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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/78/L.71)]

78/289. International Year of Cooperatives 2025

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming 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,

Reaffirming also the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,¹ in which the role of cooperatives in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in relation to financing for development was acknowledged,

Reaffirming further 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 day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recognizing that cooperatives, in their various forms, promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of local communities and all people, including women, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples, whose inclusion strengthens economic and social development, and contribute to the eradication of poverty and hunger,

¹ Resolution [69/313](#), annex.



Recalling its resolutions 64/136 of 18 December 2009 and 65/184 of 21 December 2010, by which it proclaimed the year 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives,

Recalling also its resolution 78/175 of 19 December 2023, in which it noted with appreciation the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives, in 2012, called for the proclamation of another International Year of Cooperatives in 2025, and encouraged all Member States, as well as the United Nations and all other relevant stakeholders, to take advantage of the International Year as a way of promoting cooperatives and raising awareness of their contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to overall social and economic development,

1. *Proclaims* 2025 the International Year of Cooperatives;
2. *Invites* all Member States to consider taking action towards establishing national mechanisms, where appropriate, such as national committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up on the International Year of Cooperatives, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparations for and observance of the International Year;
3. *Invites* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant international organizations, the specialized agencies and local, national and international cooperative organizations, and all other relevant stakeholders, including the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of Cooperatives as a way of promoting cooperatives and raising awareness of their contribution to social and economic development, and support Member States in planning and coordinating activities for observing the International Year;
4. *Stresses* that the costs of all the 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 Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, for appropriate observance.

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