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On critical minerals: the world is transitioning to a critical mineral-intensive future while developing countries are still confronted with challenges of under investment, limited value addition and beneficiation and lack of access to technologies.

It is therefore critical to ensure that extraction, beneficiation and trade of critical minerals are governed by fairness, transparency, shared benefit for developing countries and environmental sustainability. We welcome that the G20 Critical Minerals Framework has been developed under the South African Presidency with the aim of harnessing critical minerals for inclusive growth and sustainable development

On artificial intelligence: AI and digital economy will largely determine the future growth path of the world and shape the 21st century and beyond. The United Nations should continue to play an important role in defining the international AI governance and overcoming its current fragmentation.

The collective commitment of G20 is important to advance international cooperation for a risk-based, human-centric, development-oriented, innovation-friendly AI governance that supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and ensure AI is for good and for all.

The South Centre commends the leadership of the South African G20 Presidency in advancing the global discussions on AI. We welcome the AI for Africa Initiative and Technology Policy Assistance Facility.

On decent work: promoting decent work for youth, women and indigenous peoples and for all is essential in advancing inclusive and sustainable development. Economic transformation and industrialization should deliver not only stronger growth but also more equitable and sustainable outcomes, as well as decent work.

In this context, the South Centre welcomes the G20 Principles for Inclusive Economic Growth, Employment and Reduced Inequality and the G20 High-Level Principles on Sustainable Industrial Policy for Inclusive Economic Growth, Industrialisation, Jobs and Equality.

In concluding, I'd like to thank for the excellent organization of this Summit and the warm hospitality of South African government and people.