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We gather here at a critical time in history when the world is in deep multiple crises. Crises so profound that some may soon be irreversible if we do not pursue fundamental change without delay.

Inequality within and between countries is widening. Environmental destruction and climate collapse is accelerating. Indebted countries are being milked dry just to keep vulture creditors afloat. Tax dodging is draining public coffers — making the poor poorer while billionaires soon to multiply into trillionaires.

And yet, in the face of all this, the *Compromiso de Sevilla* offers us nothing compelling and promising!

Some may have misunderstood *Compromiso de Sevilla* as the “Seville Compromise.” And while that may not be the correct linguistic translation, it’s not entirely wrong politically. Because what this document offers is not a bold commitment — it is a commitment to compromise. A compromise with inequality, with financial injustice, with ecological collapse. A compromise with the very systems that have brought us to this breaking point.

In balance the *Compromiso de Sevilla* is exactly what its name unintentionally implies — a compromise. A compromise with those who profit from crisis, while sidelining the voices of those most affected and those who resist.

The FfD4 outcome document does not meet the level of ambition required to respond to the crises we face—crises that are interconnected, urgent, and structural. It seeks compromise where determination is needed. It offers rhetorical tweaks where radical transformation is urgent. In compromising at the least common denominator, it plays into the hands of the status quo.

That is why we, as civil society and social movements, are extremely disappointed by the outcome document! Disappointed because we were hopeful that FfD4 will rise to its historic task. Disappointed because we are proponents and champions of transparent and inclusive intergovernmental processes at the UN to lead governance and structural reforms to address challenges affecting the whole world. Disappointed because a hopeful process has settled for marginal crises management propositions.

This FfD is compromised! We will continue fighting for the reemergence of an uncompromised non-compromising FfD process.