential replacement names for more than 660 geographic features with the name ‘squaw’ through consultations with Tribes, which this aims to make federal land “accessible and welcoming to people of all backgrounds.”²⁰⁰⁴

On 22 February 2022, Department of the Interior announced that USD1.7 billion will be allocated to water resource projects for Tribal communities as part of President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.²⁰⁰⁵ These projects will contribute to settling water rights settlements.

On 1 March 2022, President Biden authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to “provide a 100 per cent Federal cost share” for all work in emergency protective measures.²⁰⁰⁶ This encourages State, local, Tribal and territorial governments to protect their communities and respond adequately to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 4 March 2022, Secretary Haaland announced the allocation of USD144 million to Tribes for abandoned mine land reclamation efforts and help ensure “communities have healthy lands and waters in their neighbourhoods.”²⁰⁰⁷

On 12 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD200 million worth of military articles and services as well as education and training for Ukraine.²⁰⁰⁸ This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 15 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the STANDUP Act of 2021.²⁰⁰⁹ The Act prioritizes educational agencies in certain grant programs that encourage suicide awareness and prevention training policies.

On 16 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD800 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as education and training for Ukraine.²⁰¹⁰ This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia- Ukraine conflict.

On 6 March 2022, President Biden signed into the law the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022.²⁰¹¹ This Act builds on the VAWA passed in 1994 and reauthorizes grant programs until 2027, expands special criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts for non-Native perpetration of sexual assault,

²⁰⁰⁴ Interior Department Announces Next Steps to Remove “Sq_____” from Federal Lands: Engagement to include Tribal consultations and public comment period, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-announces-next-steps-remove-sq-federal-lands>

²⁰⁰⁵ Tribes to Receive \$1.7 Billion from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Fulfill Indian Water Rights Settlements: Funding will help develop infrastructure projects that fulfill the terms of Tribal water settlements, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 February 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/tribes-receive-17-billion-president-bidens-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-fulfill>

²⁰⁰⁶ Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance to Respond to COVID-19, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/01/memorandum-on-maximizing-assistance-to-respond-to-covid-19-2/>

²⁰⁰⁷ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$144 Million to Create Good-Paying Union Jobs, Revitalize Coal Communities, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 4 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-144-million-create-good-paying-union-jobs>

²⁰⁰⁸ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/12/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

²⁰⁰⁹ Bills Signed: S. 1543, S. 1662, S. 3706, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/03/15/bills-signed-s-1543-s-1662-s-3706/>

²⁰¹⁰ Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/16/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-2/>

²⁰¹¹ Fact Sheet: Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/16/fact-sheet-reauthorization-of-the-violence-against-women-act-vawa/>

increases services for survivors from marginalized communities and commits reform for various sectors to support women that have or are experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence.

On 16 March 2022, President Biden authorized USD10 million in commodities and services from any agency of the United States Government for Ukraine.²⁰¹² This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 18 March 2022, the US launched the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse with Australia, Denmark, South Korea, Sweden and the United Kingdom.²⁰¹³ Countries will advance three strategic objectives: develop and advance shared principles, increase programming and resources and expand data and access to gender-based online harassment and abuse to promote the safety of women globally.

On 18 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act which creates additional grants for hospitals, medical professional associations and other medical entities for activities that “improve mental and behavioral health among health care providers.”²⁰¹⁴

On 29 March 2022, President Biden signed into law the Emmet Till Antilynching Act which makes lynching a federal hate crime.²⁰¹⁵

On 30 March 2022, President Biden condemned anti-transgender bills proposed across the country on Transgender Day of Visibility.²⁰¹⁶ He encouraged all Americans to promote the voices of transgender people and “work toward eliminating discrimination against all transgender, gender and nonbinary people.”

On 31 March 2022, President Biden determined that the mining and beneficiation, national defense and other industrial facilities must protect “sustainable and responsible domestic production capabilities” by, for example, reporting the domestic industrial base to the President and Congress annually in recognition of “unreliable foreign sources” for key materials needed for clean energy transition such as lithium and nickel.²⁰¹⁷ Such measures ensure a “robust, resilient, sustainable and environmentally responsible domestic industrial base” to develop a “clean energy economy.”

On 5 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19.²⁰¹⁸ Government departments will provide information on coordination efforts to support individuals with ‘long COVID’ to the Secretary of Health and Human Services with a specific address to the

²⁰¹² Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 552(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/16/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-552c2-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961/>

²⁰¹³ Launching the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/gpc/briefing-room/2022/03/18/launching-the-global-partnership-for-action-on-gender-based-online-harassment-and-abuse/>

²⁰¹⁴ H.R.1667 - Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, Congress (Washington D.C.) 18 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1667>

²⁰¹⁵ Bill Signed: H.R. 55, The White House (Washington D.C.) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/03/29/bill-signed-h-r-55/>

²⁰¹⁶ A Proclamation on Transgender Day Of Visibility, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/30/a-proclamation-on-transgender-day-of-visibility-2022/>

²⁰¹⁷ Memorandum on Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/31/memorandum-on-presidential-determination-pursuant-to-section-303-of-the-defense-production-act-of-1950-as-amended/>

²⁰¹⁸ Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-addressing-the-long-term-effects-of-covid-19/>

experiences surrounding marginalized communities. This recognizes the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts as the country returns to pre-pandemic society.

On 5 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 which extends up to USD100 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as military education and training for Ukraine.²⁰¹⁹ This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 8 April 2022, President Biden signed into law the Ending Importation of Russian Oil Act and the Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act.²⁰²⁰ Prohibition of energy products from Russia as well as other normal trade with Russia and Belarus were suspended to “leverage trade and human rights sanctions.”

On 11 April 2022, the Department of the Interior announced USD46 million funding to Tribal communities to strengthen climate change initiatives and adaptation projects.²⁰²¹

On 13 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.²⁰²² This Memorandum extends up to USD800 million worth of defense articles and services of the Department of Defense as well as military education and training for Ukraine. This follows global efforts to condemn Russia in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 22 April 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation’s Forests, Communities, and Local Economies.²⁰²³ This Order pursues sustainable forest and land management to restore the country’s Federal forests, retain carbon storage, conserve biodiversity and promote local economic development by expanding the scope of intergovernmental cooperation on forestry and wildlife conservation strategies.

On 14 April 2022, the Department of the Interior published its first Equity Action Plan.²⁰²⁴ The Plan outlines efforts to advance equity, remove barriers to equal opportunity and ensure services are available for all citizens equitably.

On 20 April 2022, the US launched the Rural Partners Network.²⁰²⁵ This Network will connect all levels of government to promote investments and infrastructure development in rural communities.

²⁰¹⁹Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-3/>

²⁰²⁰ Bills Signed: H.R. 6968 and H.R. 7108, The White House (Washington D.C.) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/04/08/bills-signed-h-r-6968-and-h-r-7108/>

²⁰²¹Biden-Harris Administration Announces Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to Build Climate Resilience in Tribal Communities, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022.

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-funding-build>
²⁰²² Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-the-delegation-of-authority-under-section-506a1-of-the-foreign-assistance-act-of-1961-3/>

²⁰²³ Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation’s Forests, Communities, and Local Economies, The White House (Washington D.C.) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/22/executive-order-on-strengthening-the-nations-forests-communities-and-local-economies/>

²⁰²⁴ Interior Department Releases Action Plan, Outlines Steps to Advance Equity, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 14 April 2022. Access Date: 2 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-releases-action-plan-outlines-steps-advance-equity>

²⁰²⁵ Biden-Harris Administration Launches Nationwide Network of Partners to Tap Resources for Rural America, US department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 20 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/20/biden-harris-administration-launches-nationwide-network-partners>

On 21 April 2022, the USDA announced that USD420 million will be invested in 132 infrastructure projects across the country.²⁰²⁶

On 22 April 2022, the USDA invested USD800 million in climate-smart infrastructures across the country.²⁰²⁷ These funds strengthen the health of people in rural communities by expanding access to safe water and/or clean energy.

On 29 April 2022, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue in the Department of the Interior announced the allocation of USD252 million to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.²⁰²⁸ This fund will support these states in coastal restoration and conservation.

On 3 May 2022, the Department of the Interior allocated USD10.65 million of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for repairs and upgrades on Indian Affairs-owned water systems.²⁰²⁹

On 4 May 2022, President Biden authorized the Executive Order on Enhancing the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee.²⁰³⁰ This Order strengthens development of quantum information science (QIS), which can “enable transformative advances in knowledge and technology for industry, academia and government” by soliciting information on QIS to advance innovations.

On 6 May 2022, the administration launched the Additive Manufacturing Forward program.²⁰³¹ The program will improve the global competitiveness of American SMEs by increasing investments in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) through a voluntary compact between large manufacturers and “smaller US-based suppliers” utilizing 3D printing technology.

On 6 May 2022, Secretary Haaland announced USD61.1 million funding for 26 cities across the country to create new parks and trails as part of the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program.²⁰³² The program recognizes the importance of outdoor spaces on community building and health.

²⁰²⁶ President Biden, USDA Announces \$420 Million Investment in Watershed Infrastructure Projects to Benefit Rural and Historically Underserved Communities, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 21 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/21/president-biden-usda-announce-420-million-investment-watershed>

²⁰²⁷ On Earth Day, USDA Invests Nearly \$800 Million in Critical Infrastructure to Combat Climate Change Across Rural America, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/22/earth-day-usda-invests-nearly-800-million-critical-infrastructure>

²⁰²⁸ Interior Department Disburses Over \$252 Million to Gulf States, Supporting Coastal Restoration and Conservation, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 3 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-disburses-over-252-million-gulf-states-supporting-coastal>

²⁰²⁹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$10 Million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Investments for Tribal Water Systems, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 3 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-10-million-bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

²⁰³⁰ Executive Order on Enhancing the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee, The White House (Washington D.C.) 4 May 2022. Access Date: 9 May 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/04/executive-order-on-enhancing-the-national-quantum-initiative-advisory-committee/>

²⁰³¹ FACT SHEET: Biden Administration Celebrates Launch of AM Forward and Calls on Congress to Pass Bipartisan Innovation Act, The White House (Washington D.C.) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/06/fact-sheet-biden-administration-celebrates-launch-of-am-forward-and-calls-on-congress-to-pass-bipartisan-innovation-act/>

²⁰³² Secretary Haaland Announces \$61 Million to Increase Outdoor Access in Urban Spaces, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 9 June 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-announces-61-million-increase-outdoor-access-urban-spaces>

On 7 May 2022, the Biden Administration arranged additional resources including “firefighting crews, aircraft, engines and incident management teams from the US Forest Service and the Department of the Interior” to New Mexico.²⁰³³ These resources will support state, local and Tribal firefighters against wildfires in New Mexico.

On 9 May 2022, President Biden and Vice President Harris announced that high-speed internet costs will decrease by up to USD30, or up to USD75 on Tribal lands, per month.²⁰³⁴ This is part of the Affordable Connectivity Program and, with commitments from “20 leading internet providers... covering 80 per cent of the US population,” recognizes the necessity of internet services.

On 9 May 2022, President Biden signed into law the “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.”²⁰³⁵ The law will allow authorities to “lend or lease defense articles to Ukraine or to Eastern European countries” in light of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 11 May 2022, President Biden announced a series of measures to combat rising supply costs and increasing food prices due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.²⁰³⁶ The Department of Agriculture will launch programs to decrease costs for farmers by increasing technical assistance. Additionally, the Biden-Harris Administration will increase the number of counties eligible for double cropping insurance, encouraging production and increase funding for domestic fertilizer production to USD500 million.

On 11 May 2022, Secretary Haaland released the first volume of the investigative report as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.²⁰³⁷ The report examines intergenerational trauma and the full impacts created by federal Indian boarding school policies and will help the government address Indigenous cultural assimilation.

On 12 May 2022, the United States hosted the second Global COVID-19 Summit.²⁰³⁸ The US committed USD200 million to the pandemic preparedness and global health security financial fund at the World Bank, and reaffirmed intent to share COVID-19 vaccine-related information and products to advance global health security.

On 12 May 2022, President Biden announced additional measures to address the infant formula shortage.²⁰³⁹ Measures include updated policies to make it easier for families to purchase formula with government benefits, tackle unfair price gouging or market prices and increase supply through greater imports. These steps aim to alleviate the impacts of the infant formula shortage.

²⁰³³ FACT SHEET: The Biden Administration Responds to Early Wildfires in New Mexico, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/07/fact-sheet-the-biden-administration-responds-to-early-wildfires-in-new-mexico/>

²⁰³⁴ FACT SHEET: President Biden and Vice President Harris Reduce High-Speed Internet Costs for Millions of Americans, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/09/fact-sheet-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-reduce-high-speed-internet-costs-for-millions-of-americans/>

²⁰³⁵ Bill Signed: S. 3522, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/05/09/bill-signed-s-3522/>

²⁰³⁶ FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces New Actions to Address Putin’s Price Hike, Make Food More Affordable, and Lower Costs for Farmers, The White House (Washington D.C.) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/11/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-address-putins-price-hike-make-food-more-affordable-and-lower-costs-for-farmers/>

²⁰³⁷ Department of the Interior Releases Investigative Report, Outlines Next Steps in Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 9 June 2022. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/department-interior-releases-investigative-report-outlines-next-steps-federal-indian>

²⁰³⁸ 2nd Global COVID-19 Summit Commitments, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/2nd-global-covid-19-summit-commitments/>

²⁰³⁹ FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces Additional Steps to Address Infant Formula Shortage, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-additional-steps-to-address-infant-formula-shortage/>

On 12 May 2022, President Biden approved the Rhode Island Disaster Declaration.²⁰⁴⁰ This will increase federal assistance to Rhode Island residents affected by the winter storm on 28-29 January 2022.

On 12 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced policy commitments for sustainable development and inclusive prosperity as part of the summit between the U.S. and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).²⁰⁴¹ Such measures include commitments for the US to invest USD40 million to clean energy infrastructure, launch a US-ASEAN Climate Solutions Hub to provide technical assistance for green initiatives in ASEAN countries, promote forestry conservation and reduce methane emissions by focusing on green infrastructure and digital development in ASEAN countries.

On 16 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the Housing Supply Action Plan.²⁰⁴² The Plan will alleviate housing costs by “boosting the supply of quality housing” across the country through increased housing and federal financing of “affordable multifamily development and preservation.”

On 16 May 2022, the US-EU Trade and Technology Council established joint economic and technology policies and initiatives.²⁰⁴³ The agreement will further US-EU cooperation by increasing information exchange on US and EU technology, developing a joint roadmap on Artificial Intelligence research and establishing a framework for future dialogue on trade concerns.

On 18 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration launched the third round of COVID-19 home tests available through COVIDTests.gov.²⁰⁴⁴ This will make COVID-19 testing more accessible and increase pandemic data.

On 18 May 2022, President Biden announced additional measures to address the infant formula shortage.²⁰⁴⁵ Measures include invoking the Defense Production Act to ensure that suppliers send resources needed for formula directly to infant formula manufacturers and launching ‘Operation Fly Formula,’ which will increase the import volume of infant formula to make the formula more available.

On 21 May 2022, President Biden signed into law the “Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022.”²⁰⁴⁶ The bill provides additional emergency aid to federal agencies to respond to, and assist, Ukraine during the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. President Biden also signed into law the “Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022,” which waives certain program requirements in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to make infant formula more accessible.

²⁰⁴⁰ President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Rhode Island Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-rhode-island-disaster-declaration/>

²⁰⁴¹ FACT SHEET: US-ASEAN Special Summit in Washington D.C., DC, The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/12/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-rhode-island-disaster-declaration/>

²⁰⁴² President Biden Announces New Actions to Ease the Burden of Housing Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/16/president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-ease-the-burden-of-housing-costs/>

²⁰⁴³ FACT SHEET: US-EU Trade and Technology Council Establishes Economic and Technology Policies & Initiatives, The White House (Washington D.C.) 16 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/16/fact-sheet-u-s-eu-trade-and-technology-council-establishes-economic-and-technology-policies-initiatives/>

²⁰⁴⁴ Press Briefing by White House COVID-19 Response Team and Public Health Officials | May 18, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/05/18/press-briefing-by-white-house-covid-19-response-team-and-public-health-officials-may-18-2022/>

²⁰⁴⁵ FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces New Actions to Address Infant Formula Shortage, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/18/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-address-infant-formula-shortage/>

²⁰⁴⁶ Bills Signed: H.R. 7691 and H.R. 7791, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2022/05/21/bills-signed-h-r-7691-and-h-r-7791/>

On 21 May 2022, Director of the White House Gender Policy Council Jennifer Klein, Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President Rohini Kosoglu and Vice President Harris met with reproductive justice leaders.²⁰⁴⁷ The meeting discussed concerns on women's health that would be realized by overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

On 23 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced further agreements within the US-Japan Climate Partnership.²⁰⁴⁸ Efforts include enhancing bilateral cooperation to promote innovation in renewable energy, increasing measures to match the Global Methane Pledge and accelerate offshore wind installations.

On 23 May 2022, President Biden launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity with a dozen other partners representing 40 per cent of the world GDP.²⁰⁴⁹ The framework will increase American investment in the Indo-Pacific to increase jobs and trade in the region.

On 23 May 2022, the United States launched the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness with the Quad nations (Australia, India and Japan).²⁰⁵⁰ The partnership will allow countries in the region to fully monitor the water in near-real-time to promote border security in the maritime as well as the protection of fisheries.

On 25 May 2022, President Biden signed an Executive Order to advance effective, accountable policing and strengthen public safety.²⁰⁵¹ The Order promotes accountability by creating "a new national database of police misconduct," ensure more thorough discipline and internal investigations, mandate body cameras and improves training and crisis response. These measures are implemented in recognition of the protests that followed the death of George Floyd in May 2020.

On 25 May 2022, President Biden approved the Kansas Disaster Declaration.²⁰⁵² This will increase federal assistance to Kansas residents affected by the winter storm on 17-22 March 2022.

On 27 May 2022, President Biden removed tariffs on steel imports from Ukraine for one year.²⁰⁵³ This was done in support of Ukraine's economy that has been damaged due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

²⁰⁴⁷ Readout of White House Meeting with Reproductive Justice Leaders, The White House (Washington D.C.) 21 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/21/readout-of-white-house-meeting-with-reproductive-justice-leaders/>

²⁰⁴⁸ FACT SHEET: US- Japan Climate Partnership, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/u-s-japan-climate-partnership-fact-sheet/>

²⁰⁴⁹ FACT SHEET: In Asia, President Biden and a Dozen Indo-Pacific Partners Launch the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/fact-sheet-in-asia-president-biden-and-a-dozen-indo-pacific-partners-launch-the-indo-pacific-economic-framework-for-prosperity/>

²⁰⁵⁰ FACT SHEET: Quad Leaders' Tokyo Summit 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/23/fact-sheet-quad-leaders-tokyo-summit-2022/>

²⁰⁵¹ FACT SHEET: President Biden to Sign Historic Executive Order to Advance Effective, Accountable Policing and Strengthen Public Safety, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/25/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-sign-historic-executive-order-to-advance-effective-accountable-policing-and-strengthen-public-safety/>

²⁰⁵² President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Kansas Disaster Declaration, The White House (Washington D.C.) 25 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/25/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-kansas-disaster-declaration-2/>

²⁰⁵³ A Proclamation: Adjusting Imports of Steel Into the United States (Ukraine), The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/05/27/a-proclamation-adjusting-imports-of-steel-into-the-united-states-ukraine/>

On 31 May 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration published the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook.²⁰⁵⁴ The document provides Tribal communities with information on resources and funding available under the law and will make infrastructure reform in these communities more accessible.

On 1 June 2022, Vice President Harris launched the White House Action Plan on Global Water Security.²⁰⁵⁵ The plan elevates water security as a foreign policy and national security priority in recognition of the importance of water stress impacts on issues such as drinking water and climate change by “promoting sustainable management and protection of water resources” and encourage multilateral action to achieve this goal.

On 1 June 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the National Initiative to Advance Building Codes.²⁰⁵⁶ The updated set of standards for buildings will ensure more resilient infrastructure against natural disasters and expected to lower costs for residents by lowering utility bills and reducing property damage.

On 1 June 2022, the US procured approximately 4.6 million 8-ounce bottles of Bubs Australia infant formula, to be imported on 9 June 2022 and 11 June 2022.²⁰⁵⁷ The imports alleviate the effects of the ongoing domestic infant formula shortage.

On 2 June 2022, President Biden and Vice President Harris announced the launch of the White House Internship Program starting Fall 2022, in which interns will be paid for the first time in recent history.²⁰⁵⁸ The compensated position addresses barriers to equal opportunities by allowing individuals with low income to maintain a salary in the role.

On 2 June 2022, President Biden called for gun reform measures.²⁰⁵⁹ He listed actions such as banning assault weapons, raising the legal age to purchase guns to 21 and stricter storage laws. This call for action follows the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas, on 24 May 2022.

²⁰⁵⁴ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Releases Tribal Playbook, Announces Massive New Tribal Funding from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 May 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/31/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-releases-tribal-playbook-announces-massive-new-tribal-funding-from-bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>

²⁰⁵⁵ FACT SHEET: Vice President Harris Announces Action Plan on Global Water Security and Highlights the Administration’s Work to Build Drought Resilience, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/fact-sheet-vice-president-harris-announces-action-plan-on-global-water-security-and-highlights-the-administrations-work-to-build-drought-resilience/>

²⁰⁵⁶ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Launches Initiative to Modernize Building Codes, Improve Climate Resilience, and Reduce Energy Costs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-launches-initiative-to-modernize-building-codes-improve-climate-resilience-and-reduce-energy-costs/>

²⁰⁵⁷ President Biden Announces Fourth Operation Fly Formula Mission, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/01/president-biden-announces-fourth-operation-fly-formula-mission/>

²⁰⁵⁸ Biden-Harris Administration Announces the First Session of the White House Internship Program, Administration Will Pay Interns for the First Time in History, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/02/biden-harris-administration-announces-the-first-session-of-the-white-house-internship-program-administration-will-pay-interns-for-the-first-time-in-history/>

²⁰⁵⁹ Remarks by President Biden on Gun Violence in America, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 June 2022. Access Date: 7 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/06/02/remarks-by-president-biden-on-gun-violence-in-america/>

On 9 June 2022, President Biden announced USD331 million for humanitarian assistance, food security assistance and disaster risk reduction assistance at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles.²⁰⁶⁰ This funding aims to address rising food costs in the Western Hemisphere.

On 10 June 2022, the USDA announced its intent to develop a pilot program, utilizing up to USD65 million in American Rescue Plan funding, to strengthen the food supply chain, reduce irregular migration and improve working conditions for both domestic and foreign farmworkers.²⁰⁶¹

On 13 June 2022, the US Environmental Protection Agency announced USD6.5 billion in total funding through the Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and the State Infrastructure Financing Authority WIFIA program to support USD13 billion in water infrastructure projects, while creating more than 40,000 jobs.²⁰⁶²

On 15 June 2022, the US Environmental Protection Agency announced USD1 billion to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water and other emerging contaminants in drinking water, specifically in small or disadvantaged communities.²⁰⁶³ The investment aims to strengthen public health protections with infrastructure funding to help communities provide clean water.

On 17 June, the US launched the Talent Pipeline Challenge to fill high quality jobs that will help rebuild domestic infrastructure and supply chains and encourage economic recovery and growth.²⁰⁶⁴ This initiative encourages employers, education and training providers, states, local, Tribal and territorial governments as well as philanthropic organizations to make tangible commitments that support equitable workforce development in three critical infrastructure sectors: Broadband, Construction, and "Electrification" (EV Charging Infrastructure and Battery Manufacturing).

On 17 June 2022, Vice President Harris announced a USD50 billion investment to support the amelioration of lead in paint and pipes, as well as reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to remove all lead pipes within 10 years through the Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan.²⁰⁶⁵ The funding will support public education on the issue, as well as supporting local governments in facilitating testing and the removal of lead pipes.

²⁰⁶⁰ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Commitments to Advance Food Security in the Western Hemisphere, The White House (Washington D.C.) 9 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/09/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-commitments-to-advance-food-security-in-the-western-hemisphere/>

²⁰⁶¹ U.S. Department of Agriculture to Invest up to \$65 Million in Pilot Program to Strengthen Food Supply Chain, Reduce Irregular Migration, and Improve Working Conditions for Farmworkers, US Department of Agriculture (Washington D.C.) 10 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/06/10/us-department-agriculture-invest-65-million-pilot-program>

²⁰⁶² EPA Announces \$6.5 Billion in New Funding Available for Water Infrastructure Projects, US Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 13 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-65-billion-new-funding-available-water-infrastructure-projects>

²⁰⁶³ EPA Announces New Health Advisories on PFAS Chemicals in Drinking Water, \$1 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Act Funding to Strengthen Health Protections, US Environmental Protection Agency (Washington D.C.) 15 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/la-epa-anuncia-nuevos-avisos-de-salud-sobre-las-sustancias-quimicas-pfas-en-el-agua>

²⁰⁶⁴ FACT SHEET: The Biden-Harris Administration Launches the Talent Pipeline Challenge: Supporting Employer Investments in Equitable Workforce Development for Infrastructure Jobs, The White House (Washington D.C.) 17 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/17/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administration-launches-the-talent-pipeline-challenge-supporting-employer-investments-in-equitable-workforce-development-for-infrastructure-jobs/>

²⁰⁶⁵ Remarks by Vice President Harris on the Biden-Harris Administration's Historic Investments to Remove and Replace Lead Pipes, The White House (Washington D.C.) 17 June 2022. Access Date: 19 June 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/06/17/remarks-by-vice-president-harris-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-historic-investments-to-remove-and-replace-lead-pipes/>

Though the United States remains split on the matter of women's health and reproductive rights as well as gun reform, it took strong actions to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery domestically with an increased focus on rebuilding supply chains in the manufacturing and agriculture sector and supporting Indigenous and rural communities by extending financial, material and strategic aid to eligible communities and SMEs. The United States also supported sustainability and inclusivity globally by extending funds and humanitarian aid to partner countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and political conflicts in addition to leading multiple green initiative projects abroad.

Thus, the United States has received a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, promoting equity and accelerating progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognizing the importance of nationally owned strategies.

On 2 November 2021, the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and United States President Joe Biden co-hosted a discussion on the margins of the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.²⁰⁶⁶ The meeting focused on infrastructure initiatives that are in line with Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. President von der Leyen, alongside President Biden and United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson, endorsed five key principles for infrastructure development: climate resilience, inclusive partnerships, well maintained financing and construction, mobilization of capital to meet net-zero by 2050 and the construction of sustainable jobs that boost economic recovery. The goal is to ensure economic growth and development through sustainable and equitable means.

On 2 November 2021, the European Union, the United States and partners launched the 'Global Methane Plan.'²⁰⁶⁷ This initiative aims to reduce global and methane emissions and maintain the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

On 2 November 2021, the European Union, Germany, France, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States announced a 'Just Energy Transition Partnership' to support South Africa's effort towards decarbonization.²⁰⁶⁸ The goal of this partnership is to reduce emissions rates and support climate action.

On 9 November 2021, the European Commission pledged EU100 million for the 'Adaptation Fund' at COP26.²⁰⁶⁹ This contribution aims to support climate adaptation objectives and support countries and populations most vulnerable to climate change.

On 10 November 2021, the Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen participated in the Global Education Meeting "Invest now for the recovery and the futures of education."²⁰⁷⁰ The European Union

²⁰⁶⁶ U.S. President Biden, European Commission President von der Leyen and UK Prime minister Johnson announce Commitment to addressing climate crisis through infrastructure development, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 7 February 2021. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_21_5767

²⁰⁶⁷ Launch by United States, the European Union, and Partners of the Global Methane Pledge to Keep 1.5C Within Reach, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_21_5766

²⁰⁶⁸ France, Germany, UK, US and EU launch ground-breaking International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5768

²⁰⁶⁹ EU at COP26: Commission pledges €100 million to the Adaptation Fund, European Commission (Brussels) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_5886

²⁰⁷⁰ Commission Urpilainen: the EU will devote for than 6 billion euros to education worldwide, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 10 November 2021. Access Date: 6 February 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/commissioner-urpilainen-to-devote-6-billion-education-worldwide_en

committed to increasing its contribution, providing an estimated EU6 billion by 2027. This funding will contribute to improving access to education worldwide and enable socio-economic change.

On 11 November 2021, Members of the European Parliament from the Employment and Social Affairs Committee voted in support of implementing minimum requirements to ensure minimum wage employment can provide a decent standard of living and to protect workers' rights to collective bargaining.²⁰⁷¹ The goal is to reduce poverty and protect workers' rights through this draft law.

On 24 November 2021, the European Commission launched the 2022 European Semester cycle of economic policy coordination.²⁰⁷² The 2021 'Annual Sustainable Growth Survey' (ASGS) proposed an agenda for 2022 that promotes a sustainable and fair recovery and strengthens the EU's economy's resilience. It outlines the 'Recovery and Resilience Facility' as being a large proponent of the upcoming cycle. The ASGS also outlines how Sustainable Development Goals will be integrated into the European Semester, subsequently working to improve the fulfillment of SDGs across Member States.

On 25 November 2021, the European Commission approved an investment package of over EU290 million to fund over 132 environment and climate change programs under the 'LIFE programme'.²⁰⁷³ This funding will amount to a total investment of EU562 million towards the programs, which will be implemented in almost every Member State. These projects work toward achieving the goals of climate-neutrality on the continent by 2050, the recovery of Europe's biodiversity and a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 2 December 2021, the European Commission disbursed EU1.8 billion for Romania in pre-financing under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁷⁴ These funds will be used to begin the implementation of the investment and reform measures in Romania's recovery and resilience plan.

On 3 December 2021, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Spain's request for EU10 billion disbursement in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁷⁵ This assessment is an important step in the implementation of the Facility.

On 17 December 2021, the European Union endorsed the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) Declaration 2025 and became a member of the ATI.²⁰⁷⁶ This endorsement reaffirms the EU's commitment to just and effective mobilization of domestic revenue in efforts to address inequity and promote sustainable development.

On 14 January 2022, the European Commission published a proposal for a 'Council of Recommendation on learning for environmental sustainability'.²⁰⁷⁷ This proposal aims to promote and support understanding and skills on climate change, the environment and sustainability within Member States, all education providers and non-government organizations.

²⁰⁷¹ New rules for fair minimum wages in the EU, News European Parliament (Brussels) 11 November 2021. Access Date: 24 January 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20211107IPR16808/new-rules-for-fair-minimum-wages-in-the-eu>

²⁰⁷² European Semester Autumn Package: rebounding stronger from the crisis and making Europe greener and more digital, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6105

²⁰⁷³ LIFE Programme: More than €290 million in EU funding for nature, environment and climate action projects, European Commission (Brussels) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6178

²⁰⁷⁴ NextGenerationEU: European Commission disburses €1.8 billion in pre-financing to Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 2 December 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6471

²⁰⁷⁵ NextGenerationEU: European Commission adopts positive preliminary assessment of Spain's request for €10 billion disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_6597

²⁰⁷⁶ Tax systems that work for people and planet: EU endorses Addis Tax Initiative Declaration 2025, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 17 December 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/tax-systems-work-people-and-planet-eu-endorses-addis-tax-initiative-declaration-2025_en

²⁰⁷⁷ Commission calls for environmental sustainability to be at the core of EU education and training systems, European Commission (Brussels) 14 January 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_327

On 18 January 2022, the European Union launched seven projects to protect health, education and livelihood in Afghanistan and five projects to address forced displacement and migration, cumulatively funded by EU268.3 million.²⁰⁷⁸ The goal of these projects is to support the basic needs of those in Afghanistan, particularly vulnerable populations.

On 26 January 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of France's request for EU7.4 billion disbursement in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁷⁹ These grants would be used to finance reforms in public finance, mobility, housing, unemployment insurance, skills and health. Other areas of investment are the energy renovation of buildings, decarbonization, green vehicles, youth employment and education.

On 7 February 2022, the European Union and UNICEF, in collaboration with Eni, launched a partnership project with the Basra Governorate to ameliorate water quality in Basra City for 850,000 people, including more than 160,000 children.²⁰⁸⁰ This project works to support a climate-resilient environment by providing safe and sustainable drinking water to vulnerable populations. This project also aims to create sustainable and green jobs within Basra. The goal is to address water scarcity and salinization in Iraq, while creating sustainable solutions through strong partnerships and strengthening communities.

On 28 February 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Italy's request for EU21 billion disbursement, EU10 billion in grants and EU11 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁸¹ These funds would be used to finance reforms in public administration, justice, post-secondary education and strengthen the autonomy of individuals with disabilities.

On 28 February 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Greece's request for EU3.6 billion disbursement, EU1.7 billion in grants and nearly EU1.9 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁸² These funds would be used to finance reforms and investments in energy efficiency, electric mobility, waste management, labour market, healthcare and public transportation.

On 1 March 2022, the European Commission adopted its first annual report on the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).²⁰⁸³ The RRF is providing up to EU723.8 billion in grants and loans to Member States to financially support investments and reforms which promote a strong recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

²⁰⁷⁸ Afghanistan: EU supports the education, health and livelihoods of the Afghan people with €268.3 million, European Commission: International Partnerships (Brussels) 18 January 2022. Access Date: 7 February 2022.

https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/afghanistan-eu-supports-education-health-livelihoods_en

²⁰⁷⁹ NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of France's request for €7.4 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 26 January 2021. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_576

²⁰⁸⁰ The European Union and UNICEF, in collaboration with Eni, launch a project to improve the water quality for 850,000 people in Basra, United Nations (Iraq) 7 February 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://iraq.un.org/en/171245-european-union-and-unicef-collaboration-eni-launch-project-improve-water-quality-850000>

²⁰⁸¹ NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Italy's request for €21 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1356

²⁰⁸² NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Greece's request for €3.6 billion disbursement under Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2022. Access Date: June 3 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1354

²⁰⁸³ NextGenerationEU: First annual report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility finds implementation is well underway, European Commission (Brussels) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1198

On 23 March 2022, the European Commission announced it would be actively engaging in eight global Coalitions for Action.²⁰⁸⁴ The eight coalitions are: ‘Food is never waste,’ ‘Health Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children & all,’ ‘School Meals Coalition,’ ‘Aquatic and Blue Foods,’ ‘Argo-ecology,’ ‘Zero Hunger,’ ‘Fighting food crises along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus’ and ‘Sustainable Productivity Growth.’ These coalitions work to assist partner countries to transform food systems and to internationally support the Farm to Fork strategy.

On 25 March 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Portugal’s request for EU1.16 billion, EU553.44 million in grants and EU609 in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁸⁵ These funds would be used to finance reforms in health, social housing, social services, investment and innovation, bio-economy, renewable gases, public finances and public administration.

On 29 March 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive preliminary assessment of Sweden’s request for EU3.3 billion in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁸⁶ These funds would be used to finance green and digital transitions, job creation as well as strengthen economic and social resilience.

On 1 April 2022, the European Commission signed grant agreements amounting to EU1.1 billion to fund seven large-scale projects through the EU’s Emissions Trading System.²⁰⁸⁷ The goal of these projects is to reduce emissions by over 76 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂eq) during their first 10 years of operation. These projects will take place in Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Italy and France.

On 4 April 2022, Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen addressed the General Assembly of the Sahel Alliance in Madrid to discuss poor access to food and water, specifically highlighting how this issue is exacerbated by Russia’s war on Ukraine.²⁰⁸⁸ The Commissioner reaffirmed the European Union’s commitment to supporting its partners and maintaining strong partnerships.

On 5 April 2022, the European Commission proposed two regulations to control fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) and ozone depleting substances (ODS), which aim to limit rising global temperatures within the range outlined in the Paris Agreement.²⁰⁸⁹ The F-gas regulation proposal aims to prevent 40 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 while the ODS proposal aims to prevent the equivalent of 180 million tons of CO₂ and 30,000 tons of ozone depleting potential emissions by 2050.

On 6 April 2022, Commissioner Urpilainen and Commissioner Lenarčič participated in a forum organized by the European Union, the OECD’s Sahel and West Africa Club, and the Global Network Against Food Crises

²⁰⁸⁴ Food security: Commission steps up support for global action to transform food systems via eight Global Coalitions, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-security-commission-steps-support-global-action-transform-food-systems-eight-global_en

²⁰⁸⁵ NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses positive preliminary assessment of Portugal's request for €1.16 billion disbursement under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Commission (Brussels) 25 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1965

²⁰⁸⁶ NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Sweden's €3.3 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1992

²⁰⁸⁷ Commission awards over €1 billion to innovative projects for the EU climate transition, European Commission (Brussels) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2163

²⁰⁸⁸ Food crisis: EU kick starts a week of intensive multilateral engagement to address food insecurity in the Sahel, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel_en

²⁰⁸⁹ Green Deal: Phasing down fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2189

on Food Security and Nutrition in the Sahel and West Africa Region.²⁰⁹⁰ This forum discusses effective solutions to food insecurity in the region through awareness and support from international partners.

On 7 April 2022, the European Commission raised an additional EU6 billion in NextGenerationEU funds with its second NextGenerationEU green bond syndication.²⁰⁹¹ The proceeds accumulated from this deal will support Europe's green transformation through providing financing sustainable investments to Member States' resilient and sustainable recovery plans.

On 7 April 2022, the European Commission endorsed a positive assessment of Bulgaria's recovery and resilience plan, which requested EU6.3 billion in grants under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁹² These funds would be used to decarbonize the energy sector, triple power generation from renewable sources by 2026 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the power sector by 40 per cent by 2025. This plan also promotes water management, biodiversity conservation and restoration and to support the digital transition.

On 10 May 2022, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a guarantee agreement stating that the European Commission will support up to EU26.7 billion of EIB operations to promote public investments over the next seven years.²⁰⁹³ This guarantee agreement aims to improve sustainable energy, digital and transportation infrastructure, health and education. This guarantee agreement will also support investments in the Western Balkans, the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood regions, as well as Ukraine's post-war recovery.

On 10 May 2022, the European Commission adopted an amendment to the Horizon Europe Work Programme of 2021-2022 by increasing its budget by approximately EU562 million to support 'EU Missions' towards innovative solutions to health, environmental sustainability and digital challenges.²⁰⁹⁴ The goal of these programs is to implement and support innovative and sustainable solutions to issues within Europe and beyond.

On 23 May 2022, the European Commission released its Spring Package, which aims to provide Member States with financial support to promote a resilient, green and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.²⁰⁹⁵

On 1 June 2022, the European Commission endorsed Poland's recovery and resilience plan, which requested EU23.9 billion in grants and EU11.5 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.²⁰⁹⁶ These funds would be used to decarbonize Poland's economy, increase renewable energies such as offshore windfarms and support the digital transition.

²⁰⁹⁰ Food crisis: EU kick starts a week of intensive multilateral engagement to address food insecurity in the Sahel, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 4 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/food-crisis-eu-kick-starts-week-intensive-multilateral-engagement-address-food-insecurity-sahel_en

²⁰⁹¹ NextGenerationEU: European Commission supports Europe's sustainable transition with second green bond syndication, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2271

²⁰⁹² NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Bulgaria's €6.3 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2282

²⁰⁹³ European Commission and EIB sign an Agreement to enable further investments worldwide, European Commission: International Partners (Brussels) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/news/european-commission-and-eib-sign-agreement-enable-further-investments-worldwide_en

²⁰⁹⁴ Commission boosts Horizon Europe budget to support green, health and digital innovations and displaced researchers of Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 10 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2843

²⁰⁹⁵ European Semester Spring Package: Sustaining a green and sustainable recovery in the face of increased uncertainty, European Commission (Brussels) 23 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_3182

²⁰⁹⁶ NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Poland's €35.4 billion recovery and resilience plan, European Commission (Brussels) 1 June 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_3375

On 7 June 2022, the European Commission proposed an annual EU budget of EUR185.6 billion for 2023, to be complemented by an estimated EUR113.9 billion in grants under NextGenerationEU.²⁰⁹⁷ This budget will continue to mobilise significant investments to boost Europe's strategic autonomy, the ongoing economic recovery, safeguard sustainability and create jobs while allowing the Commission to continue to prioritise green and digital investments while addressing pressing needs arising from recent and current crises.

The European Union has taken strong action to support a sustainable and inclusive recovery through allocating funds to address poverty, access to education, and the displacement of migrants. The European Union has also taken weaker action to support a sustainable and inclusive recovery through attending a meeting focused on sustainable infrastructure initiatives and endorsing principles that promote an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

Thus, the European Union has received a score of +1.

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