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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2017

[on the report of the Second Committee ([A/72/425/Add.1](#))]

### 72/236. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including its general guidelines,

*Reaffirming 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 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 further* 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,

*Welcoming* the Paris Agreement<sup>1</sup> and its early entry into force, encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.



Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>2</sup> that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations development system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the funding analysis of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/226](#) of 21 December 2012 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;<sup>3</sup>
2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: ensuring a better future for all”;<sup>4</sup>
3. *Looks forward* to considering the report of the Secretary-General of December 2017 on the relevant mandates of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, including the remaining mandates contained in paragraphs 19, 20, 45 and 58 of its resolution [71/243](#), to be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;
4. *Calls upon* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and resources, to ensure that no one is left behind and no country is left behind in the implementation of the present resolution;
5. *Recalls* paragraphs 81 and 82 of its resolution [71/243](#), requests the Secretary-General to submit the reports requested in said paragraphs to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled “Operational activities for development”, the sub-item entitled “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system”.

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>3</sup> [A/72/61-E/2017/4](#).

<sup>4</sup> [A/72/124-E/2018/3](#).