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### Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

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### **Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations development system,

*Expressing its resolve* to use this review as the main instrument to provide guidance to the United Nations development system on its operational activities for development in order to support countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in a coherent and integrated manner and ensure effective delivery of support and services to programme countries in line with the mandates of the entities of the United Nations development system, and in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs, and that efforts are strengthened and accelerated in this decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, building upon a United Nations development system that is more strategic, accountable, transparent, coherent, collaborative, efficient, effective and results-oriented,

*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, 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,

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\* On behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution [ES-10/23](#) of 10 May 2024.



*Reaffirming also* its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

*Reaffirming further* the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>1</sup> and its Paris Agreement,<sup>2</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>3</sup> and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>4</sup> and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>5</sup> and encouraging their full implementation,

*Recalling* the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030<sup>6</sup> and the New Urban Agenda,<sup>7</sup> as well as all other outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals, and recognizing the vital role played by these conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives which have contributed to our understanding of, and our actions to overcome, the challenges to improving human life in different parts of the world,

*Recognizing* that the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and ecosystem functions and services, contribute significantly to climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction, food security and nutrition, and the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, and acknowledging that tackling climate change, addressing biodiversity loss and promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns should contribute to accelerating the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda,

*Recognizing also* that there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development, and that the development work of the entities of the United Nations development system, in accordance with their respective mandates, through their support for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, contributes to peacebuilding and sustaining peace when reducing people's needs, addressing risks for development programming and fostering resilience, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their national ownership, plans and priorities,

*Reaffirming* the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development, the right to an adequate standard of living and the right to food in the context of national food security, the rule of law, gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, the right to enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the overall commitment to just, inclusive and democratic societies for development,

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>2</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Environment Programme, document CBD/COP/15/17, decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

<sup>7</sup> Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

*Reaffirming also* that promoting gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action<sup>8</sup> and the outcomes of relevant United Nations conferences and resolutions of the General Assembly, including through investing in the development of all women and girls, promoting women's economic, social and political empowerment and full, equal and meaningful participation and equal access to leadership and representation at all levels, and promotion of equal access to and control over economic and productive resources, decent work, social protection, inclusive and equitable quality education, health and technology, addressing barriers to their empowerment and their realization and enjoyment of their human rights, including the need to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, is of fundamental importance and has a multiplier effect for achieving sustained and inclusive economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development,

*Reaffirming further* its resolution [75/233](#) of 21 December 2020 and its previous resolutions on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review,<sup>9</sup> triennial comprehensive policy review<sup>10</sup> and other relevant resolutions<sup>11</sup> on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and its resolutions [76/220](#) of 17 December 2021, [77/184](#) of 14 December 2022 and [78/166](#) of 19 December 2023 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as its resolution [76/4](#) of 28 October 2021 on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions [2022/25](#) of 22 July 2022, [2023/31](#) of 26 July 2023 and [2024/19](#) of 23 July 2024, and previous resolutions<sup>12</sup> and the role of the Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with the present resolution and relevant General Assembly resolutions,<sup>13</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolutions [75/290 B](#) of 25 June 2021 and [78/285](#) of 7 June 2024, and previous resolutions,<sup>14</sup> reaffirming the commitment to engage in systematic follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in accordance with the principles contained therein, and asserting that the high-level political forum on sustainable development has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates,

*Recognizing* that relevant stakeholders, including international financial institutions, civil society and the private sector, can positively contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and encouraging their contribution in supporting national development efforts in accordance with national plans and priorities,

<sup>8</sup> *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

<sup>9</sup> Resolutions [67/226](#) and [71/243](#).

<sup>10</sup> Resolutions [44/211](#), [47/199](#), [50/120](#), [53/192](#), [56/201](#), [59/250](#) and [62/208](#).

<sup>11</sup> Resolutions [52/12 B](#), [52/203](#), [64/289](#), [73/248](#), [74/238](#) and [74/297](#).

<sup>12</sup> Economic and Social Council resolutions [2013/5](#), [2014/14](#), [2015/15](#), [2019/15](#) and [2020/23](#).

<sup>13</sup> Resolutions [48/162](#), [50/227](#), [57/270 B](#), [61/16](#), [65/285](#), [68/1](#) and [72/305](#).

<sup>14</sup> Resolutions [66/288](#), [67/290](#), [68/1](#), [70/299](#) and [74/298](#).

*Taking note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,<sup>15</sup>

*Taking note also* of the reports of the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group on the work of the Development Coordination Office, including on the operational, administrative and financing aspects of the activities of the Office,<sup>16</sup>

*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 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,

*Recognizing* the essential role played by the United Nations to effectively bring together a global response to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 and address the critical interlinkages between health, trade, finance and economic and social development, and acknowledging that the disease has negatively impacted endeavours aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030,

*Looking forward* to the establishment of an independent high-level expert group by the Secretary-General and the initiation of a United Nations-led intergovernmental process following the completion of the work of the expert group on measures that complement and go beyond gross domestic product, in close consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders, acknowledging that the development of measures of progress on sustainable development that complement or go beyond gross domestic product can improve the support provided by the United Nations development system to programme countries,

*Welcoming* the adoption of its resolution [78/322](#) of 13 August 2024 on the multidimensional vulnerability index,

*Welcoming also* the political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit),<sup>17</sup> which recommitted to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals,

## **I** **General guidelines**

1. *Reaffirms* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of programme countries in a flexible manner, and that the operational activities for development are carried out for the benefit of programme countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

<sup>15</sup> [A/76/75-E/2021/57](#), [A/76/75/Add.1-E/2021/57/Add.1](#), [A/77/69-E/2022/47](#), [A/77/69/Add.1-E/2022/47/Add.1](#), [A/78/72-E/2023/59](#), [A/78/72/Add.1-E/2023/59/Add.1](#), [A/79/72-E/2024/12](#), [A/79/72/Add.1-E/2024/12/Add.1](#) and [A/79/72/Add.2-E/2024/12/Add.2](#).

<sup>16</sup> [E/2021/55](#), [E/2022/54](#), [E/2023/62](#) and [E/2024/5](#).

<sup>17</sup> Resolution [78/1](#), annex.

2. *Underscores* that there is no “one size fits all” approach to development, and reiterates the call to the United Nations development system to continue to enhance its efforts, in a flexible, transparent, accountable, timely, coherent, coordinated and integrated manner, and to continue to pursue full alignment of operational activities for development at the country level with national development plans and strategies to strengthen national ownership and leadership at all stages of the operational activities of the United Nations development system in order for the entities to respond to national development needs and priorities in accordance with their mandates, while ensuring the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders at the national level;

3. *Recognizes* that the strength of the United Nations development system lies in its legitimacy, at the country level, as a neutral, objective, transparent and trusted partner for all countries;

4. *Stresses* that national Governments have the primary responsibility for their countries’ development and for coordinating, on the basis of national strategies and priorities, all types of external assistance, including that provided by multilateral organizations, in order to effectively integrate such assistance into their development processes;

5. *Recognizes* that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global and regional programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of all countries, supported by an enabling economic environment, including coherent and mutually supporting world trade, monetary and financial systems, and enhanced global economic governance, while taking into account national conditions and ensuring respect for national ownership;

6. *Reaffirms* the need to continue to strengthen the United Nations development system to further enhance its coherence, efficiency, transparency and accountability, as well as its capacity to address effectively and in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the full range of development challenges of our time, as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>18</sup> and that it must continue to adapt and respond, including to proactively work to build capacity, to evolving development challenges and opportunities for development cooperation so that no one is left behind;

7. *Welcomes* the progress achieved by the United Nations development system in implementing General Assembly resolutions [72/279](#) and [75/233](#), takes note of the remaining challenges, and looks forward to the full and timely implementation of all reform mandates and provisions as contained in relevant General Assembly resolutions;<sup>19</sup>

8. *Reiterates its call* to the entities of the United Nations development system, within their respective mandates, to continue to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals in their strategic planning and country programme documents, their work and reporting at all levels, taking into account that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development and should therefore continue to be the highest priority for and overarching objective of the operational activities of the United Nations development system;

9. *Recognizes* that the individual entities of the United Nations development system have specific experience and expertise, derived from and in line with their mandates and strategic plans, and stresses in this regard that improvement of coordination, collaboration, efficiency and coherence at all levels should be

<sup>18</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).

<sup>19</sup> Resolutions [71/243](#), [72/279](#) and [74/297](#).

undertaken in a manner that recognizes their respective mandates and roles with consideration for comparative advantages, and enhances the effective utilization of their resources and their unique expertise;

10. *Reiterates* the call to the United Nations development system to continue to support developing countries in their efforts to achieve internationally agreed development goals and their development objectives, and requests the system to address, within existing resources and mandates, the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, the need for special attention to countries in conflict and post-conflict situations and countries and peoples under foreign occupation, as well as the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries, in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development<sup>20</sup> and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

11. *Urges* the United Nations development system to continue to enhance its support for the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>21</sup> the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity<sup>22</sup> and the Gaborone Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034, as well as the African Union Agenda 2063 and its second 10-year implementation plan, and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development,<sup>23</sup> all of which are integral to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system to integrate and mainstream them fully into their operational activities for development;

12. *Emphasizes* that realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and reiterates its call upon all entities of the United Nations development system to continue to promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by enhancing and accelerating gender mainstreaming through the full implementation of the System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, developed under the leadership of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), as well as the United Nations country team performance indicators for gender equality and the empowerment of women (the UNCT SWAP “scorecard”) in particular with regard to gender-responsive performance management and strategic planning, and to enhance the collection, availability and use of sex-disaggregated data, reporting and resource tracking, and drawing on available gender expertise in the system at all levels;

13. *Recognizes*, after the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that people who are vulnerable must be empowered; further recognizes that those whose needs are reflected in the Agenda include all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, Indigenous Peoples, refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants, and calls upon the United Nations development system to continue to have a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind;

14. *Requests* the entities of the United Nations development system, within their respective mandates and where applicable, to consider using the multidimensional vulnerability index, including the vulnerability-resilience country profiles, in their relevant programmes of work and reporting, focusing on the

<sup>20</sup> Resolution 69/313, annex.

<sup>21</sup> Resolution 76/258, annex.

<sup>22</sup> Resolution 78/317, annex.

<sup>23</sup> A/57/304, annex.



countries interested in its use, as a complement to existing measures, in line with General Assembly resolution 78/322;

15. *Stresses* the importance of the United Nations development system informing the process, as appropriate and within existing mandates, of the establishment of an independent high-level expert group by the Secretary-General and the initiation of a United Nations-led intergovernmental process following the completion of the work of the expert group on measures that complement and go beyond gross domestic product;

16. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system entities as well as United Nations country teams, within their respective mandates, to continue to work collaboratively to accelerate the full and effective mainstreaming of disability inclusion into the United Nations system, including by implementing and reporting on the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations, and stressing the need for capacity-development efforts aimed at empowering persons with disabilities and their representative organizations;

17. *Urges* Member States and the United Nations development system to explore and promote concrete new avenues for the full, effective, structured and sustainable participation of young people in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

18. *Recognizes* the positive role that sustainable development can play in mitigating drivers of conflicts, disaster risks, humanitarian crises and complex emergencies, and also recognizes that a comprehensive whole-of-system response, including greater cooperation, coherence, coordination and complementarity among development, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action and sustaining peace, is fundamental to most efficiently and effectively addressing needs and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals;

19. *Underscores* the importance of results-based management, within and across entities and at all levels of the United Nations development system, as an essential element of accountability that can, inter alia, contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and requests the United Nations development system and its individual entities to continue to strengthen results-based management, focusing on long-term development outcomes, developing common methodologies for planning and reporting on results, including on agency-specific activities, and on inter-agency and joint activities, improving integrated results and resources frameworks, where appropriate, and enhancing a results culture in the entities of the United Nations development system;

20. *Notes* the importance of the contribution of the United Nations development system with the aim of supporting government efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, leaving no one behind, based on full respect for human rights, including the right to development, and stresses in this regard that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated;

21. *Calls for* the realization of the Sustainable Development Goal stimulus proposal in order to provide additional financing to achieve the Goals, recognizing that more financing will amplify the impact of the United Nations development system entities, as implementing partners, to assist programme countries in achieving sustainable development;

## II

### Contribution of United Nations operational activities for development

22. *Reiterates* the call to the United Nations development system to continue to support countries, upon their request, in the acceleration of the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially in

the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including by focusing on addressing the gaps and challenges, including those identified by voluntary national reviews, bearing in mind that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable, taking into account the different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities, and in this regard urges the United Nations development system:

(a) To continue to allocate resources to realize the development objectives of developing countries, and to support the endeavour to reach the furthest behind first, while taking into account the universal and inclusive nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

(b) To ensure a coherent, balanced and integrated approach within the system towards its support to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, including their interconnections and cross-cutting elements, in accordance with each entity's mandate and bearing in mind their comparative advantages, taking into account new and evolving development challenges and the need to build on lessons learned, address gaps, avoid duplication and overlap and strengthen the inter-agency approach in this regard;

23. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system entities, while respecting their respective roles and mandates, to update and build upon their unique contributions and added value to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the preparation of their strategic plans and similar planning documents, and in this regard requests each individual entity to elaborate on how it plans to further engage in coherent and integrated support, with a stronger focus on actions, results, coherence, progress and impact in the field, as called for in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, under the guidance of and in close consultation with their respective governing bodies, taking into account, inter alia, lessons learned from their midterm reviews, the outcome of the present resolution, and the efforts of the United Nations development system to address the needs, priorities and challenges of programme countries;

24. *Also calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to continue to provide evidence-based and integrated policy advice and programmatic support to help countries in the implementation of, follow-up to and reporting on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly by mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals into national plans, including by promoting sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection, and ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions, and requests in this regard the Resident Coordinators and United Nations country teams to contribute their expertise, tools and platforms in line with their respective mandates and strategic plans and as agreed in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks in full consultation and coordination with national Governments;

25. *Recognizes* that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, as set out in the 2030 Agenda, notes with concern the rise in global poverty and food insecurity, and requests the United Nations development system to strengthen actions to accelerate progress on ending poverty and hunger;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate a system-wide strategy to support the efforts on the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, in consultation with Member States, before the end of the eightieth session of the General Assembly, in order to enhance the coordination across all entities of the United Nations development system on this matter;



27. *Recognizes* that, in a demographically diverse world, population dynamics, including differences in the pace of population growth or decline, changing population age structures, urbanization and international migration, will continue to shape the world for present and future generations, and requests the United Nations development system to support Member States, upon their request and in line with national priorities, in their response to demographic trends and realities, such as rapid population growth, declining birth rates and ageing populations, as well as in addressing the interlinkages between population issues and development across all regions, including by helping to build capacity and strengthen statistical systems in programme countries;

28. *Requests* the United Nations development system to support programme countries in implementing nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including social protection floors, and by 2030 to achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable;

29. *Calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to analyse the lessons learned from the response plans to the COVID-19 pandemic at the national, regional and global levels and to identify gaps and challenges in order to better prepare and provide assistance, upon request, for possible pandemic-related future shocks, including through contingency planning, risk information and early warning systems, where appropriate;

30. *Also calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to promote partnerships to ensure affordable and equitable access for developing countries to health-related measures, products and technologies necessary to deal with the current and possible pandemic-related future shocks, including through financing, health systems strengthening, building capacity, technology transfer and know-how for local and regional manufacturing and production of medical countermeasures, including medicines, vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, health technologies and other health products in developing countries;

31. *Recognizes* the United Nations contribution to the promotion of all human rights for sustainable development, calls upon all entities of the United Nations development system, in accordance with their respective mandates, to assist Governments, upon their request and in consultation with them, in their efforts to respect and fulfil their human rights obligations and commitments under international law, as a critical tool to operationalize the pledge to leave no one behind;

32. *Calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to support programme countries that are parties to the Paris Agreement in their implementation of the Agreement, as appropriate and in accordance with their national development policies, plans, priorities and needs, in particular their nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans, as well as the agreed intergovernmentally negotiated decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, including the decisions adopted under the “UAE Consensus”;

33. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General and encourages him to continue to ensure full and effective implementation, across the United Nations development system, including its specialized agencies, funds and programmes, of the United Nations System Strategic Approach on Climate Change Action as well as of the United Nations System-wide Framework of Strategies on the Environment, and requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate support, within existing resources, to implement the United Nations System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation, in accordance with national contexts, needs and priorities, especially in developing countries;

34. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system entities, at the request of national Governments and taking into account their respective mandates, to improve their support, including, where appropriate, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, with regard to strengthening the mobilization of the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals from all sources, in line with the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, including through capacity-building, integrated policy advice and programmatic support, technical assistance, high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data, normative support, support to national institutions, the leveraging of partnerships and the leveraging of science, technology and innovation, in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs;

35. *Underscores* the importance of Sustainable Development Goal localization, and calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system, where appropriate at the request of national Governments, and in line with national development policies, plans and priorities, to improve their support to the building, development and strengthening of national, subnational and local institutions and capacities, including through tailored and integrated support and by incorporating appropriate capacity development elements in relevant programmes and projects;

36. *Emphasizes* the need for country-driven enhanced capacity-building for sustainable development, in this regard calls for the strengthening of cooperation in science, technology and innovation, including North-South, South-South and triangular, regional and international cooperation, and reiterates the importance of human resources development, including training, the exchange of experience and expertise, knowledge transfer and technical assistance for capacity-building, which involves strengthening institutional capacities, including planning, management, monitoring and evaluation capacities;

37. *Encourages* the entities of the United Nations development system, within their respective mandates, to support programme countries, upon request and in line with national priorities, needs and plans, to harness digital technologies to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to close the digital divides by, inter alia, promoting universal, affordable and meaningful connectivity, scaling up digital capacity development, supporting resilient, safe, inclusive and interoperable digital public infrastructure, promoting digital public goods and information integrity and harnessing artificial intelligence for sustainable development, which can support programme countries' efforts to implement the Global Digital Compact, as appropriate, while also recognizing the need to scale up international cooperation and financing for digital capacity development and promoting digital readiness, particularly in developing countries;

38. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to strengthen its focus in supporting programme countries in developing national capacities for development planning, collection and analysis of data disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographical location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, sectoral data development plans, implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, with an emphasis on addressing the gap in data collection and analysis and the effective integration of the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development, and in this regard recognizes that the resources of the United Nations development system, including the knowledge base and expertise of all resident and non-resident agencies, should be available for access by developing countries;

39. *Reaffirms* the central role of Governments in contributing to the work of the United Nations development system, while recognizing that development partners and relevant stakeholders, including international financial institutions, civil society and the private sector, can positively support national development efforts and

contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and requests the United Nations development system to continue supporting programme countries to leverage robust partnerships, in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs, with a view to achieving the scale and pace of progress needed to realize the Goals by 2030;

40. *Reiterates* that the entities of the United Nations development system should enhance its support to South-South and triangular cooperation, at the request and with the ownership and leadership of developing countries, through a system-wide approach, bearing in mind their respective mandates and comparative advantages, taking into account that South-South cooperation is a complement to, rather than a substitute for, North-South cooperation, in line with the Nairobi<sup>24</sup> and Buenos Aires<sup>25</sup> outcome documents of the High-level United Nations Conferences on South-South Cooperation, held in 2009 and 2019, respectively;

41. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system entities to further integrate, as appropriate, South-South and triangular cooperation into their strategic frameworks and planning instruments, and urges them to allocate sufficient financial resources dedicated to supporting and facilitating South-South and triangular cooperation;

42. *Also calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to leverage their comparative advantages, in full compliance with their respective mandates to continue to enhance cooperation, collaboration and coordination with humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding efforts at the national level in countries facing humanitarian emergencies, including complex emergencies, and in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, including through agency-specific actions and inter-agency collaboration at the country level, in full compliance with respective mandates of the United Nations development system entities, which contributes to collective outcomes on the basis of jointly developed and risk-informed analysis and coherent and complementary joined-up planning and action in order to foster greater self-reliance and resilience and promote development, in accordance with national plans, needs and priorities, and in this regard:

(a) Re-emphasizes that in countries facing humanitarian emergencies, there is a need to work collaboratively to move beyond short-term assistance towards contributing to longer-term development gains, including by engaging, where possible, in joint risk analysis, needs assessments, practice response and a coherent multi-year time frame, with the aim of reducing need, vulnerability and risk over time, in compliance with international law, and in line with General Assembly resolution [46/182](#) of 19 December 1991 and the annex thereto and all subsequent General Assembly resolutions on the subject, including its resolution [74/118](#) of 16 December 2019, fully respecting humanitarian principles in the provision of humanitarian assistance, and in accordance with national plans and priorities, stressing that this should not adversely affect resources for development;

(b) Re-emphasizes that development is a central goal in itself and that in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations the development work of the entities of the United Nations development system can contribute to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in accordance with national plans, needs and priorities and respecting national ownership, and stresses in this regard the need to improve inter-agency coordination and synergy with the aim to maximize the sustainable impacts, results and effectiveness of support for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, stressing that this should not adversely affect resources for development;

<sup>24</sup> Resolution [64/222](#), annex.

<sup>25</sup> Resolution [73/291](#), annex.

(c) Requests the Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian and Development Collaboration to conduct regular briefings with Member States on its work;

43. *Recognizes* progress made in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into the United Nations development system's integrated policy and operational support to Governments, and requests relevant entities of the United Nations development system, in consultation with host Governments and in line with national policies, priorities and needs, to elaborate on disaster risk reduction in the common country analysis and in United Nations planning and programming documents, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework,<sup>26</sup> and to understand disaster risk, strengthen disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk, invest in disaster risk reduction for resilience, and enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Coalition for Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure, the Risk-Informed Early Action Partnership, the Early Warnings for All initiative and the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems initiative, and encourages the United Nations development system to support programme countries in the implementation of multi-hazard early warning systems;

44. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to improve and ensure support and assistance to programme countries, upon their request, in developing their national capacities to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education, promote lifelong learning opportunities for all for sustainable development, including early childhood education and remote learning, and achieve the related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, recognizing that education, including girls' education, is a main driver of development and contributes to the achievement of all internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the development of human potential, the eradication of poverty and the fostering of greater understanding among peoples;

45. *Encourages* United Nations development system entities, in accordance with their respective mandates, to assist Governments in taking action to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls, including through the strengthening of institutional mechanisms and legal frameworks, and through multisectoral and coordinated approaches, and to support Governments, upon their request, to adopt specific measures to protect the poor, women, youth and children from all forms of violence and discrimination;

46. *Notes with appreciation* the support provided to the least developed countries by the entities of the United Nations development system in the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action, and urges the entities of the development system to continue to mainstream the Programme of Action into their work;

47. *Recognizes* that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development, and in this regard calls upon the relevant entities of the United Nations development system to ensure the mainstreaming of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States and issues related to small island developing States in their work, including at the national, regional and global levels, and to continue to support small island developing States, upon their request, in addressing their particular economic, social and environmental vulnerabilities, as outlined in the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda, by strengthening technical assistance initiatives, policy guidance and programme development, in line with their respective mandates and in cooperation with relevant institutions, funds and facilities;

<sup>26</sup> Or equivalent planning framework.

48. *Also recognizes* that Africa has special challenges and development needs, calls upon the United Nations system to strengthen the quality of its assistance, partnership and coordinated regional efforts in Africa and to align its support for the specific needs and priorities of the African region, with a special focus on, inter alia, improving data and statistics, enhancing economic transformation and diversification, harnessing the demographic dividend, strengthening quality education and health systems, leveraging new technologies for inclusive development, accelerating energy access and transition, promoting investment in climate action, financing climate change mitigation and adaptation in Africa, and the implementation of the African Union-United Nations Framework on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this regard invites the United Nations development system to support the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) of the African Union Agenda 2063;

49. *Welcomes* the convening of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in Gaborone and looks forward to the full implementation of the Gaborone Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034, which is integral to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to accelerate sustainable development and resilience in landlocked developing countries, calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system to actively engage in the implementation and reviews of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, in close cooperation and partnership with all relevant stakeholders, and to integrate the Programme of Action into their strategic plans and annual work programmes, and also calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system to support the Resident Coordinators in landlocked developing countries and to assist them in the mainstreaming of the Gaborone Programme of Action into development planning at the country level in a coordinated and cohesive manner;

50. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to continue to develop and provide tailored support to middle-income countries in a manner that addresses their specific challenges while mindful of their diversity, and recognizes that a shift from a traditional model of direct support and service provision towards a greater emphasis on accurate and multidimensional assessment of their needs, integrated high-quality policy advice, strengthening institutions, capacity development and support for the leveraging of partnerships and financing is needed, also calls upon the United Nations development system to advance the elaboration of a specific inter-agency, comprehensive, system-wide response plan for middle-income countries, taking note of the mapping exercise conducted by the Secretary-General and his recommendations, that is aimed at better addressing the multidimensional nature of sustainable development and facilitating sustainable development cooperation and coordinated and inclusive support to middle-income countries, and invites the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to consider, in consultation with Member States, the designation of a focal point for middle-income countries;

51. *Recognizes* that volunteerism can be a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the United Nations development system, in partnership with Member States, civil society and the private sector, to continue supporting such efforts and promoting the conducive environment for volunteerism and volunteers, in particular those from developing countries, to enhance the sustainability of development results;

### III

#### **Funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

52. *Recognizes* that the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for a more sustainable funding approach, and stresses the need for

adequate quantity and quality of voluntary funding to continue to support the United Nations operational activities for development, as well as the need to improve funding practices to make voluntary funding more predictable, transparent, flexible, effective and efficient, less earmarked and better aligned with the national priorities and plans of programme countries, as reflected in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework,<sup>27</sup> as well as with the strategic plans and mandates of United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, in order to enable the United Nations development system to work at all levels in a coherent, coordinated, efficient and, where appropriate, integrated manner, reducing duplication and increasing impact;

53. *Stresses* that core resources are the bedrock of the United Nations operational activities for development, owing to their untied nature, and in this regard, expresses concern at the continuing and accelerated decline in the share of core contributions to the entities of the United Nations development system in recent years;

54. *Acknowledges* the efforts by developed countries to increase resources for development, including commitments by some developed countries to increase official development assistance, expresses concern that most countries still fall short of their official development assistance commitments, including the commitments by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance, as well as the target of 0.15 per cent to 0.20 per cent for least developed countries, and urges those developed countries that have not yet done so to make urgent concrete efforts in this regard in accordance with their commitments;

55. *Recalls* the operationalization of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, and in this regard invites Member States, as well as international organizations, foundations and the private sector, to provide voluntary financial contributions and technical assistance to ensure its full and effective implementation, and urges the United Nations system and other relevant international and regional organizations to support, in a coordinated manner, the activities of the Technology Bank, while respecting the relevant provisions of the intellectual property rights-related agreements;

56. *Reiterates* the call for the enhancement of accountability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in the funding of the United Nations operational activities for development in order to incentivize contributions by donor countries and other contributors, and calls upon United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to continue to publish timely, harmonized and verifiable data on funding flows as well as to continue to enhance the visibility of contributors at all levels, including by making information on providers of flexible global funding available to the country representatives of the respective funds, programmes and specialized agencies;

57. *Urges* the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies to ensure that funds targeted at development programmatic activities are not diverted or repurposed for internal operations or non-development programmatic activities, as this could have a deleterious effect on the development agenda of the programme countries;

58. *Urges* donor countries and encourages other contributors to maintain and substantially increase their core contributions to the United Nations development system, in particular its funds, programmes and specialized agencies, and to contribute on a multi-year basis, in a sustained and predictable manner, and encourages Member States to protect core contributions in case of financial constraints;

<sup>27</sup> Or equivalent planning framework.

59. *Notes* that non-core resources represent an important contribution to the overall resource base of United Nations operational activities for development as a complement to, and not a substitute for, core resources, and that they should support and be aligned with programme priorities regulated by intergovernmental bodies and processes, and also notes that non-core resources pose their own challenges by potentially increasing transaction costs, fragmentation, unproductive competition and overlap among entities and/or providing disincentives for pursuing system-wide priorities, strategic positioning and coherence, and in this regard:

(a) Urges donor countries and encourages other contributors who provide non-core contributions to make them more flexible and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework,<sup>28</sup> as well as the strategic plans of United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies as intergovernmentally approved by their governing bodies, and to do so at the beginning of the annual planning period, preferably for multi-year duration, and to give priority to pooled, thematic and joint funding mechanisms applied at all levels, and limit earmarking to activities in accordance with the national priorities and plans of programme countries;

(b) Urges the entities of the United Nations development system to continue to take active steps to strengthen their accountability to Member States and build their trust by, inter alia, strengthening accountability and transparency of results and clear reporting of funding needs and expenditures, giving clear visibility to outcomes and impact achieved through core and flexible funding, and deepening the achievement of efficiencies within and across entities to increase resources for programmes instead of administrative costs;

60. *Urges* the entities of the United Nations development system to continue enhancing the transparency and accountability of inter-agency pooled funding mechanisms, as well as to continue developing well-designed pooled funds, as a complement to agency-specific funds, that reflect and support common objectives and cross-cutting issues for United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, and urges the entities of the United Nations development system to enhance their participation, where appropriate, in such funding mechanisms;

61. *Also urges* the entities of the United Nations development system, through their governing bodies, to continue taking concrete steps to address on a continuous basis the decline of the share of core contributions and the growing imbalance between core and non-core resources, including by, but not limited to:

(a) Exploring options on how to incentivize donor countries, other countries in a position to do so and other contributors to ensure an adequate and predictable level of core and non-core funding on a multi-year basis, including enhancing reporting and demonstration of programme results;

(b) Identifying, in the context of integrated results and resources frameworks, the level of resources adequate to produce the results expected in their strategic plans, including administrative, management and programme support costs;

(c) Exploring options to broaden and diversify the donor base in order to reduce the reliance of the system on a limited number of donors;

62. *Welcomes* the new and re-energized funding compact, noting its voluntary nature, and encourages all Member States and entities of the United Nations development system to contribute to its full and effective implementation and to continue the dialogue, inter alia, in the respective governing bodies to jointly make progress towards compliance with their funding compact commitments to help to

<sup>28</sup> Or equivalent planning framework.



achieve development results on the ground, taking note of the progress made thus far in the fulfilment of the first funding compact commitments by all parties;

63. *Reaffirms* the principle of full cost recovery, proportionally from core and non-core resources, thereby avoiding the use of core or regular resources to subsidize activities financed by non-core or extrabudgetary resources, and reiterates its request to the United Nations development system to analyse and explore in a collaborative manner options for harmonized cost-recovery policies, based on common cost classification and cost-recovery methodologies, and invites relevant governing bodies to review evidence-based proposals for updated cost-recovery policies from their respective entities, and urges relevant entities of the United Nations development system, Member States and other contributors to comply with agreed cost-recovery policies;

64. *Also reaffirms* that an important role of international public finance, including official development assistance, is to catalyse additional resource mobilization from other sources, both public and private, as well as to assist countries in strengthening domestic enabling environments, building essential public services and unlocking additional finance through blended or pooled financing and risk mitigation, notably for infrastructure and other investments that support private sector development;

65. *Urges* the United Nations development system to mobilize multiple funding sources, further explore and implement innovative funding approaches and deepen partnerships with other relevant stakeholders, with a view to diversifying potential sources of funding, especially core funding, for operational activities for development, in alignment with the provisions of the present resolution and with the priorities and plans of the programme countries, and encourages in this regard the entities of the United Nations development system to share knowledge and best practices on ways to incentivize innovative funding, taking into account the experiences of other multilateral institutions, and to include this information in their regular financial reporting;

66. *Recognizes* the need to further support the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework by substantially increasing common resource mobilization and distribution for joint programmes at the country level, including through incentives for joint resource mobilization and programming, and stresses the need for efforts leading towards an integrated funding approach at the country level, where applicable, while paying due respect to different organizational mandates and modalities;

67. *Expresses its serious concern* at the fact that the share of expenditure for operational activities for development of the United Nations system in the least developed countries has stagnated at just 48 per cent of total allocations, urges the United Nations development system to continue to prioritize allocations to least developed countries, while reaffirming that the least developed countries, as the most vulnerable group of countries, need enhanced support to overcome structural challenges that they face in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and requests the United Nations development system to provide assistance to graduating countries in the formulation and implementation of their national transition strategies and to consider country-specific support for graduated countries for a fixed period of time and in a predictable manner;

68. *Emphasizes* that core funding provides United Nations entities the flexibility to allocate funds to priority areas in their strategic plans, including underfunded areas that were further exacerbated by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, and in this regard stresses the urgent need to address the

continued imbalance between core and non-core resources by meeting the funding compact commitment of 30 per cent core resources by 2027;

69. *Also emphasizes* that adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the resident coordinator system remains a concern and is essential to delivering a coherent, effective, efficient and accountable response in accordance with results on the ground to meet national needs and priorities;

70. *Welcomes* the operationalization of the online portal to reflect real-time contributions and expenditures related to the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, and notes the improvements made to the special purpose trust fund portal to better report contribution data by donor and United Nations entity in order to ensure further transparency, and in this regard continues to encourage all Member States to provide voluntary contributions to the special purpose trust fund;

71. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General to improve visibility of the funding status of the entire United Nations development system in order to promote further transparency, and to continue providing relevant recommendations in this regard in his report on the implementation of the present resolution;

#### IV

#### **Governance of the United Nations operational activities for development**

72. *Continues to stress* that the governance architecture of the United Nations development system must be more efficient, transparent, accountable and responsive to Member States and able to enhance coordination, coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the operational activities for development within and among all levels of the United Nations development system in order to enable system-wide strategic planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation to better support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

73. *Welcomes* a revitalized, strategic, flexible and results- and action-oriented United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, as the most important instrument for the planning and implementation of United Nations development activities in each country, in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities, plans and needs of the programme countries, to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments;

74. *Reaffirms* the central role and the importance of the active and full participation of national Governments in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, in order to enhance national ownership and achieve full alignment of operational activities with national priorities, challenges, planning and programming, and in this sense continues to encourage national Governments to consult with relevant stakeholders, including civil society and non-governmental organizations;

75. *Recognizes* the progress made by the reinvigorated resident coordinator system and the reconfigured United Nations country teams, requests all United Nations development system entities to prepare and finalize their entity-specific country development programme documents, according to their entity-specific mandates, and in accordance and alignment with the agreed priorities, outcomes and deliverables of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and in consultation and agreement with host Governments, and requests relevant development system entities, in coordination with the Development Coordination Office, to make the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and/or its outcome matrix available to Member States and the governing

bodies when the draft country programme document is presented for consideration, in accordance with relevant Executive Board processes and timelines;

76. *Recalls* the establishment of a clear, matrixed, dual reporting model, and calls upon all governing bodies of the entities of the United Nations development system and the resident coordinator system to ensure compliance with the respective accountability and reporting mandates, as outlined in paragraph 75 of resolution [75/233](#);

77. *Reiterates its request* to present annual reports to the programme country Governments on the results achieved by the United Nations country team as a whole, structured around the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, and linked to national development results, and to make such comprehensive, country-level, system-wide reports publicly available, with the consent of the national Governments;

78. *Underscores* the importance of accountability and transparency for implementing reforms at the country level, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General and members of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to ensure full implementation of the management and accountability framework in all United Nations country teams;

79. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to continue regular follow-up, monitoring and reporting, including to the Economic and Social Council at its operational activities for development segment, on the work of regional assets of the United Nations development system in support of the 2030 Agenda with a view to enhancing transparency, accountability, efficiency, coordination and results-based management at the regional level in order to ensure that the longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the regional assets of the United Nations are addressed on a region-by-region basis and in accordance with the region's specific needs and priorities, as agreed in resolution [74/297](#) of 11 August 2020;

80. *Reaffirms* that the Economic and Social Council, through its operational activities for development segment, serves as a platform to ensure and enhance accountability and oversight for and the acceleration of system-wide performance and results in relation to the 2030 Agenda, as well as to provide guidance to coordinate and improve the effectiveness of United Nations development system support to countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda;

81. *Emphasizes* the role of the General Assembly in developing key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for the United Nations development system;

82. *Recalls* the decision by the Secretary-General to regularly brief the Economic and Social Council in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination in order to enhance further the transparency of the activities of the Board and the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to ensure their effective interaction with and improve their responsiveness to Member States, while respecting their working methods, particularly with regard to the implementation of cross-system issues;

83. *Welcomes* the establishment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group System-wide Evaluation Office, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the present resolution any findings or other relevant information that would be important to the overall improvement of the United Nations development system as a whole;

84. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system entities to abide by the relevant rules of procedure and working methods and to continue playing their part

in enhancing system-wide coherence, coordination, harmonization, efficiency, transparency and impact for development, reduce duplication and build synergies, as appropriate and in accordance with decisions of their respective governing bodies and agreed policies and guidance from the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, and further requests these entities to align their policies, guidelines and regulations with the United Nations development system reforms;

85. *Reiterates its request* to the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to conduct regular briefings with Member States on its activities, including those of the Core Group;

86. *Requests* the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to continue to present a timely, comprehensive, evidence-based, analytical and detailed performance report on an annual basis, including on progress made and remaining challenges and obstacles encountered, as well as on the operational, administrative and financial aspects of the activities of the Development Coordination Office, to the Economic and Social Council at its operational activities for development segment, while noting that the Office assumes managerial and oversight functions of the resident coordinator system under the leadership of an Assistant Secretary-General and with collective ownership of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group;

## V

### Functioning of the United Nations development system

87. *Reaffirms* the need to move towards integrated action in response to the integrated and indivisible nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while stressing the importance of strengthening national ownership and leadership by building on existing efforts to operate as a system within and among countries and at the regional and global levels, as well as enhancing the coordination, coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of operational activities for development, to address the needs and priorities of programme countries and in line with their respective national plans and strategies;

88. *Reiterates* the importance of empowered, strategic, effective and impartial leadership through the resident coordinator system to foster coordination and collaboration at the country level and facilitate integrated support to host Governments, in full consultation with the national Government, requests all entities of the United Nations development system to fully support the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, in particular by complying with the management and accountability framework, by promoting inter-agency mobility and by ensuring that their operational activities for development at country level are supportive of the strategic objectives as laid out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, and stresses the need to ensure that Resident Coordinators have sufficient leadership, prerogative, impartiality, management tools, experience and skill sets to effectively fulfil their mandate;

89. *Calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to actively continue to support the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, in close cooperation and partnership with the World Bank and the international financial institutions, and to integrate the Doha Programme of Action into their strategic plans and annual work programmes, and also calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system to support the Resident Coordinators in the least developed countries and to assist them in the mainstreaming of the Doha Programme of Action into development planning at the country level in a coordinated and cohesive manner;

90. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General to fill all Resident Coordinator vacancies in a timely and efficient manner, and, additionally, to keep an updated and rolling pool of possible Resident Coordinator candidates with a sound development background as a prerequisite and paired with diverse and relevant expertise and skill sets in various other areas, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to ensure geographical representation among the Resident Coordinators, with a view to improving representation of developing countries, and ensure geographical and gender balance;

91. *Urges* the United Nations development system to align its staff capacities to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by building transformative and empowered leadership, repositioning staff capacities to respond to the cross-sectoral requirements of the 2030 Agenda, promoting inter-agency mobility and facilitating a mobile and flexible global workforce, also taking into consideration regional and gender balance;

92. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure in an ongoing manner that Resident Coordinators receive the necessary training to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to effectively exercise the new leadership role envisaged for them, and calls upon the members of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to reinforce within their respective entities the need for continued cooperation with the Resident Coordinators in their role as United Nations system coordinator in-country;

93. *Reiterates its request* to the Development Coordination Office to duly inform the Governments of programme countries in a timely manner when the tenure of the Resident Coordinator is coming to an end, as well as about the selection process for the new Resident Coordinator, which should be done in close consultation with, and taking into account the general profile desired by, the host Government;

94. *Recognizes* that the presence of the entities of the United Nations development system at the country level should be tailored to meet the specific challenges, priorities and needs of programme countries, and reaffirms that the resident coordinator system should continue to support government efforts, including to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and that the focus of the resident coordinator system should remain sustainable development, with the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions as its overarching objective, consistent with the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda and in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework<sup>29</sup> and national leadership and ownership;

95. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure that the presence of United Nations entities in-country aligns with the skills, capacities and expertise required to support delivery of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, and recognizes the efforts by the entities of the United Nations development system to collaboratively reconfigure the United Nations country teams, with needs-based tailored country presence, to be built on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and finalized through open and inclusive dialogue, consultation and agreement between the host Government and the United Nations development system, facilitated by the Resident Coordinator, to ensure the best support on the ground, as well as enhanced coordination, transparency, efficiency and impact of United Nations development activities, in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs;

96. *Urges* the resident coordinator system to support host Governments' development efforts, including to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

<sup>29</sup> Or equivalent planning framework.

Development, by improving the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of operational activities for development at the country level through the promotion of strategic support for national plans and priorities, enhancing sustainable development results, thus making operations more coherent and efficient, coordinated and integrated, and reducing costs at the country level;

97. *Calls upon* the Resident Coordinators in countries experiencing humanitarian emergencies, when the onset is sudden or where a humanitarian coordinator has not already been designated or appointed, to work in close collaboration with the host country and with humanitarian and development actors to provide, through a transparent, collaborative process, a joint, impartial, comprehensive and methodologically sound assessment of needs for each emergency to inform strategic decisions;

98. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide Resident Coordinators with adequate training and support, including in particular to Resident Coordinators who are temporarily assigned to serve as Humanitarian Coordinators or Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, to ensure that they are well prepared and equipped to work and support Governments in countries facing humanitarian emergencies and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations;

99. *Invites* all relevant entities of the United Nations development system, led by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to extend necessary support in a coordinated manner to the countries aspiring to graduate in developing their graduation and smooth transition strategies, and calls upon these entities of the United Nations development system to ensure that graduation-related capacity development and activities are coordinated and demand-driven and to encourage an ambitious and flexible approach to help Governments to mitigate the impact of graduation;

100. *Recalls* the revamping of the regional level of the United Nations development system, and recognizes the contribution of the regional economic commissions and the regional teams of the United Nations development system, and underlines the need to continue to preserve and reaffirm them in addressing development challenges and to support countries and regions in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as their other development programmes, recognizing the specificities of each region and bearing in mind that no one size fits all;

101. *Notes* the ongoing implementation of the multi-country offices reviews, and reiterates the request to the Secretary-General to conduct regular monitoring, reporting and follow-up, including to the annual operational activities for development segment, with a view to considering the adjustments necessary to ensure the delivery of sustainable and effective development resources and services to enable countries served by multi-country offices to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

102. *Requests* the United Nations development system to continue to simplify and harmonize agency-specific programming instruments, business practices, processes, common business operations and reporting, as well as leverage and utilize, as appropriate, digital technologies solutions in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, including by taking necessary steps at the headquarters level, as appropriate;

103. *Reiterates* that entities within the United Nations development system should operate according to the principle of mutual recognition of best practices in terms of policies and procedures, with the aim of facilitating active collaboration

across agencies and reducing transaction costs for Governments and collaborating agencies;

104. *Stresses* the need for the United Nations development system to strengthen and improve the ongoing design and implementation of harmonized business practices in order to optimize opportunities for collaboration, in order to maximize efficiency gains, which should be redirected to funding for development activities, including coordination;

105. *Requests* the United Nations development system to continue to support all programme countries, regardless of which modality for the delivery of assistance they prefer to adopt, in accordance with their national development plans and priorities;

106. *Calls upon* the entities of the United Nations development system to continue efforts to achieve gender balance and equitable geographical representation in appointments within the United Nations system at the global, regional and country levels for positions that affect operational activities for development, including appointments to Resident Coordinator and other high-level posts, with due regard to the representation of nationals, including women, from programme countries, in particular developing countries, while keeping in mind the principle of equitable geographical representation;

107. *Notes with concern* the growing system-wide reported cases of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and in this regard calls upon the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to immediately address this matter, acknowledges the efforts made by the United Nations development system entities to, inter alia, ensure that their policies and procedures deliver impact and are resourced sufficiently, and ensure that their workplaces are free from discrimination and exploitation, including sexual exploitation and abuse, violence and sexual harassment, and urges them to continue to implement the Secretary-General's zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse;

## VI

### Follow-up, monitoring and reporting

108. *Reaffirms* that all entities of the United Nations development system carrying out operational activities for development should continue to align their planning and activities, including through their governing bodies where applicable, to take appropriate action consistent with each entity's mandate, role and expertise for the full implementation of the present resolution;

109. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the analytical quality of system-wide reporting on funding, performance and programme results for the United Nations operational activities for development, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, and in this regard calls for the publication of timely, reliable, verifiable and comparable system-wide and entity-level data, definitions and classifications;

110. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Economic and Social Council a report in 2025, 2026 and 2027 on system-wide implementation of the provisions of the present resolution, including an update and amendments where necessary of the existing monitoring and reporting framework for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development with specific and measurable performance indicators on progress made, and on that basis invites the Economic and Social Council to exchange views on lessons learned and challenges and to propose to the General Assembly overall recommendations to contribute to strengthening the oversight of States over the United Nations



development system and to guide the overall progress in the full implementation of the provisions of the present resolution through the annual General Assembly follow-up resolution on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

111. *Requests* the United Nations Secretariat to prepare written responses to unanswered questions, and concerns raised at the operational activities for development segment of the Economic and Social Council, regarding the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution, in order to better inform the deliberations on the annual General Assembly follow-up resolution on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

112. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of the present resolution, including an addendum taking into account the recommendations provided by the operational activities for development segment of the Council, as well as of the unfulfilled mandates contained in Assembly resolution [75/233](#) and in the subsequent follow-up resolutions.

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