The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), adopted in 2015, embody the consensus of governments and different stakeholders to work collaboratively towards a transformative vision of economic, social and environmental sustainability, by correcting asymmetries and building an open and stable international system. Complying with the Agenda will need to find a balance between employment and equality policies in each country with the restrictions imposed to national decisions by an open world system.

A weakening of the multilateral cooperation agenda poses a grave risk for the global economy and worsens the chances of fully achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDG. These problems will only be solved with more, not less, multilateralism, international cooperation and global public goods that can redefine international governance.

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