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# Analysis of the Adoption and Implementation of the Environmental Principles in the Proposed Global Pact for the Environment (Global Pact) in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

## 1. Overview of document

This document provides an analysis of the extent to which the environmental principles in the Global Pact (**Environmental Principles**) correspond with the SDGs.

## 2. Analysis

Global Pact Article	SDGs
<p><b>Article 1 – Right to an ecologically sound environment</b></p> <p>Every person has the right to live in an ecologically sound environment adequate for their health, well-being, dignity, culture and fulfilment.</p>	<p><b>Goal 2 – Zero hunger</b></p> <p>End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.</p> <p><b>Goal 3 – Good health and wellbeing</b></p> <p>Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.</p> <p><b>Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation</b></p> <p>Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.</p> <p><b>Goal 7 – Affordable and clean energy</b></p> <p>Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.</p>



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	<p><b>Goal 12 – Responsible consumptions and production</b> Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns.</p>
<p><b>Article 2 – Duty to take care of the environment</b> Every State or international institution, every person, natural or legal, public or private, has the duty to take care of the environment. To this end, everyone contributes at their own levels to the conservation, protection and restoration of the integrity of the Earth’s ecosystem.</p>	<p><b>Goal 13 – Climate Action</b> Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</p> <p><b>Goal 14 – Life below water</b> Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Goal 15 – Life on land</b> Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.</p>
<p><b>Article 3 – Integration and Sustainable Development</b> Parties shall integrate the requirements of environmental protection into the planning and implementation of their policies and national and international activities, especially in order to promote the fight against climate change, the protection of oceans and the maintenance of biodiversity. They shall pursue sustainable development. To this end, they shall ensure the promotion of public support policies, patterns of production and consumption both sustainable and respectful of the environment.</p>	<p><b>Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities</b> Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable.</p> <p><b>Goal 12 – Responsible consumptions and production</b> Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns.</p> <p><b>Goal 13 – Climate Action</b> Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</p>



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	<p><b>Goal 14 – Life below water</b></p> <p>Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Goal 15 – Life on land</b></p> <p>Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and half and reserve land degradation and biodiversity loss.</p>
<p><b>Article 4 – Intergenerational Equity</b></p> <p>Intergenerational equity shall guide decisions that may have an impact on the environment. Present generations shall ensure that their decisions and actions do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p>	<p><b>Goal 12 – Responsible consumptions and production</b></p> <p>Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns.</p>
<p><b>Article 5 – Prevention</b></p> <p>The necessary measures shall be taken to prevent environmental harm. The Parties have the duty to ensure that activities under their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environments of other Parties or in areas beyond the limits of their national jurisdiction. They shall take the necessary measures to ensure that an environmental impact assessment is conducted prior to any decision made to authorise or engage in a project, an activity, a plan, or a program that is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In particular, States shall keep under surveillance the effect of an above-mentioned project, activity, plan, or program which they authorise or engage in, in</p>	<p><b>Goal 13 – Climate Action</b></p> <p>Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</p> <p><b>Goal 14 – Life below water</b></p> <p>Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Goal 15 – Life on land</b></p> <p>Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and half and reserve land degradation and biodiversity loss.</p>



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view of their obligation of due diligence.	
<p><b>Article 6 – Precaution</b></p> <p>Where there is a risk of serious or irreversible damage, lack of scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing the adoption of effective and proportionate measures to prevent environmental degradation.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 7 – Environmental Damages</b></p> <p>The necessary measures shall be taken to ensure an adequate remediation of environmental damages. Parties shall immediately notify other States of any natural disasters or other emergencies that are likely to produce sudden harmful effects on the environment of those States. Parties shall promptly cooperate to help concerned States.</p>	<p><b>Goal 14 – Life below water</b></p> <p>Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Goal 15 – Life on land</b></p> <p>Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.</p>
<p><b>Article 8 – Polluter Pays</b></p> <p>Parties shall ensure that prevention, mitigation and remediation costs for pollution, and other environmental disruptions and degradation are, to the greatest possible extent, borne by their originator.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Article 9 – Access to Information</b></p> <p>Every person, without being required to state an interest, has a right of access to environmental information held by public authorities. Public authorities shall, within the framework of their</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>



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national legislations, collect and make available to the public relevant environmental information.	
<p><b>Article 10 – Public Participation</b></p> <p>Every person has the right to participate, at an appropriate stage and while options are still open, to the preparation of decisions, measures, plans, programmes, activities, policies and normative instruments of public authorities that may have a significant effect on the environment.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 11 – Access to Environmental Justice</b></p> <p>Parties shall ensure the right of effective and affordable access to administrative and judicial procedures, including redress and remedies, to challenge acts or omissions of public authorities or private persons which contravene environmental law, taking into consideration the provisions of the present Pact.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 12 – Education and Training</b></p> <p>The Parties shall ensure that environmental education, to the greatest possible extent, is taught to members of the younger generation as well as to adults, in order to inspire in everyone a responsible conduct in protecting and improving the environment. The Parties shall ensure the protection of freedom of expression and information in environmental matters. They support the dissemination by mass media of information of an educational nature on ecosystems and on the need to protect and preserve the environment.</p>	<p><b>Goal 4 – Quality Education</b></p> <p>Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p> <p><b>Goal 12 – Responsible consumptions and production</b></p> <p>Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns.</p>



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<p><b>Article 13 – Research and Innovation</b></p> <p>The Parties shall promote, to the best of their ability, the improvement of scientific knowledge of ecosystems and the impact of human activities. They shall cooperate through exchanges of scientific and technological knowledge and by enhancing the development, adaptation, dissemination and transfer of technologies respectful of the environment, including innovative technologies.</p>	<p><b>Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals</b></p> <p>Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.</p>
<p><b>Article 14 – Role of Non-State Actors and Subnational Entities</b></p> <p>The Parties shall take the necessary measures to encourage the implementation [of this Pact] by non-State actors and subnational entities, including civil society, economic actors, cities and regions taking into account their vital role in the protection of the environment.</p>	<p><b>Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals</b></p> <p>Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.</p>
<p><b>Article 15 – Effectiveness of Environmental Norms</b></p> <p>The Parties have the duty to adopt effective environmental laws, and to ensure their effective and fair implementation and enforcement.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 16 – Resilience</b></p> <p>The Parties shall take necessary measures to maintain and restore the diversity and capacity of ecosystems and human communities to withstand environmental disruptions and degradation and to recover and adapt.</p>	<p><b>Goal 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure</b></p> <p>Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.</p> <p><b>Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities</b></p> <p>Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable.</p>



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<p><b>Article 17 – Non-regression</b></p> <p>The Parties and their sub-national entities refrain from allowing activities or adopting norms that have the effect of reducing the global level of environmental protection guaranteed by current law.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 18 – Cooperation</b></p> <p>In order to conserve, protect and restore the integrity of the Earth’s ecosystem and community of life, Parties shall cooperate in good faith and in a spirit of global partnership for the implementation of the provisions of the present Pact.</p>	<p><b>Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals</b></p> <p>Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.</p>
<p><b>Article 19 – Armed Conflicts</b></p> <p>States shall take pursuant to their obligations under international law all feasible measures to protect the environment in relation to armed conflicts.</p>	<p><b>Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions</b></p> <p>Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
<p><b>Article 20 – Diversity of National Situations</b></p> <p>The special situation and needs of developing countries, particularly the least developed and those most environmentally vulnerable, shall be given special attention. Account shall be taken, where appropriate, of the Parties’ common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances.</p>	<p><b>Goal 10 – Reduced inequalities</b></p> <p>Reduce inequality within and among countries.</p> <p><b>Goal 13 – Climate Action</b></p> <p>Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</p>