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The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions [2250 \(2015\)](#), [2419 \(2018\)](#), and [2535 \(2020\)](#) as well as its Presidential Statement of 12 December 2019 ([S/PRST/2019/15](#)) and *reaffirming* its commitment to their full implementation,

Reaffirming the positive role of youth, including young women, in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and sustaining peace and recovery, and *emphasizing* the importance of their full and meaningful participation, in peace and security efforts,

Recognizing that the world's youth population presents a unique demographic that can contribute to the maintenance and promotion of peace and security and *expressing concern* that among civilians, youth account for many of those adversely affected by armed conflict, including as refugees and internally displaced persons, and that the disruption of youth's access to quality education and economic opportunities has a dramatic impact on durable peace and reconciliation, and *reiterating* the important role youth can play as agents of change in countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism,

Noting that the term "youth" is defined in the context of this resolution as persons of the age of 18–29 years old, and *further noting* that variations of the definition may exist on the national and international levels, (including the definition of youth in the General Assembly resolutions [A/RES/50/81](#) and [A/RES/56/117](#)),

Recognizing the significance of the 10th anniversary of the resolution 2250, 30th anniversary of World Programme of Action for Youth, and the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, as offering a prime opportunity to highlight the invaluable role of young people, amplify their voices and perspectives in shaping the world and its future,

Noting the contributions of youth to peace, disarmament, human rights, social and economic development, education, environmental protection and humanitarian efforts,

Noting progress in operationalizing the YPS agenda, including through national action plans and youth strategies,

Noting the role of the UN Youth Office in leading engagement and advocacy for the advancement of youth issues across the United Nations including in the area of peace and security in collaboration with relevant UN entities, and noting the Secretary-General's ongoing UN80 initiative,



Taking note of the 2024 biennial report of the Secretary-General on Youth, Peace and Security of 1 March 2024 ([S/2024/207](#)),

1. *Calls on* all relevant actors to consider ways to increase the full, effective, safe and meaningful youth participation and leadership in peace processes, conflict prevention, peacebuilding, recovery and reconstruction at all levels, including through, as appropriate, the Peacebuilding Commission;
 2. *Encourages* Member States, where relevant, to consider adoption or strengthening of national action plans on YPS, and to support youth-led peacebuilding initiatives, including through engagement with civil society;
 3. *Decides* to continue the consideration of the YPS agenda in the work of the Security Council, including through open debates to discuss the Secretary-General's reports on youth peace and security submitted to the Security Council pursuant to resolution [2535 \(2020\)](#); and to encourage and support the safe participation of youth briefers in Council engagements;
 4. *Encourages* members of the Security Council to consider holding expert level discussions on Youth Peace and Security, including in relation to country specific contexts;
 5. *Encourages* the UN Youth Office to continue to collaborate with relevant UN entities, including the Security Council, in advancing the youth peace and security agenda;
 6. *Encourages* continued coordination between the Security Council and the Peacebuilding Commission, and the strengthening of the Council's relationship with regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate, on youth peace and security as part of a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding and sustaining peace;
 7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate reporting on this resolution within his biennial report submitted in accordance with resolution [2535 \(2020\)](#);
 8. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
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