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**Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21,
the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21
and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable
Development and of the United Nations Conference on
Sustainable Development**

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**Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further
Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World
Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations
Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations
summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 and 57/270 A of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 64/236 of 24 December 2009, 65/152 of 20 December 2010, 66/197 of 22 December 2011, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/203 of 21 December 2012, 68/210 of 20 December 2013, 68/309 of 10 September 2014, 68/310 of 15 September 2014, 69/108 of 8 December 2014 and 69/214 of 19 December 2014 and all other relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, recognizing that it builds on the Millennium Development Goals and seeks to complete their unfinished business, and stressing the importance of the implementation of this new ambitious Agenda, which has poverty eradication at its core and aims at promoting the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



Reaffirming also its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it and helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions within the framework of a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development,

Recalling its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ Agenda 21,² the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,³ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)⁵ and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,⁶ as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,⁷ the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,⁸ the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁹ the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,¹⁰ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹¹ and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,¹²

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action),¹³

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

⁴ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁵ *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

⁶ Resolution 66/288, annex.

⁷ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁸ Resolution 63/239, annex.

⁹ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution S-21/2, annex.

¹¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

¹² Resolution 68/6.

¹³ *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011 (A/CONF.219/7)*, chap. II.

Recalling the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024¹⁴ and the Vienna Declaration,¹⁵

Recalling also the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,¹⁶

Reaffirming the commitment to implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals, and reaffirming also other internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields since 1992, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Recognizing that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,¹⁷ as well as in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions, and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,

Recognizing that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

Reaffirming the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living, as well as the right to food, the rule of law, gender equality and women's empowerment, and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development,

Reaffirming also the Sendai Declaration and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,¹⁸ adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,

¹⁴ Resolution 69/137, annex II.

¹⁵ Ibid., annex I.

¹⁶ Resolution 69/15, annex.

¹⁷ Resolution 55/2.

¹⁸ Resolution 69/283, annexes I and II.

Stressing the importance of inclusiveness within the United Nations development system and that observer States be taken into account in the implementation of the present resolution,

1. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,¹⁹ and urges its speedy implementation;

2. *Also reaffirms* the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,²⁰ the outcome document of the conference, and urges its speedy implementation;

3. *Further reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,⁶ and urges its speedy implementation;

4. *Takes note* of the ongoing work on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, which will be agreed by the Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in line with existing mandates;

5. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;²¹

6. *Urges* the speedy and effective implementation and the effective follow-up and review of the sustainable development priorities for small island developing States identified in the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway¹⁶ and set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and reaffirms that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities;

7. *Reaffirms* its resolution 68/1, recalls the commitment made at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to strengthen the Economic and Social Council within its mandate under the Charter of the United Nations as a principal organ in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and recognizes its key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All,²² and requests the Secretary-General to provide, in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, an updated report on the progress of the activities of the Decade, relevant activities within the United Nations system and the long-term institutional administrative and financial arrangements and accountability arrangements to Member States and other

¹⁹ Resolution 70/1.

²⁰ Resolution 69/313, annex.

²¹ [A/70/283](#).

²² [A/70/422](#).

stakeholders of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative, for submission to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

9. *Reaffirms* its resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and welcomes the inaugural meeting of the forum, held under the auspices of the General Assembly on 24 September 2013, as well as the meetings of the forum held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council from 30 June to 9 July 2014 and from 26 June to 8 July 2015;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 90 of its resolution 70/1, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to prepare a report, for consideration at the seventieth session of the Assembly in preparation for the 2016 meeting of the high-level political forum, which outlines critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level, which should include a proposal on the organizational arrangements for State-led reviews at the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including recommendations on voluntary common reporting guidelines, and should clarify institutional responsibilities and provide guidance on annual themes, on a sequence of thematic reviews, and on options for periodic reviews for the high-level political forum, and in this regard requests the President of the General Assembly to make the necessary arrangements for Member States to consider the report of the Secretary-General;

11. *Acknowledges* the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, recognizes that follow-up and review at the regional and subregional levels can, as appropriate, provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, welcomes in this respect the cooperation of regional and subregional commissions and organizations, notes that inclusive regional processes will draw on national-level reviews and contribute to follow-up and review at the global level, including at the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and, while recognizing the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate policy space, encourages all Member States to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage, and encourages United Nations regional commissions to continue to support Member States in this regard;

12. *Welcomes* the decision in resolution 70/1 that the next high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly will be held in 2019, with the cycle of meetings thus reset, in order to maximize coherence with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review process;

13. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to coordinate with the bureaux of the relevant committees of the Assembly and with the Bureau of the Council in organizing the activities of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, including its annual themes, a sequence of thematic reviews and options for periodic reviews on the Sustainable Development Goals, so as to benefit from the inputs and advice of the United Nations system, the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, and encourages broad consultations on the organization of the meeting of the forum under the auspices of the Council in 2016;

14. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism in Addis Ababa at the third International Conference on Financing for Development and its launch during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, looks forward to the full operationalization of all its components, namely, the United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, the collaborative multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and the online platform, and requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to appoint two co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, of the multi-stakeholder forum;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 67/203, in which it decided to review the arrangement to designate the Economic and Social Council as the ad interim Member State body to receive reports from the board and the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, in the context of the follow-up and review at the global level, as elaborated in the 10-year framework of programmes,²³ as well as its resolutions 68/210 and 69/214 in this regard, in order to reach a permanent arrangement, also recalls the interactive discussions on sustainable consumption and production at the July 2014 and July 2015 meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Council, and affirms that due consideration should continue to be given to sustainable consumption and production at the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Council, taking into account the reports from the board and the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes, in accordance with the forthcoming organizational arrangements to be decided by the General Assembly;

16. *Welcomes* the decision in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that the high-level political forum will be informed by the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, which shall strengthen the science-policy interface and could provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policymakers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development, and also welcomes the invitation to the President of the Economic and Social Council to conduct a process of consultations on the scope, methodology and frequency of the global report, as well as its relation to the progress report, the outcome of which should be reflected in the ministerial declaration of the session of the high-level political forum in 2016;

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system,²⁴ reiterates the call of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the further mainstreaming of the three dimensions throughout the United Nations system, and in this regard invites the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress made, including for the consideration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

18. *Calls upon* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and resources, to include observer States in the implementation of the present resolution;

²³ [A/CONF.216/5](#), annex.

²⁴ [A/70/75-E/2015/55](#).

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda”.
