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1. Based on Equality of States and Human Race (Mankind) in International System, I therefore recommend the adoption of Open World Framework that put Regional Organizations in global decision-making and action taking for realizing A New Agenda for Peace, and implementing the Global Union Model as a Global Family Structure for the launch of Intercontinental Relations. In practice, Sovereignty and Veto Power are assigned to Regional Organizations for Equality, Representation and Recognition of world civilizations (that comprises of interdependent functional variables of identities and Values for Global-Regional cooperation), so as to allow Member States to freely join or exit any of the preferred Continental Systems of choice by Referendum (for Political Union, Economic Union, and Social Union) irrespective of their geography (The Open State System for upgrading the Westphalian State System) for Collective Security, Conflict Prevention, Sustainable Peace, Ending Development Divide between Global North and Global South, and for Inclusive and Effective Global Governance of Global Commons and Public Goods;

2. By adopting the Open World Framework;, the rights of people is in the same wise put at the center of our present UN System Architecture for operationalizing a Networked, Inclusive, People, Region and Resource-centered Multilateralism, and for upgrading Peace and Security Architecture, which includes upgrading the Peacebuilding Commission and UN Security Council. Hence, I recommend the participation of Regional Organizations, Youths, Women and Civil Society for conflict prevention and development of peace building policies for a People-centered Peace operations, balancing trust deficit, building new social contract and for defending Global Commons at local, regional and global levels;

3. In strengthening the UN General Assembly, I also recommend the inclusion of Youth, Women, Regional Organizations and Civil Society as voices for balancing geopolitics and democratic deficit;

4. Finally, the global risks associated with war in Ukraine is as a result of the failure of adapting the Westphalian State System to meet up with current geopolitical need of we the peoples in 21st century. It is therefore paramount to take a lesson from BREXIT so as to adopt the Open State System and Intercontinental System for sustainable Peace and effective collective Security.