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78/260. International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism, 2027

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

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 necessary for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions [70/193](#) of 22 December 2015 on the proclamation of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, [74/214](#) of 19 December 2019 on sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central Asia, [75/223](#) of 21 December 2020 on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, [77/178](#) of 14 December 2022 on the promotion of sustainable and resilient tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environmental protection, [78/145](#) of 19 December 2023 on sustainable and resilient tourism and sustainable development in Central America and the Dominican Republic, and other related resolutions,

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, and its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030,

Recognizing that sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, is a cross-cutting activity that can contribute to the three dimensions of sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including by fostering economic growth, alleviating poverty, creating full and productive employment and



decent work for all, accelerating the change to more sustainable consumption and production patterns and promoting the sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources, promoting local culture, improving the quality of life and the economic empowerment of women and young people, Indigenous Peoples and local communities and promoting rural development and better living conditions for rural populations, including smallholder and family farmers,

Emphasizing that sustainable and resilient tourism can contribute directly to the conservation of environmentally vulnerable natural areas and habitats through a variety of activities and by raising awareness of the importance of biodiversity, and stressing the urgent need to address the unprecedented global decline in biodiversity,

Welcoming the efforts of those United Nations system entities that promote ecotourism and sustainable tourism worldwide,

Recognizing the importance of international tourism, and particularly of the designation of an international year of sustainable and resilient tourism, in fostering better understanding among peoples everywhere, leading to a greater awareness of the rich heritage of various civilizations and bringing about a better appreciation of the inherent values of different cultures, thereby contributing to the strengthening of peace in the world,

Recognizing also that sustainable consumption and production in tourism is aimed at increasing net welfare gains from economic activities by improving resource use and reducing ecosystem degradation and pollution along the entire tourism value chain, and that a systemic approach and cooperation among actors operating along the value chain, from tourism service providers, to adjacent communities, to tourists, can ensure the sustainability of the sector,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 2027 the International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism;

2. *Invites* the World Tourism Organization, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#), to facilitate the organization and implementation of the International Year, in collaboration with Governments, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders;

3. *Stresses* that the costs of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

4. *Encourages* Member States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take effective measures, in the context of sustainable and resilient tourism, including ecotourism initiatives, to promote the equal participation of women and the balanced participation of youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, at all levels and in decision-making processes in all areas, and to promote effective economic empowerment, mainly through decent job and income creation;

5. *Encourages* all States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the International Year to promote actions at all levels, including through international cooperation, and to support sustainable and resilient tourism as a means of promoting and accelerating sustainable development;

6. *Invites* the World Tourism Organization, mindful of the provisions of paragraphs 23 to 27 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#), to inform the General Assembly at its eighty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution, elaborating on the evaluation of the International Year.

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