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## **Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

### **Report of the Second Committee\***

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see [A/69/468](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 31st, 37th and 38th meetings, on 13 November and 5 and 11 December 2014. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/69/SR.31](#), 37 and 38).

#### **II. Consideration of proposals**

##### **A. Draft resolutions [A/C.2/69/L.31](#) and [A/C.2/69/L.64](#)**

2. At the 31st meeting, on 13 November, the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" ([A/C.2/69/L.31](#)), which read:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of*

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24 December 2001, 57/253 and 57/270 A of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 64/236 of 24 December 2009, 65/152 of 20 December 2010, 66/197 of 22 December 2011, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/203 of 21 December 2012, 68/210 of 20 December 2013 and 68/309 of 10 September 2014 and all other relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*“Recalling also* its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

*“Recalling further* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation), the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’, as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

*“Recalling* the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action),

*“Recalling also* the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014,

*“Recalling further* the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the outcome document of the high-level review meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway),

*“Reaffirming* the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other

internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and reaffirming also other internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields since 1992, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*“Recalling* its resolution 68/310, in which it took note of the summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session of the discussions and recommendations that had emerged from the four one-day structured dialogues to consider possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote clean and environmentally sound technologies, held during the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly,

*“Recognizing* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals as related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of other United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

*“Reaffirming* the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions, and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,

*“Recognizing* that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

*“Reaffirming* the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to food, the rule of law, gender equality, women’s empowerment and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development,

“1. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’, and urges its speedy implementation;

“2. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 68/309, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and decided that the report of the Open Working Group should be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda;

“3. *Takes note* of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, which will contribute to the financing for development process as well as to the post-2015 development agenda;

“4. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

“5. *Recalls* the convening of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Apia, from 1 to 4 September 2014, welcomes the adoption of the outcome document of the Conference, the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway), which represents the renewed political commitment of the international community to the sustainable development of small island developing States and in which the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives reaffirm that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities, calls for the full implementation of the Samoa Pathway, and highlights the need to give due consideration to the challenges and priorities of small island developing States in the post-2015 development agenda;

“6. *Also recalls* the commitment made at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to strengthen the Economic and Social Council within its mandate under the Charter of the United Nations as a principal organ in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and recognizes its key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

“7. *Reaffirms* its resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and welcomes the inaugural meeting of the forum, held under the auspices of the General Assembly on 24 September 2013, as well as the meeting of the forum held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council from 30 June to 9 July 2014;

“8. *Takes note* of the report on the meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, invites the forum, at its 2015 meeting to be held under the auspices of the Council, to discuss and consider its role in the follow-up of the post-2015 development agenda, including its methods of work in this regard, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report to the forum on this topic, taking into account the views of Member States, major groups and other stakeholders;

“9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session to initiate consultations with Member States with a view to holding the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the seventieth session of the General Assembly, in 2015, in relation to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, in accordance with established rules of procedure, and in this regard decides that a subsequent meeting of the forum under the auspices of the Assembly shall be held in 2019 at the beginning of the session of the Assembly, for a period of two days, without prejudice to

holding such a meeting on other occasions, on an exceptional basis, upon a decision by the Assembly;

“10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to coordinate with the bureaux of the relevant committees of the Assembly and with the Bureau of the Council to organize the activities of the high-level political forum on sustainable development so as to benefit from the inputs and advice of the United Nations system, the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, and encourages broad consultations on the organization of the meeting of the forum under the auspices of the Council in 2015;

“11. *Takes note* of the summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session of the discussions and recommendations that emerged from the four one-day structured dialogues on possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to prepare a prototype for the technology facilitation mechanism before the end of March 2015, on the basis of the four options for possible arrangements, as presented in the summary of the structured dialogues, for consideration during the intergovernmental negotiations on the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, with the aim of establishing the mechanism;

“12. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 67/203, including its decision to review the arrangement to designate the Economic and Social Council as the ad interim Member State body to receive reports from the board and the secretariat as elaborated in the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, as well as its resolution 68/210 in this regard, also recalls the interactive discussions on sustainable consumption and production at the July 2014 meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, requests the board and the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes to report in a transparent, comprehensive and timely manner to the forum, when it meets under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on progress in the implementation of their work as elaborated in the 10-year framework of programmes, including on the voluntary trust fund, on an annual basis, and requests that such reporting, as well as the decisions and recommendations of the forum in this regard, be included in the report of the forum;

“13. *Decides*, mindful of resolution 67/203, regarding the nomination of two members from each United Nations regional group to the board of the 10-year framework of programmes, that the United Nations regional groups, on an exceptional basis, will be allowed to renominate one of their existing two members of the board for one further consecutive term, taking into account the importance of ensuring continuity in the work of the board, while ensuring that no Member State may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms;

“14. *Recalls* its decision that the high-level political forum on sustainable development shall strengthen the science-policy interface, also recalls the interactive discussions at the forum under the auspices of the

Economic and Social Council held in July 2014 on the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report, acknowledges ongoing efforts by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to coordinate the elaboration of a draft global sustainable development report, affirms that:

“(a) The geographic scope of the report should be global, and the report should take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respect national policies and priorities;

“(b) The content should comprise progress in eradicating poverty, promoting sustainable development and fulfilling commitments regarding means of implementation, while integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development and taking into account past and future trends, scientific findings covering natural and social sciences and indicating potential areas for policy action and recommendations, lessons learned, opportunities and challenges for implementation;

“(c) The report should incorporate existing United Nations assessments and analysis of efforts to achieve sustainable development in all three of its dimensions; and decides that the forum should further consider the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report at its next meeting under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the prototype prepared by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

“15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system, reiterates the call of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development for the further mainstreaming of the three dimensions throughout the United Nations system, calls upon United Nations system organizations to assist countries in mainstreaming the three dimensions into their strategic plans and operational and other activities, encourages individual United Nations system organizations to undertake new efforts and explore new approaches to mainstream the three dimensions of sustainable development and to report on those efforts and on challenges encountered to the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2016, and invites the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress made, including for the consideration of the forum;

“16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

“17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session, under the item entitled ‘Sustainable development’, the sub-item entitled ‘Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development’.”

3. At its 38th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable

Development” ([A/C.2/69/L.64](#)), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Tishka Francis (Bahamas), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.31](#).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.64](#) had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at its 38th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.64](#) (see para. 14, draft resolution I).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan (see [A/C.2/69/SR.38](#)).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.64](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.31](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

## **B. Draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.12/Rev.1](#)**

8. At the 37th meeting, on 5 December, the representative of Tajikistan, on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Eritrea, Finland, Georgia, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines, Qatar, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen, introduced and orally corrected a draft resolution entitled “International Decade for Action, ‘Water for Life’, 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources” ([A/C.2/69/L.12/Rev.1](#)). Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Chile, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Serbia and the United Arab Emirates joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally corrected (see [A/C.2/69/SR.37](#)).

9. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to waive the relevant provisions of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and to proceed to take action on the draft resolution.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.12/Rev.1](#) had no programme budget implications.

11. Also at the 37th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.12/Rev.1](#), as orally corrected (see para. 14, draft resolution II).

12. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Uzbekistan made a statement (see [A/C.2/69/SR.37](#)).

## **C. Draft decision proposed by the Chair**

13. At its 38th meeting, on 11 December, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the term of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns ([A/69/379](#)) (see para. 15).

### III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

14. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### **Draft resolution I**

#### **Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 and 57/270 A of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 64/236 of 24 December 2009, 65/152 of 20 December 2010, 66/197 of 22 December 2011, 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/203 of 21 December 2012, 68/210 of 20 December 2013, 68/309 of 10 September 2014, 68/310 of 15 September 2014 and 69/108 of 8 December 2014 and all other relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

*Recalling further* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,<sup>1</sup> Agenda 21,<sup>2</sup> the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,<sup>3</sup> the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development<sup>4</sup> and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),<sup>5</sup> the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>6</sup> as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,<sup>7</sup> the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution S-19/2, annex.

<sup>4</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution 66/288, annex.

<sup>7</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.



to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,<sup>8</sup> the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,<sup>9</sup> the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,<sup>10</sup> the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,<sup>11</sup> and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,<sup>12</sup>

*Recalling* the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action),<sup>13</sup>

*Recalling also* the outcome of the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014, the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024<sup>14</sup> and the Vienna Declaration,<sup>15</sup>

*Recalling further* the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>16</sup> the Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>17</sup> the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>18</sup> the outcome document of the high-level review meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>19</sup> and the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway<sup>20</sup> (Samoa Pathway),

*Reaffirming* the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and reaffirming

<sup>8</sup> Resolution 63/239, annex.

<sup>9</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>10</sup> Resolution S-21/2, annex.

<sup>11</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>12</sup> Resolution 68/6.

<sup>13</sup> *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chap. II.

<sup>14</sup> *Report of the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, Vienna, 3-5 November 2014*.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>17</sup> Resolution S-22/2, annex.

<sup>18</sup> *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>19</sup> Resolution 65/2.

<sup>20</sup> Resolution 69/15, annex.

also other internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields since 1992, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recognizing* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals as related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of other United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>21</sup>

*Reaffirming* the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions, and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,

*Recognizing* that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

*Reaffirming* the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to food, the rule of law, gender equality, women's empowerment and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development,

1. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",<sup>6</sup> and urges its speedy implementation;

2. *Recalls* its resolution 68/309, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals<sup>22</sup> and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Also recalls* its resolution 69/108, on the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the

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<sup>21</sup> Resolution 55/2.

<sup>22</sup> A/68/970. Reservations by Member States to the report are referred to in sect. III, para. 13, thereof.

outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;<sup>23</sup>

5. *Welcomes* the adoption, at the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the theme of which was “Genuine and durable partnerships”, of the outcome document, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway<sup>20</sup> (Samoa Pathway), which represents the renewed political commitment of the international community to support the efforts of small island developing States to achieve sustainable development and in which Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives, inter alia, reaffirmed that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities, also welcomes the partnerships discussed at the Conference, which are critical for the implementation of the sustainable development of small island developing States, and in this regard calls for implementation of the Samoa Pathway and highlights the need to continue to give due consideration to the priorities of small island developing States in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

6. *Reaffirms* its resolution 68/1, recalls the commitment made at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to strengthen the Economic and Social Council within its mandate under the Charter of the United Nations as a principal organ in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and recognizes its key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development;

7. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and welcomes the inaugural meeting of the forum, held under the auspices of the General Assembly on 24 September 2013, as well as the meeting of the forum held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council from 30 June to 9 July 2014;

8. *Takes note* of the report on the meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, and affirms that the forum, at its 2015 meeting to be held under the auspices of the Council, shall discuss its role and ways to implement its functions in following up on and reviewing the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 61/16, 67/290 and 68/1, taking account of and in order to contribute to the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda;

9. *Acknowledges* the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, and invites the United Nations regional commissions to continue to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate;

10. *Recognizes* the need to consider the realignment of the current cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda to ensure an integrated and coherent follow-up to and review of progress made in the

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<sup>23</sup> A/69/312.

implementation of sustainable development commitments, taking into account all relevant processes, including the quadrennial comprehensive policy review;

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to coordinate with the bureaux of the relevant committees of the Assembly and with the Bureau of the Council to organize the activities of the high-level political forum on sustainable development so as to benefit from the inputs and advice of the United Nations system, the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, and encourages broad consultations on the organization of the meeting of the forum under the auspices of the Council in 2015;

12. *Recalls* its resolution 68/310, in which it took note of the summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session of the discussions and recommendations that emerged from the four one-day structured dialogues to consider possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote clean and environmentally sound technologies, which were held during the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly, and in this regard stresses its resolve to continue consultations based on the above-mentioned recommendations prepared by the President of the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, with the aim of reaching a conclusion during the sixty-ninth session in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 67/203, including its decision to review the arrangement to designate the Economic and Social Council as the ad interim Member State body to receive reports from the board and the secretariat as elaborated in the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns,<sup>24</sup> as well as its resolution 68/210 in this regard, also recalls the interactive discussions on sustainable consumption and production at the July 2014 meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, requests the board and the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes to submit updated reports, through the Economic and Social Council, for the consideration of the forum in 2015, and decides that such an ad interim arrangement shall be reviewed at the seventieth session of the General Assembly with a view to establishing a permanent arrangement;

14. *Reaffirms* its resolution 67/203, and decides that the duration of subsequent terms for members of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns shall continue to be two years, starting on 16 September of every second year, and that the United Nations regional groups may renominate one of their existing two members of the board for one consecutive term, while ensuring that no Member State may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms and taking into account the importance of ensuring continuity and rotation in the work of the board;

15. *Recalls* its decision that the high-level political forum on sustainable development shall strengthen the science-policy interface, also recalls the interactive discussions at the forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council held in July 2014 on the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report, takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the options

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<sup>24</sup> [A/CONF.216/5](#), annex.

for the scope and modalities of the global sustainable development report, and affirms that the high-level political forum shall further consider the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report at its next meeting under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, taking account of and in order to contribute to the intergovernmental process of the post-2015 development agenda;

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system,<sup>25</sup> reiterates the call of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development for the further mainstreaming of the three dimensions throughout the United Nations system, and in this regard invites the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress made, including for the consideration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”.

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<sup>25</sup> [A/69/79-E/2014/66](#).

**Draft resolution II  
International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015,  
and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of  
water resources**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 47/193 of 22 December 1992 on the observance of World Day for Water, 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, to commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005, 59/228 of 22 December 2004, 61/192 of 20 December 2006, by which it proclaimed 2008 the International Year of Sanitation, 64/198 of 21 December 2009 on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade, 65/154 of 20 December 2010, by which it proclaimed 2013 the International Year of Water Cooperation, and 67/204 of 21 December 2012 on the implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013,

*Recalling also* its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

*Noting* that in its report the Open Working Group proposes a goal of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all,

*Recalling* its resolution 68/157 of 18 December 2013 on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, and the relevant resolutions of the Human Rights Council, including resolutions 24/18 of 27 September 2013<sup>1</sup> and 27/7 of 25 September 2014,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, the annex to which includes agreed guidelines and criteria for the proclamation of international years, and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

*Recalling further* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development<sup>3</sup> and all its principles, Agenda 21,<sup>4</sup> the Programme for the Further Implementation of

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<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53A (A/68/53/Add.1)*, chap III.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53A (A/69/53/Add.1)*, chap IV.

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

Agenda 21,<sup>5</sup> the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development,<sup>6</sup> the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),<sup>7</sup> the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals<sup>8</sup> and the commitments made therein and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>9</sup>

*Recognizing* that water is at the core of sustainable development, that it is critical for the eradication of poverty and hunger, and that it is indispensable for human health and well-being and central to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and other relevant internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields,

*Reaffirming* the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including the Millennium Development Goals, and noting that there has been progress in halving by 2015 the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water,

*Noting* that accelerated efforts are needed to halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to basic sanitation by 2015, and to develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans at all levels, and in this regard acknowledging the importance of cooperation at all levels, including support to developing countries, for the achievement of these goals,

*Noting also* national, regional and international efforts to implement the International Year of Sanitation, 2008, the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013, and the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, and numerous recommendations from international and regional water and water-related events, with a view to taking concrete actions to accelerate progress at all levels towards achieving the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>10</sup> the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and “The future we want”,

*Noting further* the holding of the sixth World Water Forum in Marseille, France, from 12 to 17 March 2012, and noting that the seventh World Water Forum will be held in Daegu and Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, from 12 to 17 April 2015,

*Noting* that the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, where the issue of integrated water resources management will be discussed, among other issues,

*Noting also* the World Water Development Reports, a joint project of United Nations agencies and entities,

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<sup>5</sup> Resolution S-19/2, annex.

<sup>6</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution 65/1.

<sup>9</sup> Resolution 66/288, annex.

<sup>10</sup> Resolution 55/2.

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;<sup>11</sup>
2. *Welcomes* the activities related to water undertaken by Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and organizations of the United Nations system, inter alia, through inter-agency work, as well as contributions from major groups, for the observance of the International Year of Sanitation, 2008, the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013, and the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015;
3. *Encourages* Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system through their coordination mechanisms, including UN-Water, and major groups to accelerate their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,<sup>4</sup> the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,<sup>5</sup> the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>10</sup> the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation<sup>7</sup> and “The future we want”;<sup>9</sup>
4. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to convene during the week following World Water Day on 22 March 2015 a one-day high-level interactive dialogue of the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly in New York on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Decade, including the best practices and lessons learned relevant to the achievement of sustainable development;
5. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Tajikistan to host and fund, in June 2015, a high-level international conference on the implementation of the Decade, as a contribution to the comprehensive review of the Decade;
6. *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, in the implementation of the Decade at all levels and, as appropriate, in its comprehensive review;
7. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with UN-Water, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, to engage, as appropriate, in the comprehensive review of the Decade and take appropriate actions to support Member States in the implementation of the Decade during its remaining period;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the present resolution elaborating, inter alia, on the evaluation of the Decade, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980.

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<sup>11</sup> [A/65/297](#) and [A/69/326](#).



15. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

**Note by the Secretary-General on the term of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns**

The General Assembly decides to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the term of the board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [A/69/379](#).