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Social development: social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family

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[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/78/L.93](#))]

78/318. Modalities of the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development¹ and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session,² as well as a continued global dialogue on social development issues, constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Reaffirming also all previous resolutions on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, including resolution [78/174](#) of 19 December 2023,

Reaffirming further its resolution [78/261](#) of 26 February 2024, entitled “World Social Summit” under the title “Second World Summit for Social Development”, by which it decided to convene the “World Social Summit” in 2025, under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”, to address the gaps and recommit to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action

¹ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² Resolution [S-24/2](#), annex.



and its implementation and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³

Welcoming the progress made towards the full implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action through concerted action at the national, regional and international levels, and expressing its deep concern that, more than 25 years after the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, progress has been slow and uneven, and major gaps remain,

Recognizing that the three core themes of social development, namely, poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all and social integration, are interrelated and mutually reinforcing, and that an enabling environment therefore needs to be created so that all three objectives can be pursued simultaneously,

Sharing the conviction that social development and social justice are indispensable for the achievement and maintenance of peace and security within and among nations, and that, in turn, social development and social justice cannot be attained in the absence of peace and security or in the absence of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reaffirming that the Commission for Social Development continues to have the primary responsibility for the follow-up to and review of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, and that it serves as the main United Nations forum for an intensified global dialogue on social development issues,

Recognizing the role and positive contributions of the International Labour Organization and its constituents, namely Governments, employers and workers, to promote social justice and decent work for all,

Recalling General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets and affirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030 with a view to leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first, and 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,

Recalling also its resolution [76/6](#) of 15 November 2021, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled ‘Our Common Agenda’”,⁴ and noting the proposal contained in that report to convene a world social summit in 2025, to be discussed and agreed upon by Member States, including its modalities, title, objectives, scope and possible outcomes, and emphasizing that the possible summit’s outcome should have a social development approach including the need to place people at the centre of development and the pledge to make poverty eradication, full employment and social integration the overriding development objectives, and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

1. *Decides* that the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development” will be held at the level of Heads of State or Government in Qatar from 4 to 6 November 2025, and welcomes the offer by the

³ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁴ [A/75/982](#).

Government of Qatar to host the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit on Social Development” in 2025;

2. *Also decides* that the Summit will adopt a concise, action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations in New York, that should have a social development approach and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

3. *Further decides* that the Summit, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, will consist of:

(a) Plenary meetings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(b) An opening segment on the first day from 9 to 10.30 a.m., which will include the adoption of the political declaration followed by statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the President of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A closing segment on the third day from 5 to 6 p.m., which will feature a statement from the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* that the Summit will have two high-level round tables, each to be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the Member States, ensuring geographical balance, on the following themes:

Round table 1: Strengthening the three pillars of social development: poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social inclusion

Round table 2: Assessing progress and addressing gaps and challenges in the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action and giving momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

5. *Encourages* Member States, members of the United Nations specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the level of Head of State or Government or at the highest possible level to make statements in plenary of up to five minutes;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the international financial institutions, to participate in the Summit and make contributions, within their respective mandates, to the preparation of the Summit;

7. *Invites* representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the Summit in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly;

8. *Encourages* Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to include in their delegations to the Summit, as appropriate, representatives of relevant stakeholders, such as parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, people with disabilities, people of African descent, youth representatives, youth-led organizations, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academic institutions, representatives of workers and employers and the private sector, with due regard to gender balance;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society

organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Summit, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis⁵ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the Summit;

10. *Decides* that preparations should be carried out in a most effective, well-structured and broad participatory manner and that, for this purpose, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and available resources, should provide the necessary support to the Summit and its preparatory process;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and support for the organization of the Summit and its preparation;

12. *Encourages* States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the Summit through voluntary contributions to a trust fund in support of preparations for the Summit and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the Summit, priority being given to representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States, including coverage of economy-class air tickets, daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses, in the meetings of the Summit.

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⁵ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.