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Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating social development

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and grounded in international law and the principle of leaving no one behind,

Reaffirming 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,

Recalling its resolution [77/159](#) of 14 December 2022, entitled “Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”,

Recalling also the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development¹ and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-

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¹ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.



fourth special session,² as well as a continued global dialogue on social development issues, constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Welcoming the convening of the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development” in Doha, Qatar, from 4 to 6 November 2025, as well as the adoption of its political declaration,

Reaffirming all previous resolutions on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, including resolution [80/178](#) of 15 December 2025,

Reaffirming also that the Commission for Social Development has the primary responsibility for the follow-up and the review of the World Summit for Social Development, the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, of the Doha Summit and intergovernmental social development commitments, and reiterating the decision to proceed to the strengthening of its role, including in contribution to the follow-up process,

Recognizing that the three core themes of social development, namely, poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all and social integration, are interrelated and mutually reinforcing, and that an enabling environment therefore needs to be created so that all three objectives can be pursued simultaneously,

Sharing the conviction that social development and social justice are indispensable for the achievement and maintenance of peace and security within and among nations, and that, in turn, social development and social justice cannot be attained in the absence of peace and security or in the absence of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling its resolution [79/319](#) of 25 July 2025 on interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in which it recognized the actions and contributions of parliaments at the national, regional and global levels, including through multi-stakeholder partnerships, in support of the accelerated achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030,

Welcoming the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held in Tashkent from 5 to 9 April 2025, and the Tashkent Declaration on Parliamentary Action for Social Development and Justice,³ which emphasizes the need for renewed efforts on social development to address ongoing and emerging challenges,

Highlighting the importance of women’s full, equal and meaningful participation in parliaments, including in leadership positions and in decision-making at all levels, and the importance for parliaments to mainstream a gender perspective in their work,

Recognizing the value and the contribution of youth to the full and successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and therefore recommending that parliaments seek ways to achieve the full, equal and meaningful participation of youth in parliamentary processes, as appropriate, related to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Acknowledging the role and responsibility of parliaments with regard to national plans and strategies aimed at fully implementing the 2030 Agenda, as well as in

² Resolution [S-24/2](#), annex.

³ [A/79/880](#), annex.

ensuring greater transparency and accountability at both the national and the global levels,

Emphasizing that success in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions depends on the creation of enabling environments at all levels,

Mindful that rapid technological change includes new and powerful tools that can help to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda, and that the spread of information and communications technologies and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human development and bridge all digital divides, among and within countries, including the gender digital divide, and recognizing that national parliaments, among others, play an important role in addressing the impact, opportunities and challenges of rapid technological change,

Recognizing that digital transformation has the potential to contribute to social development, and the urgent need to close persistent and widening digital and knowledge divides between and within countries, to ensure that the benefits of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, are harnessed, while also addressing the harms and risks from their use, and to promote social development for all,

Recognizing also the importance of inclusive and people-centred policies to the 2030 Agenda, with a particular attention to poverty eradication, social development, reduction of inequalities, social justice and social integration, and acknowledging the role of parliaments in contributing to national and global dialogues,

Strengthening social protection systems and reinforcing investment in measures, including social protection floors, and integrating financing of social protection systems and policies into country-led plans and strategies while providing support to developing countries that aim to increase social protection coverage, including those that aim to do so by at least two percentage points per year,

Highlighting the role of parliaments in supporting the fundamental principles and rights at work in order to strengthen labour market institutions and social dialogue, as well as protect workers' rights, including through encouraging the ratification and implementation of the International Labour Organization fundamental conventions,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of parliamentary involvement in renewed commitment to unity, solidarity and multilateral cooperation to support social development and social justice;

2. *Reaffirms* the collective commitment to promoting social integration by fostering sustainable, inclusive, just, stable, safe, equitable and cohesive societies based on the respect for human dignity, promotion and protection of human rights and principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunity, solidarity, tolerance and full and equal participation for all;

3. *Encourages* parliaments to assess the contribution of their countries' existing national legal frameworks to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with particular attention to the three core themes of social development, namely, poverty eradication, promotion of full and productive employment and decent work for all and social integration;

4. *Reaffirms* the right to education and that access to inclusive and equitable quality education constitutes a cornerstone for social development and social cohesion;

5. *Encourages* Member States to promote the engagement and support of parliaments in the follow-up and review processes of the achievement of the

Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in the preparation of voluntary national reviews, in order to ensure and strengthen national ownership, accountability and social integration;

6. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Doha Political Declaration of the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”,⁴ which, inter alia, acknowledges the role of parliaments in its follow-up;

7. *Encourages* public awareness of parliamentary processes and opportunities for public engagement in monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

8. *Welcomes* the practice of including parliamentarians as members of national delegations to major United Nations meetings and events, as appropriate, including the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and invites Member States to continue this practice in a more regular and systematic manner, and with due consideration given to achieving gender balance within such delegations;

9. *Reiterates its support* for the developing countries, particularly African countries, least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, in, inter alia, strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated social development data.

⁴ Resolution [80/5](#), annex.