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On September 22, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted its agenda under the theme: Pact for the Future. This is deceptive because the peoples of the world cannot hold the future to account, only the present and this is where they

demand decisive action be taken today. The urgent need is to stop the U.S./Zionist state of Israel from committing genocide against the Palestinian people and now war against Lebanon and threatening to do the same to any country in the region which refuses to help it realize its criminal aim of eliminating the Palestinians.

The actions of the U.S. imperialists and their cabal of partners in crime include those of the Zionist state of Israel whose war crimes have gone way beyond the beyond. This cabal also includes the big European powers and European Union as well as Canada, all of which finance and prop up the criminal state of Israel and its genocide. The peoples of the world demand that these criminals be stopped and held to account. Attempts have been made to lay concrete charges against the heads of state and high officials of these countries and international organizations for violating international law and refusing to implement the rulings of the International Court of Justice as concerns Israel's genocide and occupation of Palestine. A big problem



remains the lack of power of the member states of the United Nations whose General Assembly is beholden to the Security Council whose five members have veto power when it comes to taking action. Meanwhile, the U.S. imperialists and their cabal of criminal partners get away with their fraudulent rules-based international order which they make up as they go. Thus they fraudulently claim that Israel has the right to commit genocide to defend itself against the resistance to its occupation and crimes.

Instead of addressing this problem squarely, Heads of State and government taking part in the General Debate at the 79th Session of the General Assembly "made 56 pledges to action seeking to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations amid the climate change crisis and conflict currently gripping the globe," the UN news agency reports.

Many speakers are addressing the need to reform the Security Council of the United Nations and other "global institutions vital to maintaining peace," but the elephant in the room remains how the U.S. is using the veto accorded to the five permanent members, without accountability for its actions. The genocide of the Palestinian people and nation continues because current structures enable Israel to violate international law and commit genocide.

The General Assembly adopted the resolution titled "The Pact for the Future" (A/79/L.2) without a vote, but not before defeating a motion by the Russian Federation to discuss the text further. "It would have been optimal not to put forward this non-consensus-based text, but to continue negotiations until this document finally is acceptable to all," the representative of the Russian

Federation said. He explained that his proposed amendment does not ignore the needs of the Global South but seeks to protect them from pressure from the "collective West," which has not honoured its previous obligations. And "now they are hiding behind the backs" of the Global South, he said.

"Summit of the Future" Reveals Need to Set Descriptions Aside and Provide Relations Based on Modern Definitions



The "Summit of the Future" was convened on the proposal of UN Secretary-General António Guterres. It took place from September 22 to 23, with the participation of Heads of State and government, observers, UN, civil society and non-governmental organizations.

Secretary General Guterres gave an impassioned speech of a descriptive nature detailing aspects of the crises in which the world is mired. Such descriptions are tantamount to saying things like the cause of poverty is lack of money, not exploitation and the rule of some over others called Rule of Law. The only crisis he did not mention, probably the most significant, is the crisis of world thought which is stuck in making calculations about the relative strength of declining and emerging powers and wishing for a new equilibrium which harmonizes interests by keeping everything under the control of narrow supranational private interests.

Guterres said, "I called for this summit because our world is heading off the rails - and we need tough decisions to get back on track. Conflicts are raging and multiplying, from the Middle East to Ukraine and Sudan, with no end in sight. Our collective security system is threatened by geopolitical divides, nuclear posturing and the development of new weapons and theatres of war. Resources that could bring opportunities and hope are invested in death and destruction. Huge inequalities are a brake on sustainable development. Many developing countries

are drowning in debt and unable to support their people. And we have no effective global response to emerging, complex and even existential threats.

"The climate crisis is destroying lives, devastating communities and ravaging economies. We all know the solution - a just phase-out of fossil fuels - and yet, emissions are still rising. New technologies, including AI (artificial intelligence), are being developed in a moral and legal vacuum, without governance or guardrails. In short, our multilateral tools and institutions are unable to respond effectively to today's political, economic, environmental and technological challenges. And tomorrow's will be even more difficult and even more dangerous.

"The United Nations Security Council is outdated, and its authority is eroding. Unless its composition and working methods are reformed, it will eventually lose all credibility. The international financial architecture was established when many of today's developing countries were under colonial rule. It does not represent the realities of today's global economy, and it is no longer able to resolve global economic challenges: debt, climate action, sustainable development. It does not provide the global safety net that developing countries need.

"[...] The Pact for the Future is about turbocharging the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, accelerating a just transition away from fossil fuels and securing a peaceful and liveable future for everyone on our planet."

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Heads of State and Government and Foreign Ministers Address the General Assembly

Canada's cardboard cutout Prime Minister Justin Trudeau delivered remarks to the UN General Assembly which were, typically, devoid of substance, chauvinist, arrogant and dismissive of the actual problems facing the majority of the world's population, planet earth and humanity itself. His speech was an embarrassment to any Canadian of conscience who saw or heard him issue challenges to other countries while promoting his government's allegedly successful policies.

Canada is an integral part of the U.S. war government which sponsors the Israeli genocide, the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine to wipe out Russia, the renewed U.S. attempt to take over Haiti and the continued attempts to engineer coups d'état in all the countries which do not connive with the U.S. to isolate Russia and China and maintain the stranglehold of U.S. institutions over all aspects of international relations. But Trudeau blithely cited the national child care program, school meal program and national dental care program, as delivering on the promise of Canada for every generation. "These choices reflect a commitment to investing in our people and in our future," Trudeau said in his speech. "But also a commitment to tackle global problems we all share."

Even these projects are pay-the-rich schemes which provide inadequate compensation for the destruction and privatization of social programs. They were not even Liberal programs but concessions forced on them in order to keep the NDP on board to keep the Trudeau minority government afloat.

In contrast, Cuban Foreign Minister Rodríguez Parrilla in his speech at the Summit of the Future did not mince words in reviewing the challenges faced by developing nations and the need for truly profound reforms to address them. In his presentation, he stressed that "our futuristic debates are taking place while the genocide in Palestine continues, without an effective response from the international community, when even the institutions and workers of the United Nations are being targeted by Israel's fire."



Cuban Foreign Minister Rodríguez Parrilla speaks at Summit, September 22, 2024

"It will be difficult to believe in that promised future as long as developed countries oppose deep reform of the international financial architecture, discussions of which should be centered at the United Nations," he stressed. He elaborated this further, pointing out: "If these claims have been watered down in the Pact for the Future, should we believe in the promises of greater access to the resources indispensable for our development? How can we trust in the promise of peace, non-interference and multilateralism while coercion, selfishness, domination and hegemonism grow and the UN Charter and international law are violated?"

Well said.

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