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Resolution on infusing the world's geopolitical and economic power structures with universal ethics and humanitarian values through the G20 Religion Forum (R20), in keeping with the vision and traditions of IDC-CDI

- Recognizing that the Group of 20 (G20) is one of the world's most influential intergovernmental forums;
- Noting that the primary objectives of the G20 are:
    - to promote financial stability as well as economic growth;
    - to address diverse geopolitical challenges; and
    - to provide a multilateral platform and forum for global collaboration;
- Considering that the G20 constitutes a unique annual platform to engage, and influence, the world's geopolitical and economic power structures;
- Aware of the significant role of CDI member parties in establishing the G20 and shaping its agenda to the present day;
- Recalling, and reaffirming, the philosophical and spiritual roots of Centrist Democrat International, which lie within the traditions of Western humanism and Christian democracy;
- Deeply conscious of the pivotal role played by Christian democracy in establishing key elements of the post-World War II international order, including the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the European Union;
- Noting with profound concern a wide range of global challenges facing humanity, such as environmental degradation, natural and man-made disasters, poverty, unemployment, displaced persons, extremism, and terrorism;
- Considering that an effective response to these challenges has been rendered more difficult by rivalry between and among major powers and the resurgence of identity-based conflict worldwide, as well as by the erosion of public commitment to ethical and spiritual values that are essential to the wellbeing of individuals and societies;
- Realizing that the legitimacy and effectiveness of the G20, and other international institutions, depend upon favorable public opinion and are threatened by negative sentiment;
- Acknowledging the existence of anti-globalist and anti-capitalist narratives, which frequently depict such institutions as elitist, unaccountable, and opposed to the common welfare of humanity;
- Bearing in mind the tendency for politics and economics to function as amoral realms, divorced from ethical and spiritual values;
- Viewing with concern heightened geopolitical rivalry, deepening cultural divides within and between societies, and the spread of violent conflicts that threaten the very

foundations of the post-war international order, which has given rise to a nearly eight-decade interval of global peace and prosperity without precedent in world history;

- Appreciating that religions — at their best — inculcate universal ethics and humanitarian values that foster the common good, while moderating the *libido dominandi*, or will to power;
- Recognizing the potential for religious leaders to help unite, rather than divide, humanity based on shared moral and spiritual values;
- Noting with appreciation that in 2022 the world's largest Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, founded the G20 Religion Forum (R20) in conjunction with Indonesia's Presidency of the G20;
- Noting further that the R20 functions as an inclusive, cross-cultural platform designed to infuse the world's political and economic power structures with moral and spiritual values;
- Lauding President Joko Widodo, the Government of Indonesia, and CDI member party PKB for incorporating the R20 into the official program of G20 Main Events in 2022, and for hosting the R20 Summit in Bali two weeks before the 17th annual G20 Heads of State and Government Summit, which also took place in Nusa Dua, Bali;
- Recognizing the official status held by a variety of permanent Engagement Groups within the G20, including B20 (Business), C20 (Civil Society Organizations), L20 (Labor), P20 (Parliament), S20 (Science), SAI20 (Supreme Audit Institutions), T20 (Think Tanks), U20 (Urban), W20 (Women), and Y20 (Youth);
- Taking into consideration that religious believers constitute the single largest demographic within the human family, whose share of the global population is estimated to exceed 80%;
- Recognizing that history provides countless examples of both positive and negative behavior legitimized by religion;
- Noting with approval that the R20 explicitly seeks to "ensure that religion functions as a genuine and dynamic source of solutions, rather than problems," on the world stage.

The CDI:

- Affirms the value of the R20 as a means of providing a seat at the G20 table for religious communities and their leaders;
- Calls upon its member parties, and all G20 Member States, to cooperate in securing recognition of the R20 as a permanent G20 Engagement Group;
- Encourages its member parties to join Nahdlatul Ulama and the Government of Indonesia in facilitating "the emergence of a global movement, in which people of goodwill of every faith and nation will help bring the world's geopolitical and economic power structures into alignment with the highest moral and spiritual values, for the sake of all humanity" (Kyai Haji Yahya Cholil Staquf, General Chairman of the Nahdlatul Ulama Central Board and Founding Chairman of the R20).

Bled, Slovenia, 18 May 2023