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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [79/226](#) of 19 December 2024 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, [74/238](#) of 19 December 2019, [76/220](#) of 17 December 2021, [77/184](#) of 14 December 2022 and [78/166](#) of 19 December 2023 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as its resolution [76/4](#) of 28 October 2021 on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement,

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

* On behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution [ES-10/23](#) of 10 May 2024.



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,

Welcoming the convening of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development from 30 June to 3 July 2025 in Sevilla, Spain, and reaffirming its outcome document, the Sevilla Commitment, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [79/323](#) of 25 August 2025, which sets forth a renewed global framework for financing for development, building on the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, to close with urgency the estimated annual 4 trillion dollar financing gap, catalyse sustainable investments at scale in developing countries and reform the international financial architecture through continued and strong commitment to multilateralism, international cooperation, and global solidarity,

Reaffirming 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 also 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 concern that climate change, geopolitical tensions, a turbulent global economic outlook, including the increase in debt servicing costs, and ongoing conflicts and their respective negative impacts are creating additional challenges relating to eradication of poverty, food security, energy security and cost of living, and that developing countries are disproportionately affected by these challenges,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [79/226](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2025;³

2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General on the repositioning of the United Nations development system and the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, and acknowledges the progress achieved thus far in advancing all reform mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016, [72/279](#), [75/233](#) of 21 December 2020, [76/4](#) and [79/226](#) and continues to call for their full implementation;

3. *Recalls and reiterates* the requests made in Economic and Social Council resolutions [2023/31](#) of 26 July 2023 and [2024/19](#) of 23 July 2024 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as those previously made in Council resolutions [2019/15](#) of 8 July 2019, [2020/23](#) of 22 July 2020 and [2022/25](#) of 22 July 2022 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, and calls for their full implementation;

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

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/80/74-E/2025/53](#) and [A/80/74/Add.1-E/2025/53/Add.1](#).

⁴ Resolution [70/1](#).

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. *Welcomes* the progress made in the establishment of United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, and reaffirms that they are the most important instrument for the planning and implementation of United Nations development activities in each programme country in support of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the programme countries' policies, plans, priorities and needs, to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments;

6. *Calls on* all entities of the United Nations development system to cooperate and collaborate with and work under the leadership and guidance of the resident coordinators, in accordance with resolution [79/226](#), to ensure a coordinated and integrated approach to the development and implementation of the Cooperation Frameworks, and further calls on the entities of the United Nations development system to align their development activities for their respective country programmes with the agreed priorities of the Cooperation Frameworks, to facilitate a stronger and more coordinated, efficient, effective and accountable United Nations development system at the country level towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

7. *Notes* the critical role that the United Nations development system plays in facilitating countries' implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, and remains deeply concerned about the funding challenges for the United Nations development system entities, the resident coordinator system, and development activities as a whole;

8. *Welcomes* the funding compact, noting its voluntary nature, calls on all Member States and entities of the United Nations development system to contribute to its full and effective implementation, and requests the Secretariat to brief Member States on means to strengthen its implementation;

9. *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, and reports with emphasis on development results, on the implementation of all provisions and mandates contained in General Assembly resolution [79/226](#), and in this regard looks forward to discussions at the operational activities for development segment of the 2026 session of the Economic and Social Council;

10. *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 [79/226](#), as part of his annual reporting to the Council at the operational activities for development segment during its 2026 session and to the Assembly at its eighty-first session for its further consideration;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-first session, under the item entitled "Operational activities for development", the sub-item entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system".