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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, [71/324](#) of 8 September 2017 and [73/339](#) of 12 September 2019,

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 11 September 2020,¹

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

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¹ [A/75/345-S/2020/898](#).



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

Welcoming the proclamation by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of 5 May of each year as World Portuguese Language Day,

Welcoming also the engagement of all of the members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to strengthen the International Portuguese Language Institute, in Cabo Verde, as a legitimate forum for the submission of demands and proposals regarding the multilateral management of the Portuguese language,

Noting with great concern the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and to help to reduce the risk of future shocks, and recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

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, a multisectoral, multi-actor, multilevel and inclusive governance platform, and the implementation of the food and nutrition security strategy of the Community,

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 fourth International Conference on the Future of the Portuguese Language in the World System, held by videoconference from 26 to 28 May 2021 on the topic of the horizons and perspectives of the Portuguese language, and acknowledging the importance of the consideration by the Community of the Praia Action Plan, which, together with the Dili Action Plan, 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 especially of its efforts towards post-pandemic economic recovery, 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,

² Resolution [70/1](#).

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the final declaration of the thirteenth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Luanda on 17 July 2021, on the theme “Building and strengthening a common and sustainable future”, 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 Development in the States members of the Community, taking into account enhanced and shared solidarity focused on the needs of the most vulnerable;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries;

3. *Notes* the adoption at the thirteenth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries of the mobility agreement, 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 Plan and the resolution on the sustainability of the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community;

4. *Acknowledges* the impact of extreme weather events and the importance of humanitarian assistance provided to countries of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, 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;

5. *Also acknowledges* the International Centre for Climate Research and Applications for the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and Africa, as a research centre of the Community, notes that the Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, at their thirteenth Conference, called for concerted and mobilizing action to affirm the ambitious climate and environmental policies at the global level, and notes in this regard the strong participation of the Community at the United Nations Ocean Conference, held in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July 2022, where they underlined the connection between sustainable and healthy oceans and climate action;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* global initiatives to promote global solidarity in response to the pandemic, and also notes with satisfaction efforts towards ensuring that all States have affordable, timely, equitable and universal access to COVID-19 vaccines, including efforts by the Secretary-General and by the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

7. *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;

8. *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 member State, and acknowledges the adoption of the resolution on the creation of the Community’s new general objective of economic cooperation and the commitment of the Community to progressively

consolidating a multilateral agenda for economic cooperation with a view to contributing to the economic and social development of its member States;

9. *Acknowledges* the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to preserving and creating decent jobs, as well as income and productive capacity, by increasing multilateral action in capacity-building and through the sharing of experiences, networking initiatives and the development of partnerships in trade and investment promotion;

10. *Welcomes* the decision to expand the Plan of Action of the Strategic Programme for Cooperation in Health with activities that contribute specifically to the post-COVID-19 mitigation and recovery process, and also welcomes the scientific and technical work carried out by the health networks of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, namely the Network of National Institutes of Public Health and the Network of Public Health Schools, as well as the Community's Human Milk Bank Network;

11. *Notes* the admission of Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, India, Ireland, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Spain, the United States of America, the Ibero-American Conference, the Group of Seven Plus and the European Public Law Organization as new associate observers during the thirteenth Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

12. *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 Environment Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Conference on Trade And Development, 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);

13. *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;

14. *Acknowledges* with appreciation the contribution of members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to international peace and security while serving as non-permanent members of the Security Council, as well as in the Peacebuilding Commission and its country-specific configurations;

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

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth 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".