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PRESS NOTE – CALL TO ACTION

Under the framework of the 75th Anniversary of the UN, Club de Madrid today closes its Annual Policy Dialogue on "Multilateralism that Delivers"

"We cannot afford to be unprepared for the complex challenges we face" - Hillary Clinton

World leaders ready to shake the trees of multilateralism to make it fit to address current global challenges

The leaders that participated these last couple of days in the Annual Policy Dialogue convened by Club de Madrid and the Bertelsmann Stiftung under the theme "Multilateralism that Delivers", have reiterated their commitment towards a more inclusive and equitable multilateral system. Participants have pointed out that multilateralism is not an option, it is essential. Club de Madrid Members noted that current times call for strong collective leadership, vision and political will.

During these three days of plenaries, Club de Madrid and participants developed a series of actionable recommendations. These include a call to international financial institutions to repurpose their mission-level objectives so as to include equity, inclusion and well-being.

The Club de Madrid also promotes a "Bretton Woods Digital Accord"; a globally agreed program for connectivity, norms and measures to enable improved data flows, developing inclusive digital platforms and better internet management. This is considered the best way to deal with data and cybersecurity challenges.

Other recommendations refer to the convening of a new World Summit for Sustainable Development to reaffirm social, economic and environmental commitments in light of the COVID 19 pandemic or; the empowerment of the World Health Organization, for it to count on strengthened authority and resources. Sustainability will be a fundamental driver for post COIVD 19 recovery plans. In this sense, Club de Madrid strongly recommends an early convening of global multi-stakeholder consultations, to step up and deepen preparations for COP 26 in November 2021 in Glasgow.

In this year's edition of the Club de Madrid's Annual Policy Dialogue, speakers have included United Nations Secretary General **Antonio Guterres**; Former Secretary of State of the United States **Hillary Clinton**; President of Club de Madrid and Former President of Slovenia (2007-2012) **Danilo Türk**; Former Prime Minister of the UK **Gordon Brown**; current Prime Minister of New Zealand **Jacinta Ardern**, the fourth Vice-president of the Government of Spain and Minister for Ecologic Transition, **Teresa Ribera**; Former United Nations Secretary General **Ban Ki-Moon**; Former President of Germany **Horst Köhler**; Former President of Mexico, **Ernesto Zedillo** and the Former Prime Minister of Senegal, **Aminata Touré** amongst others.

> "We need to forge a new social contract within countries, with greater resilience, social cohesion, and social protection"- **Antonio Guterres**, Secretary General, United Nations

> "Multilateralism must deliver - global cooperation has never been more important" - **Hillary Clinton**, Former Secretary of State of the United States

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"We need to make sure institutions are fit for purpose so that we benefit from the global and national goods and services. It's an era in which we cooperate or fail" - **Gordon Brown**, Former Prime Minister of the UK

"I cannot recall a time in our recent history in which the importance of collectivism has been more critical than now" - **Jacinta Ardern**, Prime Minister of New Zealand

"In the multilateral context, we need to see beyond our short term and local interests and build long-term solutions to current challenges" - **Teresa Ribera**, Fourth Vice-president of the Government of Spain and Minister for Ecologic Transition

"No single country in the world can solve all challenges. I hope leaders will come together and strengthen alliances, of multilateralism, of civilizations"
- **Ban Ki-Moon**, Former United Nations Secretary General

The US elections to be held next Tuesday November 3rd have also been present in discussions during the Dialogue. Participants highlighted the traditional role of the United States as a beacon of multilateralism. They also made a call for greater dialogue amongst major powers, including China, in order to meet the goals and aspirations of the multilateral system. In this line, the G20 was encouraged to take on a more relevant role as a platform where common solutions can be identified as was the case in the 2008 financial crisis.

As a result of this Annual Policy Dialogue, Club de Madrid has formulated a Call to Action with recommendations on ways to reinvigorate global cooperation and renew the multilateral system to better face urgent challenges such as the COIVD-19 pandemic, social exclusion, digitalization, climate change and sustainability amongst others.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS OF POLICY DIALOGUE 2020
The Annual Policy Dialogue "Multilateralism that Delivers" was led by Club de Madrid and co-organised with the Bertelsmann Foundation in partnership with the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Supporters included the German Environment Agency (UBA), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Boston Global Forum. The Dialogue also counted on the support of UN75 and the World Economic Forum as institutional partners.

ABOUT
World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid (WLA-CdM) is the largest worldwide assembly of political leaders working to strengthen democratic values, good governance and the well-being of citizens across the globe. As a non-profit, non-partisan, international organization, its network is composed of more than 100 democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers from over 70 countries, together with a global body of advisors and experts practitioners, who offer their voice and agency on a pro bono basis, to today's political, civil society leaders and policymakers.

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