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76/220. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [75/233](#) of 21 December 2020 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 resolutions [73/248](#) of 20 December 2018 and [74/238](#) of 19 December 2019 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,

Noting with great concern the severe negative impact on human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing and implementing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to help to reduce the risk of and build resilience to future shocks, crises and pandemics, including by strengthening health systems and achieving universal health coverage, and recognizing that equitable and timely access for all to safe, quality, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics are an essential part of a global response based on unity, solidarity, renewed multilateral cooperation and the principle of leaving no one behind,

Recognizing the essential role of the United Nations as the body that can effectively bring together a global response to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 and address the critical interlinkages between health, trade, finance and economic and social development, and acknowledging that the disease continues to negatively impact endeavours aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2021;³

2. *Acknowledges* the progress achieved thus far in advancing the mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016, [72/279](#), [73/248](#), [74/238](#) and [75/233](#), 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 resolutions [2019/15](#) of 8 July 2019 and [2020/23](#) of 22 July 2020 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;

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/76/75-E/2021/57](#) and [A/76/75/Add.1-E/2021/57/Add.1](#).

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. *Reiterates its call* to the entities of the United Nations development system, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with resolution [75/233](#), in particular paragraph 27 and its subparagraphs (a) to (d);

6. *Takes note* of resolution [76/4](#) of 28 October 2021 on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement, and looks forward to its full implementation;

7. *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 resolution [75/233](#), and in this regard looks forward to the discussions at the operational activities for development segment of the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council;

8. *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 resolution [75/233](#), as part of his annual reporting to the Council at the operational activities for development segment during its 2022 session, and to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session for its further consideration;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh 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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⁴ Resolution [70/1](#).