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The Overarching Theme must be based on the SDGs, legal precedents, and preemptory norms

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1 June 2015 – The Co-chairs of the SDGs affirmed that the overarching theme would be “To

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Co-chairs, however, then stated a caveat;

“we wish to emphasize that it has no formal or legal status, and in no way establishes a precedent

To realize what would be needed to transform the world, the member states could both discuss h

STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

– In the interactive dialogues, the Member States of the United Nations could undertake to discuss

□ **Peremptory norms are deemed to □ arise from**

1. commitments made through un conference action plans adopted through consensus by state

2. obligations incurred through treaties conventions, and covenants that have been either signed

Ratifying key legally binding agreements

International Covenants such as on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its protocols, on Econ

ELIMINATING THE PRACTICES THAT IMPEDE THE POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

See; [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\):the world we want is impeded by the continuation of the world we do not want](#)

A. Prevent war and conflict

B Avert Environmental Devastation and Health Problems

C. Cease Exploitative Trade

D Stave off Corporatism and Financial Institutions

E. End social injustice and violation of Human Rights

F. Abandon the disregard for the rule of international law and legal precedents

https://pejnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10112:sustainable-development-goals-sdgsshaping-the-world-you-want-is-impeded-by-the-continuation-of-the-world-you-do-not-want&catid=74:justice-news&Itemid=216

TRANSFERRING OF FUNDS FROM THE ACTIVITIES THAT UNDERMINE THE SDGS .

Throughout the years, through international agreements, member states of the United Nations ha

years of global commitments related to militarism and disarmament

Through international agreements, member states of the United Nations have undertaken to add

In 1976 at Habitat 1, member states of the United Nations affirmed the following in relation to the

In 1981, in the General Assembly resolution entitled Resolution on the reduction of the military b

(i) reaffirmed "the urgent need to reduce the military budget, and agreed to freeze and redu

(ii) recognised that "the military budget constitutes a heavy burden for the economies of a

(iii) reiterated the appeal "to all States, in particular the most heavily armed States, pendin

These appeals were further reinforced in a 1983 General Assembly Resolution on the Rela

In the 1984 General Assembly Resolution entitled the Right of Peoples to Peace, there were "App

In 1992, all member states recognized that "Warfare is inherently destructive of sustainable

In 1994, in adopting the statement from the International Conference on Population and Developm

In 1995, similarly, states in adopting the statement from the Social Development Summit e

□ Again, in 1995, member states of the United Nations reconfirmed these commitments by adopti

Unfortunately, institutional memory is either short or member states ignore precedents.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Themes are the following:

·Ending poverty and hunger Tackling poverty in all its dimensions; achieving food security and addressing malnutrition; completing the unfinished business of the MDGs.

·Tackling inequalities, empowering women and girls and leaving no one behind Tackling inequalities within and between countries and supporting countries in special situations; supporting all vulnerable groups; achieving gender equality; ensuring access for all to education, health care, social protection and safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation.

·Fostering sustainable economic growth, transformation and promoting sustainable consumption and production Building resilient and dynamic economies and ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns; promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation; investing in sustainable agriculture and rural development, energy and infrastructure; supporting youth employment and decent work for all.

·Protecting our planet and combatting climate change Promoting resilience and disaster risk reduction; promoting sustainable consumption and production; ensuring conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas, biodiversity and ecosystems; addressing land degradation and desertification; and supporting sustainable cities and human settlements.

·Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions to achieve sustainable development Strengthening institutions at all levels; promoting peaceful and inclusive

societies; securing access to justice for all; and respecting all human rights, including the right to development

. . Delivering on a revitalised Global Partnership Meeting all commitments on the means of implementation, including on financing for development, science, technology, innovation and capacity building; engaging all stakeholders and people worldwide, especially children and young people, in the realisation of the universally applicable SDGs; ensuring comprehensive follow-up and review and shaping effective multi-stakeholder partnerships. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?page=view&nr=139&type=230&menu=2059>

Transforming the world could be realized if States respected the rule of international law by ratifying key international instruments enacting the necessary legislation to ensure compliance , removing the impediments to achieving the positive themes of transformation, and reallocation funds from militarism to implementing the SDGs

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