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**Progressive Alliance in Africa Conference**  
**„Reaffirming Solidarities for Justice Democratic Renewal“**  
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## **Douala Declaration - Progressive Alliance in Africa**

We, participants at the conference "Reaffirming Solidarities for Justice and Democratic Renewal" held in Douala, Cameroon on 23-24 May 2024, representing progressive, socialist and social democratic political parties and associate members of the Progressive Alliance in Africa, manifest our commitment to strengthening the progressive movement and realizing the goals of freedom and social justice in the African continent and beyond;

We are gravely concerned about the multiple crises facing our peoples and the planet today characterized by unbridled economic exploitation, rise of authoritarian regimes and tendencies, ongoing conflicts and instability, income, gender, and racial inequalities, climate emergencies, and weaknesses of international and our own domestic institutions;

We condemn the undemocratic military take over in recent years in many states in Africa and the use of violence against citizens before, during and after the elections. We express our solidarity to our sister parties and organizations and to fellow democrats who continue to fight for democracy at the expense of their own freedoms in many countries in Africa. We reach out to like-minded partisans, national and international organizations in the work to restore and safeguard democracy in the region;

We condemn acts of terrorism and ongoing conflicts exacerbated by unbalanced geopolitical interests in our region. We commit to political and multilateral solutions to conflict and warn against ill-advised interests that fuel more divisions and violence at the expense of our peoples and resources;

We are alarmed by the impact of climate change to our communities, forests, waterways, air, resources, and the costs of these to generations to come. We recognize that climate change is a defining issues in our continent given the worsening rate at which we are experiencing its impact in our countries. The answer to this threat is political and international action to reverse the worsening trend must be compelled;

We recognize the deep inequalities facing our societies. We will serve to reverse this by offering concrete welfare policies like free education, universal health care, adequate provision of food and aid to the poorest communities and victims of calamities and conflict. We assert that through progressive taxation and opening platforms for participatory planning in our communities, we can enable these policies in different African states;

We are aware of gender inequality in our countries, communities and within our own political movement. We will endeavor to close the gender gap by promoting equal rights, representation and allocation of resources for women in our societies and our own organization;

We are deeply concerned about the current state of multilateral institutions and apparatus. Global governance at the time of tremendous challenges and growing tensions must be strengthened further and reformed to be able to face the persistent problems. We are for a UN that is responsive and able to act within its mandate to address problems in many places around the world. We joined African voices for a more democratic United Nations and agree for permanent African seat in the UN Security Council. This measure is a step to reflect the current world order by balancing interests and cooperation and reforming the UN system for the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

We recognize the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing communications, productivity, scientific advancement, knowledge and infrastructure development. The development of AI technologies should serve to address societal problems like pandemics, incurable diseases, scarcity, lack of access to education and jobs, and uneven development. We warn against Africa lagging behind on the developments in AI. We likewise warn against possible displacements jobs and the misuse of these technologies against people's privacy, wellbeing and misinformation;

We renew our commitment to strengthen our political movement to collectively face the challenges of our time. We unite on taking responsibility, leadership and collective action by

providing alternative to the status quo. We believe that only through democratic and peaceful path of politics would we deliver real social justice and progress in Africa;

We commit, therefore, to an action plan that addresses our current political and organizational challenges:

1. Promote the values of social democracy - freedom, equality, solidarity - in Africa.
2. Present a programme of politics that consolidates the lived experiences of our peoples, and captures their sentiments and aspirations for a better future.
3. Renew our cooperation and exchanges among like-minded parties, organizations and associations in Africa and our counterparts in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East and activate our participation in the global undertakings of the Progressive Alliance.
4. Support our sister parties and organizations' campaigns and struggles and express and disseminate our positions on themes affecting our movement and our communities.
5. Work to continuously democratize our parties and organizations and innovate our policies to better serve the interest of our peoples.
6. Organize our structures, appoint working groups and sustain overall coordination to be able to respond to the tasks at present and in the future.

We honor the lived experiences of our peoples and share their aspirations for real freedom, dignified living conditions, non-discrimination, shared prosperity of the fruits of our continent's resources, peaceful co-existence across our communities, protection of our environment, and the advancement of our societies based on justice and solidarity.#