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74/64. Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that young people in all countries are key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation,

Reaffirming the important and positive contribution that young people can make to the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Noting that engagement with young people can provide opportunities to benefit from their views, insights and ideas,

Bearing in mind its resolution 73/59 of 5 December 2018, which highlights the need for disarmament and non-proliferation education, particularly among youth,

Recalling its resolution 73/46 of 5 December 2018, in which it reaffirms that the equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Recalling also relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on the issue of youth, peace and security,

Noting the launch on 24 September 2018 of Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy, which includes peace and security as a thematic priority area,

Noting also Action 38 of the disarmament agenda put forward by the Secretary-General, in which he describes the young generation as the ultimate force for change and proposes actions to promote youth engagement,

Mindful of the initiatives and activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations entities and relevant civil society organizations for the



implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth¹ and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,²

Recognizing the role of civil society in promoting the engagement of young people in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation,

1. *Encourages* Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies and regional and subregional organizations to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation of young people in discussions in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, including through dialogue platforms, mentoring, internships, fellowships, scholarships, model events and youth group activities;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies and regional and subregional organizations to consider developing and implementing policies and programmes for young people to increase and facilitate their constructive engagement in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation;

3. *Stresses* the importance of realizing the full potential of young people through education and capacity-building, bearing in mind the ongoing efforts and the need to promote the sustainable entry of young people into the field of disarmament and non-proliferation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek specific measures to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation and empowerment of youth on disarmament and non-proliferation issues;

5. *Encourages* Member States to continue efforts to raise awareness and strengthen coordination within the United Nations system and beyond on ongoing efforts to promote the role of youth;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, a sub-item entitled “Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation”.

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¹ Resolution 50/81, annex, and resolution 62/126, annex.

² See resolution 70/1.