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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

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, in which it endorsed the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”:¹

(a) Decides to establish the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals called for in paragraph 248 of the outcome document;

(b) Welcomes the membership of the Open Working Group as designated by the five United Nations regional groups and as listed in the annex to the present decision;

(c) Invites the Open Working Group, when developing its working methods, to ensure that the sessions of the Open Working Group shall, on a regular basis, be open to the participation of and contribution by all Member States and to the presentation of proposals by them; it shall also ensure the participation, in accordance with applicable rules, of observers having received a standing invitation to participate in the work of the General Assembly, as well as ensure the full involvement of relevant stakeholders and expertise from civil society, the scientific community and the United Nations system in its work in order to provide a diversity of perspectives and experience;

(d) Also invites the Open Working Group to reflect contributions from and interact with the whole membership in the process of preparing its report containing a proposal for sustainable development goals for consideration and appropriate action by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to resume consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 20 and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

¹ Resolution 66/288.



Annex

Membership of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

1. Algeria/Egypt/Morocco/Tunisia
2. Ghana
3. Benin
4. Kenya
5. United Republic of Tanzania
6. Congo
7. [*]
8. Nauru/Palau/Papua New Guinea
9. Bhutan/Thailand/Viet Nam
10. India/Pakistan/Sri Lanka
11. China/Kazakhstan/Indonesia
12. Cyprus/Singapore/United Arab Emirates
13. Bangladesh/Republic of Korea/Saudi Arabia
14. Iran (Islamic Republic of)/Japan/Nepal
15. Colombia/Guatemala
16. Bahamas/Barbados
17. Guyana/Haiti/Trinidad and Tobago
18. Mexico/Peru
19. Brazil/Nicaragua
20. Argentina/Bolivia (Plurinational State of)/Ecuador
21. Australia/Netherlands/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
22. Canada/Israel/United States of America
23. Denmark/Ireland/Norway
24. France/Germany/Switzerland
25. Italy/Spain/Turkey
26. Hungary
27. Belarus/Serbia
28. Bulgaria/Croatia
29. Montenegro/Slovenia
30. Poland/Romania

* Member State to be nominated upon communication by the African Group.