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Cooperatives in social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/136 of 18 December 2009, by which it proclaimed the year 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives, and encouraged all Member States, as well as the United Nations and all other relevant stakeholders, to take advantage of the International Year of Cooperatives as a way of promoting cooperatives and raising awareness of their contribution to social and economic development,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its sixty-sixth session, one plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives 2012;
2. *Also decides* to hold, prior to the plenary meeting, an informal, interactive round-table discussion on a theme to be decided by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States, which will be open to the participation of Member States, observers, organizations of the United Nations, cooperatives and civil society organizations;
3. *Further decides* that one representative from the cooperative movement shall orally present a summary of the informal round-table discussion to the General Assembly at the beginning of the plenary meeting;
4. *Invites* Member States to consider being represented by cooperative delegations in addressing the plenary on that occasion, as well as at the informal round-table discussion, bearing in mind the principle of gender balance;
5. *Also invites* all Member States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as national committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the International Year of Cooperatives.

