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## **The G20 is not the world's decision-maker, the 2030 Agenda is dangerously off track**

**Extreme poverty and malnutrition in the world have risen for the first time in 20 years, the pandemic continues to increase inequalities globally and delays in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are evident.** It is stated by **Civil 20** – the civil society official Engagement Group, gathering 560 organizations from more than 100 countries, recalling that the G20 should put its economic and political strength at the service of the United Nations.

Regarding global health Civil 20 supports the need for a joint commitment led by the WHO, which guarantees universal access to robust public health systems, designed with the **One Health approach**, which recognizes the interconnection between all living beings on the planet and the consequent protection of biodiversity. **There is only one way out of the pandemic: the TRIPS waiver**, which would allow the Covid-19 vaccine manufacturing around the world without paying patent fees, as provided for by the World Trade Organization. **The G20 has not made yet - and once more - an agreement to support this proposal.**

The G20 produces the 80% of greenhouse gas emissions and for this reason must take a clear responsibility on climate issue. The G20 declared willingness to limit the magnitude of future warming at 1,5°C by updating the national domestic plan is appreciated, as well as the availability to a clear pathway toward net zero emissions by the middle century, with adequate financial commitment and the elimination of subsidies to fossil fuels.

Nevertheless, **the Civil 20 continues to ask for concrete steps for decarbonization and the elimination of subsidies to fossil fuels.**

**The Civil 20 trust that the only essential commitments would arise from COP26**, a table where all the UN members sit, including the most vulnerable ones and the most exposed to climate risk. **COP26 is the only one in charge of taking decisions on how to get out of the climate crisis.**

**There is no change if women and girls don't play a leading role** and aren't put at the center of any policies. The G20 supports the convening of a Conference of Women's Empowerment in the next years, but the **C20 asks to institutionalize an official Gender Working Group and Ministerial Meeting**, as it happens on the other issues.

To ensure a better future for the new generations, **action must be taken on the governance of digitization processes to avoid dangerous economic and political monopolies**, as well as abuses and spaces that fuel hatred and violence, while increasing the access of women and girls to digitization processes.

**The G20 is not the decision-maker of the world, but a forum that must support, politically and financially, the United Nations, the place of proper multilateralism.**

To do that, **the G20 must act to contribute to widen the fiscal space of low- and middle-income countries, burdened by the spending needs of the pandemic. On the redistribution of the resources coming from the SDRs issuance, the G20 didn't find an agreement**, that instead is needed to make that issuance meaningful for low-income countries. **A more robust debt initiative and a different reform of the international taxation system are also needed**, both to be designed within the UN, where all countries, including the most vulnerable, are fully entitled to participate.

Finally, **it is essential to ensure the respect for human rights, the rule of law and freedom of expression: too often members of civil society supporting human rights are victims of violence and arbitrary detention. Civil 20 also denounces the progressive process of shrinking civic spaces that is weakening and harming democracy.**

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