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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [54/10](#) of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions [59/21](#) of 8 November 2004, [61/223](#) of 20 December 2006, [63/143](#) of 11 December 2008, [65/139](#) of 16 December 2010, [67/252](#) of 26 March 2013, [69/311](#) of 6 July 2015 and [71/324](#) of 8 September 2017,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution [2457 \(2019\)](#) of 27 February 2019 on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security: silencing the guns in Africa,

Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations, and taking into account in that regard the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations of 17 August 2018,¹

Considering also the relevance of the Portuguese language in international affairs, unifying over 278 million people in nine countries and four continents, and noting the political commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

¹ [A/73/328-S/2018/592](#).



to promote the Portuguese language in international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes,

Welcoming the celebration of Portuguese Language and Culture Day, 10 May 2019, by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in New York,

Highlighting the commitment demonstrated by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in addressing the issue of food security and nutrition, namely, through the work of the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community and the “Together against Hunger” campaign,

Taking note with appreciation of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the promotion and protection of human rights within the Community,

Taking note with appreciation also of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

Recalling with appreciation the convening of the third International Conference on the Future of the Portuguese Language in the World System, held in Dili on 15 and 16 June 2016, on the topic of the Portuguese language and globalization, and acknowledging the importance of the consideration by the Community of the Dili Action Plan, which, together with the Lisbon Action Plan and the Brasilia Action Plan, will update the global strategy for the promotion and diffusion of the Portuguese language,

Welcoming the continuous coordination among Heads of State and Government, ministers and high-level officials of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries on the margins of high-level meetings of the United Nations and their reaffirmation of the commitment of the Community to the values and principles of the Charter,

Expressing appreciation for the work consistently carried out by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the achievement of its three broad objectives of diplomatic and political coordination, cooperation in all areas and promotion of the Portuguese language, and recalling the adoption of its New Strategic Vision (2016–2026) by the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia on 31 October and 1 November 2016,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the final declaration of the twelfth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Santa Maria, Cabo Verde, on 17 and 18 July 2018, on the theme “The people, the culture and the oceans”, in which the Community has committed to continue to promote political dialogue, exchange experience and cooperate in order to enhance the commitment and partnership for the promotion and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² in the States members of the Community, taking into account enhanced and shared solidarity focus on the needs of those most vulnerable;

2. *Notes* the adoption at the twelfth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries of the declaration on people and mobility, the declaration on the Portuguese language in the Community, the declaration on culture and creative industries as a strategic sector in the Community, the declaration on the seas and oceans, the resolution on the Dili Action

² Resolution 70/1.

Plan and the resolution on the sustainability of the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community;

3. *Acknowledges* the impact of extreme weather events and the importance of humanitarian assistance provided recently to countries of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries such as Mozambique, which was affected by Cyclone Idai, and Cabo Verde by extreme drought, and stresses the need to favour an articulated development-based and multidisciplinary approach in response to these phenomena in order to strengthen national capacities and address these adverse consequences in a swift and effective manner;

4. *Also acknowledges* the International Center for Climate Research and Applications for the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and Africa, as a research centre of the Community, and notes the approval by the Community of the publication on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change portal of the Portuguese language version of the special report of the Panel on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;

5. *Recalls* the importance of the engagement of civil society in the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and acknowledges that it can play an important role in advancing efforts in support of the implementation of all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda within the Community;

6. *Also recalls* the importance of the participation of the private sector in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals within the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries through public-private partnerships, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and notes with appreciation the first Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Dili from 25 to 27 February 2016;

7. *Notes* the admission of Andorra, Argentina, Chile, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Serbia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture as new associate observers during the twelfth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

8. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and United Nations specialized agencies and other entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

9. *Also stresses* the importance of partnership and cooperation between the United Nations and other relevant organizations, including the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, to improve coordination and cooperation in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in accordance with their respective mandates, to increase synergies and ensure the coherence and complementarity of such efforts;

10. *Further stresses* the need for Guinea-Bissau to continue to take concrete steps towards peace, security and political stability, endorses the Conakry Agreement of 14 October 2016, based on the Economic Community of West African States six-point road map, as the primary framework for a peaceful resolution of the current political crisis, and in this context recalls Security Council resolution 2458 (2019) of 28 February 2019, and notes the active engagement of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau, as well as of international bilateral and multilateral partners;

11. *Welcomes* the continued support of the international community and the important role played by the P5³ group, and the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, in particular its Guinea-Bissau configuration, and the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau, in monitoring the political situation in Guinea-Bissau and promoting a constructive dialogue between Bissau-Guinean political actors, as well as in facilitating dialogue with international partners, and assisting the national authorities in their efforts to consolidate the constitutional order, to implement security sector, political, economic and constitutional reforms, combat drug trafficking, fight impunity and move towards sociopolitical stability and reconciliation;

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

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries”.

³ Comprising the African Union, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, the Economic Community of West African States, the European Union and the United Nations.