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Nelson Mandela Peace Summit

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹

Recalling the determination of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and its purpose of maintaining international peace and security, and to that end to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace,

Acknowledging the calls by the Secretary-General for a renewed commitment to preventing conflict and sustaining peace with the support of prevention, conflict resolution and peacekeeping, peacebuilding, human rights and long-term development initiatives,

Recalling its resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, in which it, inter alia, recognized Nelson Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity, as a humanitarian, in the fields of conflict resolution, race relations, promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups, as well as the upliftment of poor and underdeveloped communities, and acknowledges his contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of the culture of peace throughout the world,

Welcoming the support of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, for the annual commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day,

Noting that 2018 will mark the centenary of the birth of the late Nelson Mandela,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, a day before the start of the general debate of the seventy-third session, which will consist of an opening plenary

* On behalf of the Group of African countries.

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).



meeting from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and a plenary meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 6. 00 p.m. focusing on global peace, in honour of the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela;

2. *Declares* that the high-level plenary meeting will be held in the General Assembly Hall;

3. *Decides* that the opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and an eminent person and a representative of civil society, both of whom are to be identified by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Also decides* that the plenary meetings will hear statements by Member States and all observers of the General Assembly, the list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice of the Assembly and the time limits for statements will be three minutes for statements of individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

5. *Invites* all Member and observer States to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government;

6. *Also invites* intergovernmental organizations and related entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

7. *Further invites* non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend this meeting;

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, diaspora communities and migrant organizations that may attend and participate in the preparatory process, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit a list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;

9. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level plenary meeting;

10. *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly, at the seventy-second session, to hold open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations with all Member States and intergovernmental organizations that have observer status with the General Assembly, through two co-facilitators to be appointed by the President, with a view to producing a short and concise political declaration for adoption at the opening plenary meeting of the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit;

11. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the state of global peace and security in line with the central mandates contained in the Charter to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.