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### Strengthening of the United Nations system: strengthening of the United Nations system

#### Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

#### Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter,

*Recognizing* the need to promote and strengthen multilateralism, and reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in that regard,

*Bearing in mind* that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 is an opportunity to reaffirm its collective commitment to multilateralism and to the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations shall be commemorated in 2020 under the theme “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”;

2. *Also decides* that the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary shall guide all activities, meetings and conferences organized by the United Nations in 2020, including the general debate of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, and encourages all Member States and observers of the Assembly to share their views on the theme;

3. *Further decides* to convene in New York, on 21 September 2020, a high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and that the following modalities will apply:

(a) The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude before 9 p.m. on 21 September 2020;

(b) The President of the General Assembly will make an opening statement and invite the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the International Court of Justice and youth representatives to make statements;



(c) Following opening statements, the meeting will hear statements from the host country, Member States and observers of the General Assembly on the basis of a list of speakers to 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;

(d) The meeting will be a stand-alone event and no other intergovernmental meetings or side events will be organized in parallel at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 21 September 2020;

(e) Non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;

4. *Decides* to adopt by consensus at the high-level meeting on 21 September 2020 a concise, substantive, forward-looking and unifying declaration that captures the collective commitment of Member States to multilateralism and to the United Nations and their shared vision for a common future, and requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session to appoint two co-facilitators to lead and conclude intergovernmental negotiations on the declaration no later than June 2020;

5. *Also decides* to commemorate, on 26 June 2020, the signing of the Charter of the United Nations and, on 24 October 2020, United Nations Day, through meaningful observance ceremonies at United Nations Headquarters in New York, open to Member States and observers of the General Assembly, as well as non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session to determine the modalities of those ceremonies, taking into account the views of Member States and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and youth;

6. *Emphasizes* the need to engage civil society and youth in all activities to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and decides to convene a youth plenary at United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session and the President of the Economic and Social Council, in conjunction with the youth forum of the Council in 2020;

7. *Invites* the youth plenary to engage in an inclusive, forward-looking, youth-driven global dialogue on the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary and to send representatives to address the high-level meeting on 21 September 2020;

8. *Encourages* Member States and observers of the General Assembly, organizations of the United Nations system, as well as civil society organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to observe and actively support the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in an appropriate manner, including through national and regional initiatives, with a view to raising awareness of the work of the United Nations and of the importance of multilateralism in addressing global challenges;

9. *Welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to appoint a focal point in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to coordinate all activities within the United Nations system relating to the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary, ensuring a coherent and inclusive approach and a global communications and outreach strategy;

10. *Requests* the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to disseminate statements made by heads of delegation, at the high-level meeting on 21 September 2020 as well as at the general debate, on the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary, to a global audience using information technology in order to raise awareness of the commemoration and the role of the United Nations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements to receive voluntary contributions to support the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and encourages Member States and other donors in a position to do so to make financial contributions generously and as soon as possible.

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