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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

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[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/77/L.66](#))]

77/288. Persistent legacy of the Chernobyl disaster

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [74/114](#) of 16 December 2019,

Reaffirming also its resolution [68/99](#) of 13 December 2013 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, as well as its other relevant resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, and taking note of the decisions adopted by the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of those resolutions,

Recognizing the still-persistent serious long-term consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, as well as the continuing related needs of the affected communities and territories,

Stressing the need for continued coordination by the United Nations Development Programme of the United Nations system activities aimed at the short-term and long-term recovery of territories affected by the Chernobyl disaster and for the United Nations agencies to strengthen strategic partnerships, the building of alliances and the mobilization of resources for the development of Chernobyl-affected territories,

Welcoming events organized by Member States, relevant agencies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, to mark International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, observed on 26 April, and stressing the significance of the Day for the further strengthening of international



cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,

Welcoming also global efforts to enhance awareness of the needs of people and territories affected by the Chernobyl disaster, including through web-based resources,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Greatly appreciates* the coordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme in the international cooperation on Chernobyl, including the work undertaken by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Chernobyl;
3. *Acknowledges* the need for continuing international cooperation on Chernobyl under the auspices of the United Nations that can contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030;³
4. *Stresses* the need, in this regard, to continue the environmental and health monitoring of the Chernobyl-affected regions and communities for the purpose of assessing the efficiency of international assistance;
5. *Encourages* Member States and all interested partners to support international cooperation on Chernobyl aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Chernobyl-affected regions, including through partnerships, innovation and investment;
6. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Chernobyl to continue to coordinate international cooperation on Chernobyl as a means to further the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to keep post-Chernobyl recovery issues high on the inter-agency and international agendas;
7. *Recognizes* the need to continue the sustainable development of the recovering regions;
8. *Invites* Member States, relevant agencies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, to observe International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, and notes that the costs of all activities that may arise should be met from voluntary contributions;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eightieth session, under the sub-item entitled “Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster” of the item entitled “Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance”, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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16 May 2023*

¹ [A/77/537](#).

² Resolution [70/1](#).

³ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.