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## Statement of the Foundations Platform F20 on the outcome of the G7 summit in Elmau, Germany, June 26th-28th

### **G7 outcome: Strong on cooperation, solidarity and acknowledging the climate crisis – weak on concrete steps and targets**

**Elmau, June 28th, 2022.** The final communiqué and other declarations of the G7 make it clear: the climate, biodiversity and food crises play a central role for global politics – however the war against Ukraine was certainly the dominant topic.

"A very encouraging sign of international cooperation was the attendance of India, Indonesia, Argentina, Senegal and South Africa. The role of the G7 as a subgroup of the G20 has gained further significance", states Klaus Milke, F20 Chair.

He further adds: "Yet, the outcome of the G7 summit is way to weak to respond to the urgency of the global climate crisis, phase out fossil fuel combustion and accelerate the deployment of renewable energy. While the today published communiqué reestablishes the commitment to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5°C as stated in the Paris Agreement, there are few concrete and measurable commitments to reach that, according to this year's [F20 recommendations](#). The gap between words and reality is further growing".

Despite the fact that the G7 Heads of State did not manage to agree on concrete timelines and joint interim steps towards carbon neutrality, the G7 communiqué positively emphasises the need for international cooperation on the climate crisis, the energy transition and on putting a price on carbon emissions. So called Just Energy Transition Partnerships – for example with South Africa, India, Indonesia and Vietnam - as well as the Climate Club, both explicitly mentioned in the communiqué highlight the significance for cooperation and the progress made so far. Reestablishing that fossil fuel subsidies are in fact inconsistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement and reaffirming the elimination of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies by 2025 is also pointing into the right direction.

Germany holds the G7 Presidency until the end of the year, handing over to Japan in 2023. Foundations must and will continue to be involved as part of the solution.

The Foundations Platform F20 is a network of nearly 80 foundations from more than 20 countries that work with the G20 countries for the implementation of the UN sustainability goals and compliance with the Paris Climate Agreement. The platform was launched in Hamburg in 2017 on the occasion of the G20 summit and has now become an influential player in the G20 process.

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