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BISHKEK DECLARATION
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We, the participants of the Second Global Mountain Summit —heads of Delegations of the UN Member States, international and regional organizations, scientific institutions, civil society, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, gathered in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, in October 2027,

guided by the Charter of the United Nations, universally recognized principles and norms of international law, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Paris Climate Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the UN General Assembly Resolution on Sustainable Mountain Development, in particular A/RES/77/172, proclaiming 2023-2027 as the Five Years of Action for Mountain Development,

recognizing the important decisions and initiatives taken at the First Global Mountain Summit, held in Bishkek in 2002, which laid the foundation for international cooperation on sustainable development in mountain regions, and noting the progress achieved,

emphasizing the critical role of mountain ecosystems in maintaining global water balance (SDG 6), climate sustainability (SDG 13), food and energy security (SDGs 2 and 7), biodiversity conservation (SDG 15) and cultural diversity, and their contribution to sustainable development in general (SDG 17),

realizing that despite progress made, mountain regions remain among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, land degradation, natural disasters, economic marginalization and social inequalities (SDGs 1, 10), and continue to require increased attention and support, including adequate climate finance and investment resources at the international level,

call for collective action towards the sustainable and inclusive development of mountain regions, and identify the following priority areas, measures and actions:

I. Strategic Priorities for Action:

- Strengthen integrated management of water, land and forest resources based on an ecosystem approach.
- Promote nature-based solutions and the use of traditional knowledge for climate change adaptation, resilience and sustainability of mountain communities and ecosystems.
- Guarantee the rights and increase the participation of mountain communities, including women, youth and indigenous peoples, in decision-making processes and natural resource management.

- Promote innovation in the areas of agriculture, health, green economy and green energy with the active support of international financial institutions to ensure the sustainable development of mountain regions.
- Improve the socio-economic status of people living in mountain regions by providing access to sustainable infrastructure (SDG 9), developing sustainable models of agriculture, ecotourism, crafts, entrepreneurship, and green jobs (SDG 8).
- Ensure equitable access to quality education (SDG 4), health (SDG 3), digital technologies and transportation services (SDG 9) in hard-to-reach mountain regions.

II. Regional and international cooperation:

- Promote transboundary and interregional cooperation on climate change, environmental protection, sustainable environmental management and disaster risk prevention.
- Support global and regional initiatives aimed at protecting biodiversity, restoring degraded mountain landscapes and monitoring and preserving glaciers.
- Call on international financial institutions, climate funds, and donors to significantly increase financing for sustainable development of mountain regions, including the development and implementation of mechanisms for direct support to local communities. In this regard, we support the initiative to form a mountain countries development fund.
- Create a broad coalition of mountain countries, uniting both developed and developing states, as well as key international partners.
- Continue the Global Mountain Dialogue on an annual basis as an international platform to harmonize actions, share best practices and monitor progress in achieving sustainable development in mountain regions.
- Promote sustainable mountain development initiatives on various international platforms, including on development, climate change, biodiversity, ecosystems, water resources, glaciers and landscapes.
- Promote the establishment of an effective UN-Mountains coordination mechanism under the auspices of the UN.

III. Further advancement of the mountain agenda:

Recognizing the need to strategically and institutionally strengthen attention to mountain regions, we:

- Call on the UN General Assembly to consider proclaiming a Decade of Mountain Regions' Resilience (2028–2037) in order to respond systemically to exacerbating climate and socio-economic risks.
- propose to develop mechanisms to address existing gaps in international investment and program flows in support of mountain territories.
- support the
- advocate the increased mobilization of scientific, political and financial resources to support mountain countries and communities.

- underscore the need to formulate an updated international agenda and develop an integrated coordination plan of action for the sustainable development of mountain regions until 2040.

IV. Implementation and monitoring mechanisms:

In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Declaration:

- a voluntary implementation mechanism shall be established, including regular national and regional reviews of progress,
- analytical reports and thematic reviews shall be supported,
- existing arrangements, agreements and global and regional institutions for sustainable mountain development shall be strengthened,
- the establishment of global programs and funds for the development of mountain countries, including the Global Mountain Resilience Centre, is welcomed and supported.
- the annual presentation of results at the Global Mountain Dialogue,
- sharing of best practices, data, and innovative solutions for sustainable mountain development.

We express our deep appreciation to the Kyrgyz Republic for its consistent leadership, its significant contribution to shaping the international mountain agenda and the successful hosting of the Second Global Mountain Summit in hospitable Bishkek.

Adopted in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic by acclamation

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