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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 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
- 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,
- where it is securely stored away and thus prevented from reaching the
- atmosphere.
- 44 16. Carbon neutral economy: An economy that operates without releasing more CO2
- than can be absorbed by carbon sinks.
- 46 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.
- 49 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,
- governmental demands, or commands. Used as a nonviolent and usually collective
- 63 means of political action.
- 64 24. Common Agricultural Policy: The agricultural policy of the European Union,
- introduced in 1962. It now consists of a system of agricultural subsidies as
- 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.
- 28. Cooperative business model: A membership-based business model in which a
- 78 group of people with a specific need are willing to work together to found and
- 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
- make.
- 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
- 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
- 90 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.
- 94 34. Debt forgiveness: The total cancelation of debt owed by individuals,
- orporations, or states.
- 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.
- 104 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
- 113 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.
- 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
- 210 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.
- 235 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.
- 241 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 407 150. 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
- 411 equal society in which each individual matters, their rights are recognised and
- protected and in which wealth is fairly distributed.
- 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.
- 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
- 453 "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.
- 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
- or people who are perceived as foreign, as well as systemic discrimination
- against them.
- 185. Zoonotic diseases: Any infection or disease that is transmitted to humans
- from animals.