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[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/78/L.11](#))]

78/122. World Cleanup Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming 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,

Recalling the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ Agenda 21,² the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,³ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)⁵ and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable

¹ *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.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution [S-19/2](#), annex.

⁴ *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.

⁵ *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.



Development, entitled “The future we want”,⁶ as well as all 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,

Reaffirming its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling its resolution [77/162](#) of 14 December 2022, entitled “Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21”,

Recalling also its resolution [77/161](#) of 14 December 2022, entitled “Promoting zero-waste initiatives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it proclaimed 30 March as the International Day of Zero Waste, to be observed annually,

Recalling further its resolution [76/300](#) of 28 July 2022 on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment,

Reaffirming the commitment of Member States to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,⁷ the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,⁸ the Paris Agreement,⁹ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,¹⁰ the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹¹ the New Urban Agenda¹² and other major global agendas enshrined in the outcome documents of United Nations conferences in the economic, social and environmental fields, which are fully complementary and mutually reinforcing with the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing the significant contribution made by workers in informal and cooperative settings to the collecting, sorting and recycling of plastic in many countries,

Recalling United Nations Habitat Assembly resolution 2/3 of 9 June 2023,¹³ in which the United Nations Habitat Assembly recommended that the General Assembly proclaim 20 September as World Cleanup Day,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 20 September as World Cleanup Day, to be observed annually;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, to observe World Cleanup Day, in an appropriate manner, through activities aimed at raising awareness of its contribution to achieving sustainable development;

⁶ Resolution [66/288](#), annex.

⁷ Resolution [69/313](#), annex.

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

⁹ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹² Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

¹³ HSP/HA.2/Res.3.

3. *Welcomes* the contribution of World Cleanup Day activities to date to addressing the environmental challenges associated with waste management by mobilizing people globally to participate in coordinated voluntary action, empowering collaboration, and raising broad awareness of the need to reduce waste pollution tangibly;
4. *Invites* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), mindful of the criteria set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#), to facilitate the observance of World Cleanup Day;
5. *Stresses* that the costs of all the activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to promote the observance of World Cleanup Day.

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8 December 2023*
