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**INTERVENCIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO, PEDRO
SÁNCHEZ, EN EL ACTO DE INAUGURACIÓN DE GLOBAL
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Thank you very much, my friends, colleagues, and of course, thank you very much, Moisés, for hosting this very important event.

It is a great pleasure to join you at this gathering organized by Global Citizen Now. Thank you for bringing young and fresh voices to Sevilla.

As you all know, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development is a once in a decade summit. A unique opportunity, therefore, to reaffirm and renew our commitment to multilateralism, especially at this critical international juncture. That is why Spain, my country, is particularly proud and honored to host this Conference.

Because we are fully committed to supporting the global effort to rethink how we finance development, how we work together as partners and how we overcome the barriers to the urgent investments needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Despite the state of the world, I want to share with you today a message of hope.

Hope that we can end poverty. Hope that we can achieve sustainable development. Hope that we can contain the climate emergency. And hope that we can build more just societies. Write it in bold, capital letters: **HOPE**.

The very fact that this Conference is happening —while conflicts rage across the globe— is a reason to be hopeful. That more than fifty heads of state and government, and dozens of other leaders from international organizations, businesses and civil society, have come to the capital of Andalucía, Sevilla, to work for a fairer and more efficient system, despite the 40-degree weather, should certainly lift our spirits.

Hope matters, and action delivers. We need to roll up our sleeves and do the work that hope demands.

Because sustainable development, we all know, is at risk.

Financing is lacking. Aid cuts have been drastic, especially this year. Two out of every five people on Earth live in countries that spend more on debt service than on public services.

Against this unfavorable environment, this Conference is a call to action. Against a discouraging present, we put forward our courage and the vision of the future we want to build. Starting today.



We must mobilize more and better resources for sustainable development.

We must promote initiatives to reduce the \$4 trillion annual financing gap to achieve the SDGs. And we must reform the international financing architecture so it can respond to development needs and global challenges, like inequality, gender equality and, of course, climate change.

This is one of the few forums where donors, recipients, and civil society meet on equal footing. Because this is the moment to change course. And I believe, really, I believe we have the will, and we have also the means, to do so.

My country, Spain —Hugh said it earlier— is committed to reaching the target of 0.7% of GDP for development aid. We call on our partners to do the same.

We are also working for fairer, more predictable, and more sustainable development financing.

Some of our goals include:

First of all, ensuring that developing countries have a seat at the table in international financial decision-making.

Second, reducing debt pressures through initiatives like the debt-for-investment swap hub and the alliance for debt suspension clauses in times of disaster or crisis.

Third, unlocking international public financial flows through more responsive and better coordinated development banks.

And fourth, creating a fairer, more progressive, and transparent tax system, where large fortunes and corporations contribute more. Unfortunately, we didn't have the best news coming from G7 last week.

Ensuring women have greater access to financing to strengthen their role in sustainable development. This will be, of course, one of our major goals.

So I am, my friends, confident that these goals are within reach. And these are just a few. There is much more to do.

In these times of deep uncertainty, of growing geopolitical tension, we must reaffirm our commitment. Our commitment to multilateralism, our commitment to cooperation, and to shared responsibility.

This Conference is not just another meeting, it shouldn't be another meeting. It is a moment of truth. A chance to show that it is precisely in the darker moments when we need to keep alive the flame of hope. When we have to raise our voice even louder

and tell the world that we will not give up and neither will we give in. That we will keep working and fighting for a better world.

So my friends, dear colleagues: I know it is not easy out there. But together, we can rise to the scale of the challenges before us.

If we act with determination and unity, we can make real progress.

We can strengthen trust in our multilateral systems and institutions.

We can deliver meaningful results. For people, for the planet, and for the future.

So let's make this Conference in Seville a turning point.

Let's make it a success.

Muchas gracias.

Thank you very much.

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