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KEY ELEMENTS

Panel Discussion 3: Democracy for Humanity: Advancing Inclusion

Current Conditions & Challenges

During the Panel Discussion 3, countries and experts highlighted some related issues on ways democracy advancing inclusion, as follow:

- The pandemic caused a setback in global efforts to achieve important goals such as SDGs and Paris Agreement.
- The pandemic exacerbating existing inequalities and impeding development particularly to those in vulnerable situations.
- Ensuring measures in handling pandemic are not reducing the public space in exercising the fundamental freedoms is a challenge.
- The pandemic has caused more extreme poverty, food insecurity and unequal access for children to education, which may result to generational inequality.

Way Forward & Recommendations:

To address the challenges, countries and experts in the Panel Discussion 3 offer ways forward and recommendations, as follow:

- Democracy is important in solving the current issue and situations. The citizens should be put at the center of democracy not as an object but as active participant.
- Diversity and inclusion in all stages of democracy will bring various important perspectives to find effective solutions for global challenges.
- Providing a public space for everyone to participate in the global recovery without discrimination.
- There's a necessity for more investment in health, education, and social support to help the vulnerable groups.
- Multilateralism and international solidarity are the keys for global recovery, so that no one left behind.

- Democracy is not static concept. It is an evolving concept in which we must constantly adapt against different challenges throughout generations.
- Inclusion helps to reduce polarity, to ease division, to increase a greater participation from the stakeholders, to minimize conflict, and to achieve a more sustainable development and progress.

Conclusion:

It is concluded that Panel Discussion 3 conveys 5 messages, as follow:

- The importance of multilateralism, international solidarity, and global cooperation among international actors in ensuring no one left behind, including in the global vaccine distribution.
- Ensuring inclusion through the diversity of representations in decision-making, particularly the vulnerable groups.
- Adopting a human-right based approach to create policies which promote inclusion without discrimination.
- Upholding human rights and the rule of laws to ensure an inclusive and strong democracy.
- It takes strong commitments and constant efforts, including fighting corruption and injustice, to uphold and to maintain democratic values.

