In September 2021, the United Nations Secretary-General released his report Our Common Agenda. The Common Agenda proposes a Global Digital Compact (GDC) to be agreed at the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

The Global Digital Compact is an agreement aimed at promoting cooperation and collaboration among governments, the United Nations system, the private sector, grassroots organizations and other stakeholders worldwide to harness the benefits of digital technology for social and economic development. The compact will outline shared principles, and commitments to ensure that digital advancements are inclusive, equitable, and beneficial for all people, particularly those in underserved communities.

UNICEF submitted seven key recommendations to the Global Digital Compact to ensure a safe, open, and inclusive digital world for all, with a focus on the well-being and rights of children and young people. These recommendations include:

1. **Equitable Access**: Ensure that everyone, especially children and young people, has equal access to digital technologies and the internet regardless of their background or location.

2. **Child Online Protection**: Implement robust measures to protect children from online risks such as cyberbullying, exploitation, and exposure to harmful content.

3. **Digital Literacy**: Promote digital literacy and skills development programs to empower individuals to engage with the digital world safely and effectively.

4. **Accountability**: Introduce criteria for discrimination and misleading content, to which children are particularly vulnerable.

5. **Promote a Unified Internet**: Prevent the fragmentation of the internet to guarantee a digital future that is open, free, inclusive, and secure for everyone, including children.

6. **Accessible and Safe Digital Commons**: Ensure all children and young people have access to digital technologies and services, both existing and emerging, in a way that is fair, safe, and equitable.

7. **Shared Data Governance**: Introduce a collaborative approach to governing data to safeguard national sovereignty and economic productivity. Recognizing data as a shared resource can ensure inclusive benefits, including for children.