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79/320. International Day of Awareness of the Special Development Needs and Challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries

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

Reaffirming also 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 for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries¹ and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024,²

¹ *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* ([A/CONF.202/3](#)), annex I.

² Resolution [69/137](#), annexes I and II.



Welcoming the adoption of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034,³ which underscores that we are at a defining moment in history where the decisions we make now will determine the future of the 32 landlocked developing countries situated in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America, with a population of about 606 million, which continue to face a highly challenging pathway to sustainable development, and which is grounded in the overarching goals of addressing the special development needs, vulnerabilities and challenges of landlocked developing countries arising from their landlockedness, remoteness and geographical constraints,

Expressing concern that the share of global merchandise exports of landlocked developing countries remains marginal, at only 1.1 per cent of the total global share in 2022,

Noting that trade costs are estimated to be 30 per cent higher for landlocked than for coastal developing countries, owing in part to the barriers and burdens of trading across a greater multitude of borders,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 6 August as the International Day of Awareness of the Special Development Needs and Challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries, to be observed annually beginning in 2025 during the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held in Awaza, Turkmenistan, from 5 to 8 August 2025;

2. *Invites* all Member States and observers of the United Nations, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations to observe and collaborate on the commemoration of the International Day, jointly with other competent organizations and relevant stakeholders, civil society, non-governmental organizations and multilateral development banks, as well as with the private sector, local authorities and Indigenous Peoples, as appropriate, including through activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of addressing the special development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries;

3. *Invites* the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States to facilitate the observance of the International Day, 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 civil society organizations for appropriate observance.

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³ Resolution 79/233, annex; see also resolution 79/279.