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72/138. International Universal Health Coverage Day

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [67/81](#) of 12 December 2012 on global health and foreign policy, which recognized the importance of universal coverage in national health systems and recommended that consideration be given to including universal health coverage in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda in the context of global health challenges,

Recalling also 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 its aspirational and global targets, which include achieving the target of universal health coverage by 2030, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all,

Recalling further its resolution [71/159](#) of 15 December 2016 on global health and foreign policy, which underlined the primary responsibility of Member States to accelerate their transition towards achieving universal health coverage and recognized that health is a precondition for and an outcome and indicator of all three dimensions of sustainable development,

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, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, and 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,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 12 December as International Universal Health Coverage Day;



2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other global, regional and subregional organizations, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academia and individuals, to observe International Universal Health Coverage Day annually in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, through education and activities, in order to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States in order to encourage them to observe and carry out activities to commemorate, on a voluntary basis, International Universal Health Coverage Day.

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12 December 2017*
