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### 65/275. International Day of Friendship

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the goals and objectives of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,<sup>1</sup> and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001–2010), and all its relevant resolutions,

*Recognizing* the relevance and importance of friendship as a noble and valuable sentiment in the lives of human beings around the world,

*Bearing in mind* that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and presents an opportunity to build bridges between communities, honouring cultural diversity,

*Affirming* that friendship can contribute to the efforts of the international community, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, towards the promotion of dialogue among civilizations, solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation,

*Convinced* of the importance of involving youth and future leaders in community activities aimed at the inclusion of and respect between different cultures, while promoting international understanding, respect for diversity and a culture of peace, in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,

*Noting* that friendship-related activities, events and initiatives are observed each year in many countries,

1. *Decides* to designate 30 July as the International Day of Friendship;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Friendship in an appropriate manner, in accordance with the culture and other

<sup>1</sup> See resolutions 53/243 A and B.



appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.

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3 May 2011*