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79/135. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [66/111](#) of 9 December 2011, by which it granted observer status to the Central European Initiative,

Recalling also its resolutions [67/7](#) of 19 November 2012, [69/8](#) of 11 November 2014, [71/13](#) of 21 November 2016, [73/10](#) of 26 November 2018, [75/7](#) of 23 November 2020 and [77/19](#) of 21 November 2022, in which it invited the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Central European Initiative in order to continue joint activities for the achievement of common objectives,

Recalling further the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

Appreciating the active involvement of the Central European Initiative in establishing cooperation with the United Nations system and relevant international and regional organizations, aimed at the furthering of political and socioeconomic development by covering all its relevant dimensions,

Acknowledging the contribution of the Central European Initiative to advancing the strategic goals of the Initiative in support of European integration and sustainable development of all its States members through multilateral cooperation, in particular at the intergovernmental, parliamentary, economic and local levels, in combination with project cooperation, as well as through strategic partnerships with other international and regional organizations and a multi-stakeholder approach, the latter involving non-governmental organizations, academia and businesses, among others,



Noting the efforts of the Central European Initiative in addressing the current challenges to global peace and stability related to rising inequalities, climate change and growing environmental pressures, as well as those linked to security and connectivity, triggered, within the Central European Initiative region, by the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, a State member of the Initiative,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution [77/19](#),¹

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the joint statement adopted by the Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Members of the Central European Initiative in Chisinau on 22 November 2023 under the presidency of the Republic of Moldova for 2023, underlining that the sustainable development of all States members of the Initiative can act as an engine for economic prosperity, environmental quality and social well-being in the region, thus reaffirming their commitment to better coordination of sustainable development actions that encourage the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and its Sustainable Development Goals;

2. *Notes* the efforts of the Central European Initiative in addressing the challenges through its new Plan of Action 2024–2026 adopted by the member States on 21 December 2023, acknowledging that it was elaborated in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, also notes the multidisciplinary approach of this document combining a political agenda, which, among other issues, calls for addressing the consequences of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine by continuing to support Ukraine with both political and financial means and making all possible efforts to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of international law, including respect for territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders, with a thematic one with a focus on fields such as advancing good governance, empowering women and youth, the latter in particular through a specific “Central European Initiative youth agenda”, fostering better health, promoting connectivity and sustainable mobility, renewable energy, circular bioeconomy and environmental protection, boosting research and innovation through science diplomacy and business environment and entrepreneurship, safeguarding media freedom and supporting cultural cooperation;

3. *Also notes* the continuous commitment of the Initiative in keeping up with the pace towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, including through stocktaking events aimed at the exchange of experiences and best practices related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals by the States members of the Central European Initiative, such as the side event at the high-level political forum on sustainable development in New York in July 2023 jointly organized by the Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative and the presidency of the Republic of Moldova on the topic “Regional cooperation and acceleration of Sustainable Development Goals implementation: the role of the Central European Initiative”;

4. *Acknowledges* the joint statement of the States members of the Central European Initiative at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the Economic Commission for Europe Region in Geneva in March 2024, in which they declared that they share a mutual understanding on their responsibility for further contributing to the global efforts in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and

¹ [A/79/302-S/2024/600](#).

² Resolution [70/1](#).

consider regional cooperation as an extremely important approach helping to achieve most tangible results through coordinated multilateral action;

5. *Notes* the activities of the Central European Initiative on health-related issues, through consolidated cooperation with the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization, and in particular the policy dialogue on building resilient pharmaceutical and health systems held in Trieste, Italy, on 18 and 19 April 2024, organized in collaboration also with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the joint statement adopted by the Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Members of the Central European Initiative in Tirana on 20 November 2024 under the presidency of Albania for 2024, emphasizing the activities aimed at promoting European integration, culture and tourism cooperation, and policy dialogue on health challenges; strengthening parliamentary cooperation; facilitating people-to-people contacts on various topics; and promoting initiatives in assisting the Ukrainian people;

7. *Recognizes* the ongoing contributions of the Central European Initiative bodies, in the framework of the Initiative's parliamentary dimension, to the promotion of effective, inclusive and accountable institutions and to increased cooperation between this and the governmental dimension of the Initiative;

8. *Also recognizes* the continuous efforts of the Central European Initiative at all levels (governmental, parliamentary, economic and local) to promote effective multilateralism, recalling that transnational threats can be successfully addressed only through cooperation and joint actions;

9. *Welcomes*, in this regard, the role assumed by the Central European Initiative, in addition to political dialogue, as a promoter of project-oriented and other tangible activities in line with the Central European Initiative Plan of Action 2024-2026, aimed at enhancing solidarity and cooperation, at supporting the economic growth and stability of its member States and at promoting cooperation in the cultural and media fields, science diplomacy and others, including concrete initiatives and projects to assist Ukraine and its people;

10. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Central European Initiative to engage in this endeavour also through the development and implementation of joint regional and transregional projects and activities in cooperation with other important international players, as well as to foster broad multi-stakeholder partnerships in the region;

11. *Acknowledges*, in this context, the fruitful cooperation between the Central European Initiative and the European Union, as one of the main co-funders of such projects, as well as the positive results of these projects, and supports the efforts of the Initiative to take concrete steps to establish additional mutually beneficial partnerships with the European Union;

12. *Welcomes* the Central European Initiative's relations with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development through the Central European Initiative Fund at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, entirely financed by Italy, which provides mainly grant-type assistance for specific components of technical cooperation projects, linked to large operations of the Bank in States members of the Initiative that are not members of the European Union, and of projects related to capacity-building and the sharing of good practices between States members of the Initiative that are members of the European Union and those that are not, through the Initiative's know-how exchange programme;

13. *Also welcomes* the financing of small-scale multilateral projects in the priority fields by the Central European Initiative Cooperation Fund, to which all

member States contribute, and notes that the activities supported by the Cooperation Fund contribute to sharing experiences and good practices on European integration and sustainable development, and further welcomes their practical outcomes such as the spillover effects that these activities create in particular in terms of knowledge-sharing on the most important issues for sustainable development;

14. *Notes* the efforts undertaken by the Central European Initiative in intensifying cooperation with other international and regional organizations and initiatives sharing the same goals and objectives, thus remaining committed to fostering broad multi-stakeholder partnerships in the region;

15. *Appreciates* the intention of the Central European Initiative to intensify cooperation with the United Nations Secretariat and the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, with the aim of achieving mutual participation in events and meetings of common interest and developing practical and results-oriented joint projects and actions, and especially welcomes, in this context, the cooperation established between the Initiative and the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization as well as the developing cooperation with the Office of Innovation of the United Nations Children's Fund;

16. *Encourages* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to establish cooperation with the Central European Initiative through common action aimed at achieving the shared goals;

17. *Invites* the Secretary-General to intensify exchanges with the Central European Initiative in order to continue the fruitful cooperation and to facilitate coordination between the secretariats;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-first session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative”.

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