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78/268. International Day of Play

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ the Convention on the Rights of the Child² and the Optional Protocols thereto,³ and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,⁴ and recalling all other relevant international human rights instruments,

Reaffirming also its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

³ *Ibid.*, vols. 2171, 2173 and 2983, No. 27531.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.



Recalling its resolution [75/131](#) of 14 December 2020, entitled “United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)”,

Recognizing the role of play in building essential and transferable physical, social, cognitive, communication and emotional life skills at all ages, and its positive impact on promoting tolerance and resilience and facilitating social inclusion, conflict prevention and peacebuilding,

Recognizing also the importance of access to play and recreational activities and their contributions to the physical and psychosocial well-being and development of children and youth, regardless of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status,

Acknowledging that play and recreation are essential to the health and well-being of children and promote the development of creativity, imagination, self-confidence, self-efficacy and sense of responsibility, as well as physical, social, cognitive, communication and emotional strength and skills,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 11 June as the International Day of Play, to be observed annually;

2. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly, as well as the organizations of the United Nations system, other international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, to observe the International Day of Play in an appropriate manner through activities aimed at education and awareness-raising of the importance of play;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Children’s Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Play, mindful of the criteria set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#);

4. *Stresses* that the costs of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly, as well as the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, for appropriate observance of the International Day of Play.

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