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**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up
to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and
summits in the economic, social and related fields**

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2025

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/80/L.24](#))]

80/115. International Year of Legal Literacy, 2027

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles and purposes contained therein,

Reaffirming also the right of everyone to education, and recognizing that education should be directed to the full development of the human personality and the sense of its dignity, strengthen the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and enable all persons to participate effectively in a free society, promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations and all racial, ethnic or religious groups, and further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace,

Reaffirming further 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 day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling its resolution [2099 \(XX\)](#) of 20 December 1965, in which the General Assembly established the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law to contribute towards a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States,

Recalling also its resolution [49/184](#) of 23 December 1994, by which it proclaimed the period from 1995 to 2004 the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education,



Recognizing the important role of relevant United Nations system entities in promoting legal education and literacy, including human rights education, and in supporting national efforts to strengthen access to justice,

Noting that United Nations literacy strategies emphasize that programmes meeting learners' needs may include legal literacy, information literacy, digital literacy, media literacy and scientific literacy,

Acknowledging that improving socioeconomic conditions, particularly for women and those in vulnerable situations, requires supporting legal literacy and income-generating and skill-building activities,

Encouraging States to strengthen national capacities for legal education and literacy, including through the development and implementation of national plans and strategies, and inviting the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide, upon request, technical assistance and capacity-building and to share national experiences, good practices and lessons learned on promoting legal literacy, and in this regard taking note of the experience of Tajikistan in declaring 2024 as the Year of Legal Literacy in the country to contribute to legal awareness among its citizens,

Recognizing that education, training and public information are essential to the promotion and achievement of stable and harmonious relations among communities and to fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and peace,

Convinced that an international year devoted to legal literacy would contribute to the implementation of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, promote awareness of rights and responsibilities and advance the rule of law at the national and international levels,

1. *Decides* to proclaim the year 2027 as the International Year of Legal Literacy;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and subregional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations to observe the International Year, in a manner consistent with national priorities, and to promote activities aimed at fostering understanding of rights and obligations and access to justice for all;
3. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to provide assistance, upon request, to States in their efforts to promote legal literacy;
4. *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, and calls upon all relevant stakeholders to make voluntary contributions and to provide other forms of support for the International Year;
5. *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 for appropriate observance.

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