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Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

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[on the report of the Second Committee ([A/74/385/Add.1](#))]

74/238. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including its general guidelines,

Reaffirming also its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and its resolution [73/248](#) of 20 December 2018 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming further 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, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with



concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Reaffirming also the Paris Agreement,¹ and encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change² that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Reaffirming further the importance of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations development system,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2019;³

2. *Acknowledges* the progress achieved thus far in advancing the mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#), [72/279](#) and [73/248](#), and calls for the full implementation of all mandates, including the remaining mandates;

3. *Recalls and reiterates* the requests made in Economic and Social Council resolution [2019/15](#) of 8 July 2019 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

4. *Reaffirms* the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁴ to leave no one behind, commit to taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind first, and calls upon the entities of the United Nations development system, within their respective mandates and resources, to assist States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen transparency and accountability by providing, in a timely and publicly available manner, within existing resources and avoiding duplication, briefing notes, informal briefings, documents and reports on progress in the implementation of the mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#), [72/279](#) and [73/248](#), including for the preparation of the Assembly resolution on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review to be negotiated at the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, and in this regard looks forward to the discussions at the operational activities for development segment of the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive, evidence-based and analytical report to the Economic and Social Council covering all provisions and progress made, lessons learned and challenges in the implementation of the mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#), [72/279](#) and [73/248](#), as part of his annual reporting to the Council at the operational activities for development segment during its 2020 session, and to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session for its further consideration and to inform the next cycle of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to be launched in 2020;

¹ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

³ [A/74/73-E/2019/14](#), [A/74/73/Add.1-E/2019/14/Add.1](#), [A/74/73/Add.2-E/2019/14/Add.2](#) and [A/74/73/Add.3-E/2019/14/Add.3](#).

⁴ Resolution [70/1](#).

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Operational activities for development”, the sub-item entitled “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system”.

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