Corporate capture of global governance: The World Economic Forum (WEF) UN partnership agreement is a dangerous threat to UN System

Open letter to the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres

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We the undersigned call on you to terminate the newly signed United Nations-World Economic Forum (WEF) partnership agreement.

We are very concerned that this WEF-UN partnership agreement will be beneficial for corporate interests and detrimental to multilateralism and the United Nations system. Specifically, we fear that the WEF-UN partnership will lead to a situation where the United Nations and those who are supposed to be its stakeholders will be increasingly subordinated to the interests of the WEF and its corporate members. We also fear that the WEF-UN partnership will lead to a situation where the WEF and its corporate members will be able to use the UN as a cover for their own agenda.

The WEF-UN partnership will also exacerbate a characteristic of UN and its Member States which is already problematic: the lack of transparency and accountability in the UN's relations with corporate actors. The WEF-UN partnership will permanently damage the UN with international civil society and the UN's Member States who are not members of the WEF and who are not corporations. Many Member States and civil society organizations have been critical of the WEF-UN partnership because they have been concerned that it will be used by the WEF and its corporate members to gain access to the UN and its Member States and to influence UN policy in ways that are not in the interests of the UN's Member States and civil society organizations and people who are entirely independent from and opposed to the WEF and its corporate members and who are critical of the WEF and its corporate members' agenda.

The promotion of the strategic partnership referencing private first corporate interest, strongly unknown actions in the name of UN system stakeholders, says that private actors in private sector-based non-UN institutions are the UN's stakeholders. Private actors are not the UN's stakeholders. The UN's stakeholders are its Member States and civil society organizations and people who are independent from and critical of the WEF and its corporate members. The WEF-UN partnership will lead to a situation where the UN's Member States and civil society organizations and people who are independent from and critical of the WEF and its corporate members, in the name of stakeholders, are treated as subordinate to the WEF and its corporate members. The WEF-UN partnership will lead to a situation where the UN's Member States and civil society organizations and people who are independent from and critical of the WEF and its corporate members will be treated as subordinate to the WEF and its corporate members. The WEF-UN partnership will lead to a situation where the UN's Member States and civil society organizations and people who are independent from and critical of the WEF and its corporate members will be treated as subordinate to the WEF and its corporate members because the WEF and its corporate members will be able to use the UN as a cover for their own agenda.

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We also are very concerned that this WEF-UN partnership agreement will be beneficial for corporate interests and detrimental to multilateralism and the United Nations system because the WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States and civil society organizations and people who are independent from and critical of the WEF and its corporate members. The WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States because the WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States' efforts to regulate transnational corporations. The WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States because the WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States' efforts to regulate transnational corporations because these efforts have been inconsistent with the WEF and its corporate members' interests. The WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States because the WEF and its corporate members have been critical of the UN's Member States' efforts to regulate transnational corporations because these efforts have been inconsistent with the WEF and its corporate members' interests because the

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