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## **2017 G7 Taormina Interim Compliance Report**

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*“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”*

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

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## Preface

Each year since 1996, the G7 Research Group has produced a compliance report on the progress made by the G7 members in meeting the commitments their leaders issue at each summit. Since 2002, the group has usually published an interim report to assess progress during the transition from one host to the next, in addition to the final report issued just before the annual summit. These reports, which monitor the implementation of a carefully chosen selection of the many commitments announced at the end of each summit, are offered to the general public and to policy makers, academics, civil society, the media and interested citizens around the world in an effort to make the work of the G7 more transparent and accessible, and to provide scientific data to enable meaningful analysis of this unique and informal institution. Compliance reports are available at the G7 Information Centre at <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance>.

Based at the University of Toronto and founded in 1987, the G7 Research Group strives to be the leading independent source of information and analysis on the institutions, performance, issues and participants of the G7 summit and system of global governance. It is an global network of scholars, students and professionals. The group oversees the G7 Information Centre, which publishes freely available research on the G7 as well as official documents issued by the G7.

For the compliance report on the 2017 Taormina Summit, hosted by Italy from 26 to 27 May 2017, 16 priority commitments were selected from the total 180 commitments made. This interim report includes assessments for 16 of those commitments as of 30 January 2018.

To make its assessments, the G7 Research Group relies on publicly available information, documentation and media reports. To ensure the accuracy, comprehensiveness and integrity of these reports, we encourage comments and suggestions. Indeed, this is a living document, and the scores can be recalibrated if new material becomes available. All feedback remains anonymous and is not attributed. Responsibility for this report's contents lies exclusively with the report's authors and the analysts of the G7 Research Group.

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## **Executive Summary**

The University of Toronto G7 Research Group's Interim Compliance Report on the 2017 Taormina Summit assesses the compliance of the G7 members with 16 priority commitments selected from the total 180 made at their summit in Italy on 26-27 May 2017 (see Table A). This selection reflects the breadth and focus of the summit agenda. The analysis covers actions taken by G7 members since 28 May 2017, the day after the summit, until 30 January 2018.

### **The Interim Compliance Score**

Compliance is measured on a three-point scale. A score of +1 indicates full compliance with a commitment, a score of 0 indicates partial compliance, and a score of -1 indicates non-compliance as in a failure to comply or action taken that is directly opposite to the commitment. The interim compliance scores are listed in Table B.

For the period of 28 May 2017 to 30 January 2018, the average compliance score for these 16 commitments was +0.45 (73%). This is a decrease from the interim compliance score of +0.51 (76%) halfway between the 2016 and 2017 summits, and slightly lesser decrease from the final compliance score of +0.47 (74%) for the 2016 Ise Shima Summit. It is also a decrease from the 2015 Schloss Elmau Summit interim compliance score of +0.60 (80%) and final compliance score of +0.65 (83%).

### **Compliance by Member**

The European Union ranked first with an average compliance score of +0.94 (97%) followed by France and the United Kingdom at +0.56 (78%) and Germany at +0.44 (72%). The United States had the lowest score at +0.13 (57%). The United States average is calculated from 15 commitments as it was not party to the commitment on the Paris Agreement. See Table C for a complete list of country scores.

### **Compliance by Commitment**

The commitment on terrorism, specifically on aviation and border security, had the highest interim compliance at +0.88 (94%) (see Table D). The commitment on internationally recognized environmental standards in trade had the second highest compliance at +0.75 (88%). They were followed by the commitment on the Paris Agreement, which was assessed for all G7 members except the United States, and had a score of +0.71 (86%). These were followed by four commitments tied at +0.63 (82%) on trade protectionism, the drivers of migration, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and encouraging women in the private sector. The commitment with the lowest compliance was mental health at -0.75 (13%).

### **The Compliance Gap Between Members**

These interim results from the Taormina Summit show a difference of 0.80 between the highest and lowest compliance scores, a greater spread than the 2016 final compliance score of 0.50 and 2016 interim score of 0.39, but closer to the 2015 scores of 0.71 on final compliance and 0.82 on interim compliance.

### **Future Research and Reports**

The information contained within this report provides G7 members and other stakeholders with an indication of their compliance with 16 commitments at the midway point between the Taormina Summit in May 2017 and the Charlevoix Summit that will take place on 8-9 June 2018. As with previous compliance reports, this report has been produced as an invitation for others to provide additional or more complete information on country compliance. Comments are always welcomed

and would be considered as part of an analytical reassessment. If so, please send your feedback to [g7@utoronto.ca](mailto:g7@utoronto.ca).

**Table A: 2017 Priority Commitments Selected for Assessment\***

Number	Commitment
112	"[We commit ourselves to] enhancing border and aviation security." (G7 Taormina Statement on the Fight Against Terrorism and Violent Extremism)
81	"We will counter propaganda supporting terrorism and violent extremism, online recruitment by extremists, radicalization and incitement to violence." (G7 Taormina Statement on the Fight Against Terrorism and Violent Extremism)
23	"We reiterate our commitment on non-proliferation and disarmament." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
36	"We reiterate our commitment to keep our markets open and to fight protectionism, while standing firm against all unfair trade practices." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
179	"We agree to promote and facilitate cooperation to help ensure the effective and timely prosecution of those engaged — at any level — in human trafficking and exploitation, both domestically and internationally, including cooperation among countries of origin, transit and destination and their respective law enforcement agencies." (Roadmap for a Gender-Responsive Economic Environment)
115	"[We] encourage the private sector to value women's active role in private companies by developing positive actions, such as leadership trainings and gender equality labels/certifications, and promoting role models." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
46	"We agree to establish partnerships to help countries create the conditions within their own borders that address the drivers of migration, as this is the best long-term solution to these challenges" (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
64	"We are determined to harness the significant economic opportunities, in terms of growth and job creation, offered by the transformation of the energy sector and clean technology." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Declaration)
65	"Understanding this process, the Heads of State and of Governments of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom and the Presidents of the European Council and of the European Commission reaffirm their strong commitment to swiftly implement the Paris Agreement, as previously stated at the Ise Shima Summit." (excludes United States) (G7 Taormina Leaders' Declaration)
57	"[We will encourage] public-private partnerships (PPPs)." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
48	"We aim to work in partnership with the African continent, supporting the African Union Agenda 2063, in order to provide the young generation in particular with adequate skills, quality infrastructures, financial resources, and access to a sustainable, prosperous and safe future." (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
69	"[We are committed to pursuing policies that advance] mental health [improvements across the globe.]" (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)
45	"[We commit to striving for better application and promotion of internationally recognized] environmental standards [throughout the global economy and its supply chains.]" (G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué)

Number	Commitment
66	“We also need to address new forms of work and improve working conditions by implementing sound labor market policies and by making adjustments to our welfare systems, when necessary, in a multi-stakeholder approach, so as to provide stability for our labor force.” (G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué)
29	“To this end, we reaffirm our commitment to use all policy tools — monetary, fiscal and structural — individually and collectively to achieve strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.” (G7 Taormina Leaders’ Declaration)
24	“We maintain our commitment to assisting Ukraine in implementing its ambitious and yet necessary reform agenda...” (G7 Taormina Leaders’ Declaration)

\*For the full list of commitments, please contact the G7 Research Group at [g8@utoronto.ca](mailto:g8@utoronto.ca)



**Table B: 2017 G7 Taormina Interim Compliance Scores**

	Canada	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
1. Terrorism: Aviation and Border Security	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.88	94%
2. Terrorism: Combating Online Extremism	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.50	75%
3. Non-proliferation: Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament	-1	+1	0	0	0	0	+1	+1	+0.25	63%
4. Trade: Protectionism and Trade Practices	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+0.63	81%
5. Gender: Human Trafficking and Exploitation	0	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	+0.50	75%
6. Gender: Encouraging Women in the Private Sector	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	+0.63	81%
7. Migration: Addressing the Drivers of Migration	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	+1	+0.63	81%
8. Climate Change: Energy and Clean Technology	+1	+1	-1	+1	0	+1	-1	+1	+0.38	69%
9. Climate Change: Paris Agreement	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	N/A	+1	+0.71	86%
10. Food and Agriculture: Food Security and Nutrition	+1	0	0	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+0.25	63%
11. Development: African Union Agenda 2063	-1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.63	81%
12. Health: Mental Health	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-0.75	13%
13. Trade: Internationally Recognized Environmental Standards	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+1	+0.75	88%
14. Labour and Employment: Work Conditions	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	+0.38	69%
15. Macroeconomics: Inclusive Growth	+1	0	0	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.38	69%
16. Regional Security: Ukraine	0	+1	+1	0	0	0	+1	+1	+0.50	75%
Compliance Average	+0.44	+0.50	+0.44	+0.31	+0.25	+0.56	+0.13	+0.94	+0.45	73%
	72%	75%	72%	66%	63%	78%	57%	97%		
2016 Final Compliance Average	58%	26%	67%	21%	28%	42%	63%	67%	47%	74%
2016 Interim Compliance Average	55%	27%	55%	18%	18%	64%	82%	91%	51%	76%
2015 Final Compliance Average	+0.38	+0.67	+0.86	+0.24	+0.48	+0.86	+0.81	+0.95	+0.65	83%
2015 Interim Compliance Average	+0.18	+0.59	+0.88	+0.18	+0.47	+0.88	+0.65	+1.00	+0.60	80%
2014 Final Compliance Average	+0.69	+0.50	+0.75	+0.38	+0.44	+0.75	+0.75	+0.81	+0.63	82%
2013 Final Compliance Average	+0.50	+0.50	+0.39	+0.33	+0.33	+0.78	+0.72	+0.61	+0.51	76%
2013 Interim Compliance Average	+0.44	+0.44	+0.28	+0.28	+0.17	+0.56	+0.61	+0.61	+0.40	70%

**Table C: 2017 G7 Taormina Interim Compliance Scores by Country**

	2017 interim		2016 final		2016 interim		2015 final		2015 interim		2014 final	
European Union	+0.94	97%	81%	91%	+0.67	83%	+0.95	98%	+1.00	100%	+0.81	91%
France	+0.50	75%	50%	75%	+0.26	63%	+0.67	83%	+0.59	79%	+0.50	75%
Germany	+0.44	72%	44%	72%	+0.50	75%	+0.86	93%	+0.88	94%	+0.75	88%
Canada	+0.44	72%	44%	72%	+0.50	75%	+0.38	69%	+0.18	59%	+0.69	85%
United Kingdom	+0.56	78%	38%	69%	+0.42	71%	+0.86	93%	+0.88	94%	+0.75	88%
Italy	+0.31	66%	31%	66%	+0.21	61%	+0.24	62%	+0.18	59%	+0.38	69%
Japan	+0.25	63%	25%	63%	+0.28	64%	+0.48	74%	+0.47	74%	+0.44	72%
United States	+0.13	57%	13%	57%	+0.63	82%	+0.81	90%	+0.65	82%	+0.75	88%
Average	+0.44	72%	41%	70%	+0.43	72%	+0.65	83%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%
Spread	0.69		0.50		0.39		0.71		0.82		0.44	

**Table D: 2017 G7 Taormina Interim Compliance Scores by Commitment**

1	Terrorism: Aviation and Border Security	+0.88	94%
2	Trade: Internationally Recognized Environmental Standards	+0.75	88%
3	Climate Change: Paris Agreement	+0.71	86%
4	Trade: Protectionism and Trade Practices	+0.63	81%
	Migration: Addressing the Drivers of Migration		
	Gender: Encouraging Women in the Private Sector		
	Development: African Union Agenda 2063		
8	Regional Security: Ukraine	+0.50	75%
	Gender: Human Trafficking and Exploitation		
	Terrorism: Combating Online Extremism		
11	Climate Change: Energy and Clean Technology	+0.38	69%
	Labour and Employment: Work Conditions		
	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Growth		
14	Non-proliferation: Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament	+0.25	63%
	Food and Agriculture: Food Security and Nutrition		
16	Health: Mental Health	-0.75	13%