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73/344. Academy for Human Encounters and Dialogue

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling all relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions [56/6](#) of 9 November 2001 on the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations, [57/6](#) of 4 November 2002 on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001–2010, [58/128](#) of 19 December 2003 on the promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, [59/23](#) of 11 November 2004 on the promotion of interreligious dialogue, [59/199](#) of 20 December 2004 on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, [61/161](#) of 19 December 2006 on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief, [73/90](#) of 7 December 2018, in the context of the principles and purposes of the University for Peace, and [73/129](#) of 12 December 2018 on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace,

Recognizing the ongoing efforts of relevant entities of the United Nations system aimed at developing values and skills conducive to a culture of peace, including education and training in promoting dialogue and consensus-building,

Considering the importance of promoting education for peace that fosters respect for the values inherent in peace and universal coexistence among people, including respect for the life, dignity and integrity of human beings, as well as friendship and solidarity among people irrespective of their nationality, race, sex, religion or culture,

Recalling the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and the need to coordinate efforts for its implementation,

¹ Resolution [70/1](#).



Recognizing the importance of the Declaration² and Programme of Action³ on a Culture of Peace, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999, 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,

Recognizing also the relevance of the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 4, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, Goal 5, to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and Goal 16, 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,

Recognizing further that cultural diversity and the pursuit of cultural development by all peoples and nations are sources of mutual enrichment for the cultural life of humankind,

Convinced that the promotion of cultural pluralism and tolerance towards and dialogue among various cultures and civilizations would contribute to the efforts of all peoples and nations to enrich their cultures and traditions through engagement in a mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and intellectual, moral and material achievements,

Bearing in mind the positive potential of dialogue initiatives at the national, regional and international levels to make a valuable contribution to improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind,

Expressing its appreciation to the President of Lebanon for his efforts to strengthen the role of Lebanon as a centre of dialogue and diversity, in particular through his initiative to establish the Academy for Human Encounters and Dialogue,

1. *Welcomes* the initiative by the President of Lebanon to establish the Academy for Human Encounters and Dialogue in Beirut;
2. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant specialized agencies to support, within existing resources and in accordance with their respective mandates, the efforts to establish the Academy;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

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16 September 2019*

² Resolution 53/243 A.

³ Resolution 53/243 B.