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77/336. Model United Nations

The General Assembly,

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

Reaffirming also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,² and reiterating the commitment to provide youth with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their human rights and capabilities and helping our countries to reap the demographic dividend,

Reaffirming further the World Programme of Action for Youth, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions [50/81](#) of 14 December 1995 and [62/126](#) of 18 December 2007,

Recalling the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted on 21 September 2020,³ recognizing that our challenges are interconnected and can only be addressed through stronger international cooperation and reinvigorated multilateralism, and reiterating the commitments of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world in the declaration, in particular those related to listening to and working with youth,

Recalling also its resolution [76/6](#) of 15 November 2021 on the follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Our Common Agenda”,⁴ presented as a basis for further consideration by Member States, which contained several proposals to promote effective and meaningful engagement with youth and to ensure that their voices are more systematically integrated across the United Nations system, through their empowerment and capacity-building,

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² Resolution [70/1](#).

³ Resolution [75/1](#).

⁴ [A/75/982](#).



Welcoming the establishment of the United Nations Youth Office,⁵ and recalling its function, inter alia, to promote meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of youth and youth-led and youth-focused organizations in the work of the United Nations, working in close collaboration across the United Nations system,

Welcoming also the work of the Envoys of the Secretary-General on Youth in addressing the needs of and placing young persons as a cross-cutting priority of the United Nations, ensuring that their perspectives are reflected across the United Nations work, as well as, inter alia, as a harmonizer with different United Nations entities, Governments and their youth delegates, civil society, youth organizations, academia and media towards enhancing, empowering and strengthening young persons within and outside the United Nations system,

Taking note of the important contributions made by the Economic and Social Council youth forum to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its decade of action, and that it serves as an important platform for youth from across all regions to continue to share their ideas, concerns and priorities, and engage in dialogue with Member States and other relevant stakeholders,

Recalling the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, in 1998, and in this context welcoming the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth 2019 and Youth Forum Lisboa+21, held on 22 and 23 June 2019, and noting the Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes,⁶

Noting the progress made on the implementation of Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy, launched by the Secretary-General, in September 2018, to address the needs of youth and to fulfil their potential as agents of change, as well as the Generation Unlimited global partnership, which is aimed at ensuring that, by 2030, every young person has the opportunity for education, learning, training or employment,

Noting also the inputs from relevant conferences, forums and global initiatives relating to youth at the international, regional and subregional levels, inter alia, the four editions of the World Youth Forum, held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November 2017, November 2018, December 2019 and January 2022,

Underlining the important role of youth in the promotion of peace and security, sustainable development and human rights and the importance of the full, effective, constructive and inclusive participation of youth in decision-making,

Recognizing that the Committee on Information is the main subsidiary body of the General Assembly mandated to make recommendations to the Assembly relating to the work of the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat,

Emphasizing the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations,

Emphasizing also that education, both formal and informal, and training promote equality and social inclusion, and recalling in that sense the need to substantially increase the number of youth who have skills for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship,

1. *Recognizes* the important contribution of Model United Nations to diplomacy and international cooperation, and in building the capacities of young

⁵ See resolution [76/306](#).

⁶ [A/73/949](#), annex.

people in the field of international affairs, providing them with the knowledge and opportunities that they need;

2. *Encourages* Member States to support the organization of Model United Nations, with a view to raising awareness of the importance of the full, equal and meaningful engagement of youth in multilateralism and global issues, and to increase the capacity and opportunities for youth to meaningfully engage with the United Nations;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations system to support Model United Nations programmes, as appropriate, through the sharing of information and capacity-building, including in developing countries;

4. *Encourages* civil society and other relevant stakeholders to organize and participate in Model United Nations, as a means of engaging youth with multilateralism and international cooperation, in line with the United Nations core principles and values;

5. *Encourages* Member States and all relevant stakeholders, including the United Nations system, to promote equal opportunities for all to access Model United Nations programmes, while promoting tolerance, non-discrimination and gender equality and fostering social inclusion and integration;

6. *Supports* the work of the Department of Global Communications, and encourages increased efforts to use different languages in use by the United Nations information centres in addition to the official languages, when appropriate, and within existing resources, according to the target audience, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences, including by using accessible communications, including easy-to-understand communication, and extending the work of the United Nations and the Secretary-General's messages and communications to all corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities, initiatives and goals of the Organization;

7. *Welcomes* the engagement by the Department of Global Communications with Model United Nations clubs and conferences throughout the world, and requests the Department to continue its efforts to educate Model United Nations organizers and participants about the practices, procedures and norms of the Organization, thereby ensuring the accuracy of simulations and promoting adherence to United Nations values;

8. *Takes note* of the *United Nations Guide to Model UN*, recently published by the Department of Global Communications, welcomes this effort by the Department to ensure that Model United Nations events are more authentic simulations of the United Nations, requests the Department to ensure that the guide is available in all six official languages of the United Nations, within existing resources, further encourages Member States to support the production of additional language versions of the *United Nations Guide to Model UN* and to update the guide as needed, and encourages the continued engagement of the Department with Model United Nations programmes, which are an important tool for young people to learn about multilateralism and how the United Nations works;

9. *Recognizes* the role of the network of United Nations information centres in promoting information and guidance from the United Nations system, to disseminate messages and information about relevant activities of the United Nations, including its funds and programmes and specialized agencies, especially in developing countries, bearing in mind that information in local languages has the strongest impact on the local population, and in mobilizing support for the work of the United Nations at the local level;

10. *Notes* that, pursuant to resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and the Secretary-General, suggests an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly, and encourages organizations to consider these themes when organizing Model United Nations;

11. *Notes* that United Nations Day (24 October) is devoted to raising awareness of the goals and achievements of the Organization and gaining support for its work, and can also be effectively utilized to raise awareness about the role of Model United Nations in engaging youth with multilateralism and international cooperation;

12. *Encourages* the United Nations Youth Office to follow up on areas of potential support from the United Nations system to Model United Nations.

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