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74/245. International Day of Banks

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,

Reaffirming also 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 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,

Recalling the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development entitled *Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2019*,¹

¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.19.I.7.



Emphasizing the relevance of inclusion in the international financial system at all levels and the importance of considering financial inclusion as a policy objective in financial regulation, in accordance with national priorities and legislation,

Recognizing the significant potential of multilateral development banks and other international development banks in financing sustainable development and providing know-how,

Recognizing also, at the national level, the vital role of banking systems in Member States in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living,

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,

1. *Decides* to designate 4 December as the International Day of Banks, to be observed annually;

2. *Invites* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to observe the International Day of Banks, in a manner consistent with national priorities, in order to highlight the role of banks in contributing to achieving sustainable development;

3. *Invites* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other relevant United Nations entities to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Banks in collaboration with other relevant organizations, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67;

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

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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