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48 WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITIES FROM 19 COUNTRIES

COMMIT TO 6 PRINCIPLES AND TAKE CONCRETE

ACTION RELATED TO THE G7 AGENDA THEMES

During the U7 Summit held in Paris on 9-10 July 2019 under the high patronage of Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, 48 presidents from leading universities in the world engaged within the newly created U7 discussed, voted and signed 6 commitments that tackle 5 major global challenges on the multilateral agenda: the key role of universities in a global world, climate change and cleaner energy, inequality in societies, technological transformations, and community engagement and impact.

The U7 final declaration has been adopted in the perspective of the upcoming G7 Biarritz Summit. The declaration results from discussions held during the 2-day summit, based on recommendations produced by international working groups led by sherpas in the respective universities.

All proposed principles were adopted, a majority of them unanimously.

Multiple tangible actions are associated with each adopted principle. These will be championed by several universities. University presidents voiced their willingness to take specific action related to the 6 adopted principles, within their own institutions.

The U7 generated tremendous mobilisation and strong commitment from world-class universities from around the globe in record time, as they collectively embraced a new role as members of the U7 and as global change-makers for the



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sector and beyond. It confirms the role of universities as global actors engaged in deploying concrete actions to make change in the world and adapt it for the future.

The 6 Principles Voted by University Presidents and Provosts

The U7 members' responsibility in playing a civic, social and political role has already been recognized by the multilateral bodies: the U7 Alliance was associated to the last general review of the engagement groups organised in Paris on July 2nd. The U7 representatives are also invited to contribute to the sous-sherpa meeting planned in Paris on July 12th in order to present the U7 final declaration and its 6 acted principles in the context of the last discussions before the G7 Biarritz Summit.

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