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- 1. Ableism: Discrimination or prejudice against disabled individuals or people
- who are perceived to be disabled.
- 2. Alternative text: A written description of an image to help screen-reading tools explain the image to visually impaired readers.
- 3. Antimicrobial resistance: A process through which microbes evolve and develop mechanisms that protect them from the effects of antimicrobials such as
- antibiotics and antifungals. This phenomenon is being accelerated by the massive
- 9 use of antimicrobials in intensive animal farming.
- 4. Antisemitism: A certain perception of Jews as a religious, ethnic, or racial
- group, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews or discrimination against
- 12 them.
- 5. Antiziganism: Hostility, prejudice, discrimination, or racism specifically
- directed at Romani people.
- 6. Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union: Procedure to suspend certain
- rights from Member States of the European Union in the event of a breach of EU
- fundamental values.
- 7. Artificial intelligence (AI): The ability of a machine to complete tasks
- which ordinarily require human intelligence.
- 8. Austerity policies: A set of government-imposed economic policies to reduce
- budget deficits. Measures can include tax increases and spending cuts.
- 9. Autocracy: A system of government in which supreme power over a state is

- concentrated in the hands of one person.
- 10. Banking regulation: Government rules or regulations on how banks and
- 25 financial institutions should conduct business.
- 11. Bioenergy: Energy produced using biomass or biofuels, including energy from
- wood or other plants, plant-derived biofuels, and organic waste.
- 12. Bodily autonomy: The right to govern what happens to one's own body.
- 13. Capitalism: An economic system in which the means of production are in
- private ownership and operated for profit. It is characterised by the
- accumulation of capital, investments determined by private decision, and the
- fact that prices and the production and distribution of goods are primarily
- determined by competition in a free market.
- 14. Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM): A proposed tax to be imposed on
- certain goods imported from outside the EU, based on their carbon footprint. The
- CBAM would reduce emissions and encourage the use of domestically produced
- goods.
- 15. Carbon capture and storage (CCS): A process which attempts to prevent the
- release of large quantities of carbon dioxide (CO2) into the atmosphere from
- fossil fuel use in power generation and other industries. Waste CO2 is captured,
- transported to a storage site, and pumped into underground geologic formations,
- 42 where it is securely stored away and thus prevented from reaching the
- atmosphere.
- 16. Carbon neutral economy: An economy that operates without releasing more CO2
- than can be absorbed by carbon sinks.
- 17. Carbon sink: Anything that absorbs more CO2 that it emits. Examples include
- areas of vegetation (e.g. forests) and phytoplankton-rich seas, which naturally
- absorb the CO2 present in the atmosphere.
- 18. Carbon tax: A tax paid by businesses that emit CO2 in the course of their
- operations.
- 19. Carbon-intensive industries: Industries that emit high quantities of CO2 and
- are responsible for the vast majority of CO2 emissions.
- 20. Care income: Remuneration received by non-professional carers such as family
- members for their care work.

- 21. Circular economy: In contrast to the linear economy, a circular economy is
- designed to eliminate waste, promote the continuous use of resources and
- materials, and use finite resources in a sustainable way.
- 22. Citizen-initiated referendum: A referendum that can be initiated by a group
- of citizens as opposed to referendums that are initiated by government and
- 60 elected bodies.
- 23. Civil disobedience: Active and professed refusal to obey certain laws,
- 62 governmental demands, or commands. Used as a nonviolent and usually collective
- 63 means of political action.
- 24. Common Agricultural Policy: The agricultural policy of the European Union,
- introduced in 1962. It now consists of a system of agricultural subsidies as
- 66 well as other programmes.
- 25. Commons: Cultural and natural resources accessible to all members of a
- society, including natural materials such as air, water, and a habitable earth.
- These resources are held in common as opposed to being under private ownership.
- 70 26. Comprehensive urban planning: A process that determines community goals and
- development aspirations as a first step. Areas such as transportation,
- utilities, land use, recreation, and housing are all considered.
- 27. Conversion therapy: The use of any of various methods in an attempt to
- change a person's sexual orientation to heterosexual, or to change a person's
- gender identity to correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth. Conversion
- therapy is not based on scientific evidence and is ineffective and harmful.
- 77 28. Cooperative business model: A membership-based business model in which a
- group of people with a specific need are willing to work together to found and
- 79 operate a jointly owned company that will meet that need.
- 29. Corporate tax: A tax that companies are required to pay on the profits they
- 81 make.
- 82 30. Corrida: Bullfight.
- 31. Council of the European Union: Decision-making body of the EU made up of
- ministers of EU Member States. Together with the European Parliament, it amends
- and approves the legislative proposals of the European Commission.
- 32. Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU): The judicial branch of the

- 87 EU. It ensures that the legislation agreed upon is interpreted and implemented
- identically across all Member States, and that such implementation is in
- compliance with that legislation. The CJEU also deals with legal disputes
- between Member States and the EU institutions and, in certain cases, between
- businesses, organisations or individuals and the EU institutions.
- 33. Cybersecurity: The application of technologies, processes, and controls to
- protect systems, networks, programmes, devices, and data from cyberattacks.
- 34. Debt forgiveness: The total cancelation of debt owed by individuals,
- 95 corporations, or states.
- 96 35. Degrowth: A concept that critiques a global capitalist system pursuing
- growth at all costs, causing human exploitation and environmental destruction.
- It advocates for societies to prioritise social and ecological well-being
- instead of corporate profits, overproduction, and excess consumption.
- 36. De-monopolise: Break up existing monopolies.
- 37. Dichotomy of binary gender: The classification of gender into two distinct,
- opposite forms of masculine and feminine, whether by social system or cultural
- belief.
- 38. Digitalisation: The use of digital technologies to improve business
- processes. Digitalisation may change business models and provide new revenue and
- value-producing opportunities. Also the process of moving to a digital business
- model.
- 108 39. Dolphinarium: A pool or aquarium for dolphins and other aquatic mammals,
- allowing them to be on public display.
- 40. Doughnut economics: An economic model which places emphasis on balance
- between socio-ecological systems and highlights the importance of serving one
- without excessively damaging the other, remaining within a safe and just space
- for humanity.
- 41. Dublin system: An EU mechanism that determines which Member State is
- responsible for the examination of an asylum application submitted by someone
- seeking international protection within the EU under the Geneva Convention.
- 42. Economic growth: An increase in the production of goods and services,
- compared from one time period to another.

- 43. Economy for Common Good: A social movement advocating for an alternative
- economic model. It calls for working towards the common good and cooperation as
- values above profit-orientation and competition.
- 44. Electric pulse fishing: A fishing technique sometimes used which uses
- electric shocks to catch fish.
- 45. Energy poverty: The lack of access to modern energy services.
- 46. Erasmus: Erasmus+ (formerly known as Erasmus) is a programme to support
- mobility and cooperation opportunities in higher education, vocational education
- and training, school education, adult education, youth work and sport. Best
- known for its university exchange programme.
- 47. Erasmus+: See Erasmus.
- 48. EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: Legally binding charter that sets out the rights and liberties of everyone in the European Union.
- 49. EU minimum wage scheme: Proposed EU directive on the introduction of a minimum wage for workers in the European Union to ensure a decent living.
- 134 50. EU Rights and Values programme: The programme aims to protect the rights and
- values enshrined in the EU treaties by supporting civil society organisations
- and encouraging civic and democratic participation.
- 51. EU4Health programme: The EU's response to the COVID-19 crisis. The largest
- ever EU programme within the health sector, EU4Health aims to increase
- preparedness for cross-border health threats, as well as strengthen health
- systems across the EU.
- 52. European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML): European
- convention for the protection and promotion of languages used by traditional
- minorities.
- 53. European Commission: The executive branch of the European Union. Responsible
- for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the EU treaties,
- and managing the day-to-day business of the EU.
- 54. European Convention on Human Rights: An international convention to protect
- human rights and political freedoms in Europe, adopted in the framework of the
- 149 Council of Europe and that is enforced by the European Court of Human Rights..

- 55. European Council: EU institution which defines the general political
- direction and priorities of the European Union. It comprises the heads of state
- or government of Member States, the Commission president, and the president of
- the European Council.
- 56. European External Action Service (EEAS): The diplomatic service of the EU.
- 57. European Parliament: Directly elected EU body that has legislative power,
- budgetary power, and control over other EU institutions such as the European
- 157 Commission.
- 58. European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO): Independent office responsible
- for investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to judgment crimes against the EU
- budget.
- 59. Federal Europe: The transformation of the EU from a confederation (union of
- sovereign states) to a federation with a central government.
- 163 60. Feminism: A range of social movements, political movements, and ideologies
- that aim to establish gender equality in society.
- 61. Fish aggregating devices: An object used to attract fish such as marlin,
- tuna and dolphins. Widely used in the industrial fishing of tuna, it is accused
- of increasing the fishing of juveniles, bycatches of sensitive species as well
- as creating marine litter.
- 62. Food security: The ability for all people, at all times, to have physical,
- social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets
- their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life.
- 172 63. Food sovereignty: A concept developed by farmers based on the right of
- people to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically
- sound and sustainable methods, and the right of communities to control the way
- food is produced, traded, and consumed. It could create a food system that is
- designed to help people and the environment rather than to generate profits for
- multinational corporations.
- 178 64. Force-feeding: A feeding technique used in the production of foie gras. A
- nutritional substance is given to the goose by means of a small plastic feeding
- tube passed through the nose or mouth into the stomach. As a result, their
- livers become massively enlarged.
- 182 65. Fracked gas: Gas obtained through the use of fracking. Fracking is the
- process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is

- directed at the rock to release the gas inside.
- 66. Freedom of movement: The right to travel, work, and live in a country, as well as the unconditional right to leave and re-enter.
- 187 67. Freedom to stay: The right to remain in the country of one's choosing.
- 188 68. Frontex: The European Border and Coast Guard Agency. An EU agency, Frontex
- is responsible for border control of the European Schengen Area, in coordination
- with the national border and coast guards of Schengen Area Member States.
- 191 69. Gender-based violence: Harmful acts directed at an individual based on their
- gender. It is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power, and harmful
- norms.
- 70. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs): Animals, plants, or microbes whose
- DNA has been altered using genetic engineering techniques.
- 71. Genital mutilation: A procedure that typically includes the total or partial
- excision of external genitalia. Female genital mutilation (FGM) involves the
- partial or total removal of external female genitalia or other injury to the
- female genital organs for non-medical reasons. It is recognised internationally
- as a violation of the human rights of girls and women.
- 72. Genuine progress indicator (GPI): A national-level indicator that provides
- information on sustainable economic welfare, rather than just economic activity.
- ²⁰³ GPI has been suggested to replace or supplement GDP.
- 73. Geoengineering (also known as climate engineering): The deliberate
- manipulation of the Earth's climate to counteract the effects of global warming
- from greenhouse gas emissions.
- 74. Globalisation: The growing integration and interdependence of the world's
- economies, cultures, and populations, brought about by cross-border trade in
- goods and services, technology, and flows of investment, people, and
- information.
- 75. Greenwashing: A superficial or insincere display of concern for the
- environment, usually in order to gain business advantage.
- 76. Gross domestic product (GDP): The market value of all the final goods and
- services produced within the geographic boundaries of a country within a
- specified time period, normally a year.

- 77. Heteronormativity: A discourse which is based on the assumption that
- heterosexuality is the norm and privileges this over any other form of sexual
- orientation.
- 78. Homophobia: A range of negative attitudes and feelings towards homosexuality
- or people who identify or are perceived as being lesbian, gay, or bisexual, as
- well as systemic discrimination against them.
- 79. Housing First: An approach to tackling homelessness in which permanent
- housing is seen as a person's first and primary need and is provided without any
- preconditions.
- 80. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): A virus that attacks the immune system.
- 226 If not treated, HIV can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).
- 81. Human security: A security concept that redirects focus from the security of
- states to insecurities in people's daily lives, such as the threat of hunger,
- disease, crime, environmental degradation, and issues related to the labour
- market.
- 82. Illegal pushbacks: Illegal cross-border expulsions without due process.
- 83. Illiberal democracy: A governing system in which, although elections take
- place, citizens are cut off from knowledge about the activities of those who
- exercise real power because of the lack of civil liberties.
- 84. Illiberalism: See "illiberal democracy":
- 85. Imperialism: The policy, practice, or advocacy of extending the power and
- dominion of a nation, especially by direct territorial acquisitions or by
- gaining indirect control over the political or economic life of other areas.
- 239 86. Informed consent: Agreement or permission to take a particular course of
- action granted in full knowledge of the possible effects or results.
- 87. International Monetary Fund (IMF): A multilateral institution that lends
- money to governments with the aim of stabilising currencies and maintaining
- order in international financial markets.
- 88. Intersectionality: A way of understanding how people's overlapping
- identities impact the way they experience oppression and discrimination.
- 89. Intersex people: Intersex is an umbrella term for differences in sex traits

- or reproductive anatomy. Intersex people are born with these differences or
- develop them in childhood. There are many possible variations in genitalia,
- hormones, internal anatomy, and chromosome patterns.
- 90. Islamophobia: A range of negative attitudes and feelings towards people who
- practise Islam or are perceived as Muslims, as well as systemic discrimination
- against them.
- 91. Istanbul Convention: The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and
- combating violence against women and domestic violence. A legally binding treaty
- 255 aiming to put an end to violence against women and domestic violence.
- 92. Just transition: A framework developed to encompass a range of social
- interventions needed to secure workers' rights and livelihoods when economies
- ²⁵⁸ are shifting to sustainable production, primarily combating climate change and
- protecting biodiversity.
- 93. Kerosene: A clear flammable liquid primarily obtained from petroleum,
- commonly used as a fuel for jet engines.
- 94. Legalisation of drugs: Drug production and commercialisation is legal under
- specific conditions that are controlled by the government.
- 95. Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs): A type of autonomous military system that
- can independently search for and engage targets based on programmed constraints
- and descriptions.
- 96. Level playing field: A state in which conditions in a competition or
- situation are fair for everyone.
- 97. LGBTQIA+: An initialism that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans,
- queer, intersex, and asexual, as well as other gender, sexual, or romantic
- minorities.
- 98. Linear economy: An economic model based on the assumption of a constant
- supply of raw materials, resulting in a "take-make-dispose" mentality.
- 99. Mass data retention: The collection and storage of data on individuals and
- their online behaviour by governments and businesses .
- 100. Medically assisted procreation (MAP): A generic term for any of a range of
- techniques that manipulate an egg and/or sperm to bring about fertilisation.

- 101. Metadata: Data that provides information about other data.
- 279 102. Militarism: The belief that a country should maintain a strong military
- capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national
- interests.
- 103. Monopoly: A company, person or state that has (near) complete control over
- the supply of or trade in a commodity or service, meaning that it is impossible
- for others to become involved in it.
- 104. Multilateralism: In international relations, multilateralism refers to an
- alliance of multiple countries pursuing a common goal.
- 105. Neocolonialism: The use of economic, political, cultural, or other
- pressures to control or influence other countries, especially formerly colonised
- ones.
- 106. Neoliberalism: A political and economical ideology, associated with
- economic liberalism and free-market capitalism. It supports privatization,
- deregulation, free trade, austerity and reductions in government spending.
- 107. Net neutrality: The principle that internet service providers (ISPs) should
- treat all data equally. According to this principle, ISPs may not intentionally
- prioritise certain types of online traffic and block or meter others.
- 108. Nuclear energy: EEnergy that is produced from nuclear reactions.
- 109. Nuclear fusion: A process in which two or more atoms are combined to form
- one or more atomic nuclei and subatomic particles, producing energy. Research is
- being funded into the use of this energy in electricity production, for example
- through the ITER programme.
- 110. Open source-based platforms: Software that is publicly licensed and
- designed with available source code, granting users the right to use, copy,
- study, change, and improve its structure or design.
- 111. Oppression: Unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power.
- 112. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): An
- international organisation with the mandate to stimulate economic progress and
- world trade.
- 113. Own resources: The EU's main sources of revenue comprising duties and

- levies, value added tax, and national contributions.
- 114. Palliative care: Medical and related care provided to a seriously ill
- patient to manage symptoms, relieve pain and discomfort, improve quality of
- life, and meet the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the patient.
- 115. Paperless person: A person who does not have any proof of their legal
- identity or status.
- 116. Parental leave: Time off from employment granted to parents to care for a
- child following its birth or adoption. Employers are required to hold employees'
- jobs for the duration of the leave period. Parental leave is sometimes unpaid.
- FYEG supports fully paid parental leave.
- 117. Paris Agreement: A legally binding international treaty on climate change
- mitigation, adaptation, and finance, signed in 2016. Its primary goal is to
- limit the global average temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius above
- pre-industrial levels, in addition to pursuing efforts to limit the increase to
- 1.5 degrees.
- 118. Parliamentary system: A democratic system of governance in which the
- executive has the direct or indirect support of a democratically elected
- parliament, and is held accountable to that parliament.
- 119. Participatory budgeting: A process of democratic deliberation and decision-
- making in which citizens decide how to allocate part of a municipal or public
- budget.
- 120. Patriarchy: A social system in which men hold primary power.
- 121. Pesticide: A chemical substance or biological agent used to deter,
- incapacitate, or kill certain insects, mammals, wild plants, and other unwanted
- organisms.
- 122. Physical communications infrastructure: The network of interconnected
- resources (cables, switches, towers, antennae, etc.) upon which broadcasting,
- telecommunication, and internet services are operated.
- 123. Pink tax: The tendency for products marketed specifically toward women to
- be more expensive than those marketed for men.
- 124. Platform workers: Workers that are put in contact with customers through
- online and are paid for each completed task rather than employed through regular

- work contracts with social protections.
- 125. Pluralistic society: A society in which members of diverse ethnic, racial,
- religious, and social groups are able to maintain and develop their unique
- 344 cultural identities, with the acceptance of the dominant culture, provided these
- are consistent with the laws and values of wider society.
- 126. Poverty line: The minimum level of personal or family income deemed
- adequate in a particular country, below which one is classified as poor
- according to governmental standards.
- 127. Presidential system: A system of government in which the president is
- constitutionally independent of the legislature and holds most executive power.
- 128. Privilege: Special status or advantages conferred on certain groups at the
- expense of other groups.
- 129. Productivism: The theory that increasing productivity is the primary goal
- of socio-economic activity.
- 130. Profit maximisation: The process by which a firm determines the price,
- input, and output level that returns the greatest profit.
- 131. Progressive taxation: A tax system based on the taxpayer's ability to pay.
- Low-income earners pay a lower rate of tax than those with higher incomes.
- 132. Proportional representation: An electoral system in which the number of
- seats held by a political group or party within a legislative body is
- proportional to the number of votes received.
- 133. Public housing: Low-rent housing owned, sponsored, or administered by the
- 363 state.
- 134. Qualified majority: One of the voting systems used by the Council of the
- European Union to take decisions (the others being simple majority and unanimous
- vote). The usual qualified majority is reached when 55% of Member States
- representing at least 65% of the total EU population vote in favour. In special
- cases, the figure rises to 72% of Member States representing at least 65% of the
- 369 EU population.
- 135. Queer: An umbrella term for gender, sexual and romantic minorities who are
- not heterosexual, heteronormative, or gender-binary.

- 136. Quota (diversity and inclusion): A policy requiring a certain number or
- share of minority group members or women on boards, shortlists, etc., in order
- to make institutions and businesses more representative.
- 137. Racialised people: Individuals who have been ascribed a racial identity for
- the purpose of continued domination, discrimination, and social exclusion.
- 138. Racism: The systemic discrimination and oppression of people on the basis
- of their supposed membership of particular racial or ethnic groups, built
- through the perpetuation of prejudices and the belief that there are different
- races, some of which are superior to others.
- 139. Relocalising the economy: Establishing a network of small businesses in the
- local area to fulfil basic needs rather than relying on national or global
- corporate monopolies.
- 140. Repairability: The extent to which an object is able to be repaired.
- 141. Representative recall: A process through which voters can remove elected officials before their official terms have ended.
- officials before their official terms have ended.
- 142. Right to be forgotten: The right of an individual to have private
- information on them deleted so that third persons can no longer trace them.
- 143. Right to challenge: An option offered in some countries allowing citizens
- to call for a referendum challenging a decision taken by the parliament or the
- government.
- 392 144. Right to disconnect: The right to digitally disconnect from work without
- facing negative repercussions.
- 145. Right to self-determination: The right for people, based on respect for the
- principle of equal rights and fair equality of opportunity, to freely choose
- their sovereignty and international political status with no interference.
- 146. Rule of law: The principle that all persons, institutions, and entities are
- subject to the law, including lawmakers, law enforcement officials, and judges.
- 399 147. Rule of law mechanism: Preventive tool to promote the rule of law and
- 400 provide options in the event of breaches by Member States, for example the
- suspension of EU funding.
- 148. Schengen Area: An area in which all member countries have agreed to abolish

- 403 controls at internal borders and create a single external border.
- 149. Secrecy of correspondence: A fundamental legal principle guaranteeing that
- sealed correspondence will not be opened and the content will not be revealed to
- anyone but the addressee.
- 150. Secular state: A state that is neutral in matters of religion.
- 151. Sixth mass extinction: An ongoing mass extinction event of wildlife on
- Earth as a result of human activity, in particular over the last century.
- 152. Social justice: The objective of social justice is to create a fair and
- equal society in which each individual matters, their rights are recognised and
- protected and in which wealth is fairly distributed.
- 413 153. Social stratification: The hierarchical structures of class and status in
- any society.
- 154. Speculation (financial): Investment, in particular on the housing market,
- involving high financial risk but also the possibility of significant gain.
- 155. Subsidiarity principle: A principle according to which social and political
- issues should be dealt with at the most immediate (or local) level that is
- consistent with their resolution.
- 156. Targeted advertising: Internet advertising that delivers customised adverts
- to consumers based on their behaviour on the internet.
- 157. Tax avoidance: The arrangement of one's financial affairs to minimise tax
- liability within the law.
- 158. Tax haven: A country or place which offers foreign individuals and
- companies very low tax rates. People choose to live there or register companies
- there to avoid paying higher tax in their own countries.
- 427 159. Taxation of financial transactions: A tax that is applied to all financial
- transactions, just as tax is paid on all other transactions, services, and
- goods.
- 160. Tech giants: The largest and most dominant companies in the information
- technology industry.
- 432 161. Too big to fail: Companies and business, particularly banks, that are so

- interconnected and so large that their failure would have a serious impact on
- the economic system, and that therefore require rescuing by governments in the
- event of potential failure.
- 162. Trade union: An organisation formed primarily by workers in order to
- represent their rights and interests to their employers.
- 438 163. Trans people: People who have a gender identity or gender expression that
- differs from the sex that they were assigned at birth. People whose gender
- identity matches the sex that they were assigned at birth are referred to as
- cisgender or cis people.
- 164. Transphobia: A range of negative attitudes and feelings towards transgender
- people, as well as the systemic discrimination against them.
- 165. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: An international agreement to
- comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal being their
- total elimination.
- 166. Trickle-down theory: A theory according to which financial benefits given
- 448 to large businesses and the wealthy will in turn trickle down to smaller
- businesses and consumers.
- 450 167. Two degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels: One of the
- objectives of the Paris Agreement is to keep a global temperature rise well
- below this level. Global temperature rises are usually calculated compared to
- "pre-industrial levels", meaning before the unusual rise in global temperature
- observed since the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- 455 168. UN 2030 Agenda: A resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly which
- focuses on achieving 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aim to end
- poverty and hunger, combat inequalities, and create a peaceful, just,
- sustainable, and inclusive society.
- 459 169. UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural
- Areas: Declaration adopted in 2018 by the UN General Assembly which recognises
- the rights of farmers and people living in rural areas. These include the right
- to nature, seeds, land, water, biodiversity, health, education, and housing, as
- well as labour rights and cultural rights.
- 170. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): An international treaty
- signed in 1992 which sets a framework to address climate change at a global
- level. Regular international negotiations have been organised under the aegis of
- the treaty which led to the adoption, among others, of the Tokyo Protocol and

- 468 the Paris Agreement.
- 171. UN Security Council: One of the six principal organs of the UN system, the
- UN Security Council is responsible for maintaining peace and security. Its
- resolutions are legally binding.
- 172. Unanimity: The agreement of all.
- 473 173. Unconscious bias: An attitude or stereotype that an individual
- unconsciously associates with another person or group of people.
- 475 174. Unemployment benefit: A payment made at regular intervals to an unemployed
- person.
- 175. Unilateralism: An approach in which a country decides on a policy or course
- of action on its own, without regard to the interests of other states, outside
- agreement or support, or reciprocity.
- 176. Universal basic income (UBI): A periodic payment provided to all on an
- individual basis, without means testing or work requirements.
- 177. Upload filters: Automated decision-making tools that scan files uploaded to
- a particular platform in order to determine if these violate the platform's
- quidelines and rules.
- 485 178. Uranium: A chemical element widely used in nuclear power plants and nuclear
- 486 weapons
- 179. Vocational colleges: Post-secondary educational establishments that offer
- teaching and practical experience in skilled trades.
- 180. Waste heat recovery: The use of the surplus heat produced by processes
- whose main aim is not heat production.
- 491 181. Wealth tax: A tax based on the value of the assets owned by a taxpayer.
- 182. White privilege: The societal privilege that benefits white people over
- non-white people in some societies.
- 183. World Bank: A multilateral financial institution that lends money to
- 495 governments and government agencies for development projects.

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- 184. Xenophobia: A range of negative attitudes and feelings towards foreigners 496 or people who are perceived as foreign, as well as systemic discrimination 497
- against them. 498
- 185. Zoonotic diseases: Any infection or disease that is transmitted to humans from animals. 500

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X, The European Neighbourhood Policy is the structure that governs the EU's 502 relations with states in its immediate neighbourhood. 503

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