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79/269. International Day of Peaceful Coexistence

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ including the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,² which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations, and recalling in this regard its resolution [72/130](#) of 8 December 2017, by which it declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace,

Recalling its resolution [36/55](#) of 25 November 1981, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

Recalling 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,

Recognizing that peace not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation,

Acknowledging that the promotion of a culture of peace, mutual understanding, respect for the diversity of humankind, dialogue among civilizations and the prevention of conflict can contribute to peaceful coexistence,

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² Resolutions [53/243](#) A and B.



Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³ and acknowledging that this includes a commitment to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels,

Underlining the importance of raising awareness about different cultures, values, attitudes, modes of behaviour and ways of life, and religions or beliefs and of education in the promotion of tolerance, which involves the acceptance by the public of and its respect for religious and cultural diversity, including with regard to religious expression, and underlining further the fact that education, in particular at school, should contribute in a meaningful way to promoting tolerance and the elimination of all forms of discrimination,

Acknowledging the need for the full, equal, safe and meaningful participation of women and the important and positive contribution of youth in the promotion of peace and security, sustainable development and human rights,

Emphasizing that Member States, regional organizations, national human rights institutions, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, religious bodies, the media, and civil society as a whole have an important role to play in promoting tolerance and respect for religious and cultural diversity and in the universal promotion and protection of human rights,

Recognizing the leading role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in promoting intercultural dialogue and their contribution to interreligious dialogue, as well as their activities related to a culture of peace and non-violence,

Encouraging activities aimed at promoting peaceful coexistence in order to enhance peace and social stability, respect for diversity and mutual respect and to create, at the global, regional, national and local levels, an environment conducive to peace and mutual understanding,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 28 January the International Day of Peaceful Coexistence, to be observed annually;

2. *Invites* all Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within existing resources, as well as other international and regional organizations and other stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia and the media, to observe the International Day in an appropriate manner;

3. *Invites* all Member States to further promote a culture of peace to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including through the celebration of the international, regional and national days in this regard and by mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity;

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 70/1.