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**Austria, Bahrain, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Portugal, Qatar and Türkiye:*
draft resolution**

World Horse Day

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 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,

Emphasizing that at present there are over 57 million horses in the world and that in many countries the horse industry plays an important role in the socioeconomic development and well-being of people and the promotion of equine welfare and specifically contributes to the daily lives and economic empowerment of the rural population and local communities through riding, transportation, horse racing, equestrian sports, tourism and recreational activities, as well as employment generation, food production and other businesses,

Recognizing the efforts of Member States to preserve and develop horse culture and heritage as well as the conservation of pastoral nomadic lifestyles,

Acknowledging that both the number of horses and the equine industry are declining worldwide to some extent due to changes in lifestyles, pressure on the industry from economic fluctuations, climate change, and environmental and other factors,

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Trusting that the designation of a World Horse Day would create a global platform for the international community to raise awareness of the importance of the horse and the equine industry in sustainable agriculture development,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 11 July World Horse Day;
 2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, as well as schools, to observe World Horse Day, in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, through activities aimed at raising awareness among the public of the economic and social importance of the horse and the equine industry, encouraging the development of professional training, scientific research, the dissemination of best practices in the equine sector, and the promotion of equine welfare, preserving horse culture and heritage, and sharing knowledge, information, best practices and other collaborative approaches in this regard;
 3. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met by voluntary contributions and that such activities would be subject to the availability and provision of voluntary contributions;
 4. *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, Indigenous Peoples, the private sector and academia, for appropriate observance.
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