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to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and
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77/326. International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, 2024–2033

The General Assembly,

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, and 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 also 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,

Taking note of the annual multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, as a component of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, in facilitating interaction, networking and the establishment of networks and multi-stakeholder partnerships for the implementation of the Goals,



Reaffirming its resolution 68/220 of 20 December 2013 on science, technology and innovation for development, in which it recognized that full and equal access to and participation in science, technology and innovation for women and men is essential to achieve sustainable development, and its resolution 70/212 of 22 December 2015 on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, in which it recognized that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognizing that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology communities and that their participation should be strengthened,

Recalling its resolutions 65/161 of 20 December 2010, in which it declared the period 2011–2020 the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, 67/215 of 21 December 2012, in which it declared the period 2014–2024 the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All, 70/259 of 1 April 2016, in which it proclaimed the period 2016–2025 the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition, 71/222 of 21 December 2016, in which it proclaimed the period 2018–2028 the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 72/73 of 5 December 2017, in which it proclaimed the period 2021–2030 as the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 72/233 of 20 December 2017, in which it proclaimed the period 2018–2027 the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, 73/284 of 1 March 2019, in which it proclaimed the period 2021–2030 the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, 74/135 of 18 December 2019, in which it proclaimed the period 2022–2032 the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, and 75/131 of 14 December 2020, in which it proclaimed the period 2021–2030 the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing,

Recalling also its resolution 76/14 of 2 December 2021, in which it proclaimed the year 2022 the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, which began in July 2022 and will conclude in December 2023,

Noting that one of the flagship events of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, entitled “A chance for society to build on sciences for sustainability”, convened by the President of the General Assembly on 24 May 2023 at United Nations Headquarters, highlighted the need for the proclamation of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development,

Acknowledging that humanity is exposed to complex challenges, and that the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in all its dimensions requires a more effective and inclusive approach based on synergistic cooperation of all sciences – basic and applied sciences as well as social and human sciences, including traditional knowledge – enabling the development of technology, innovation and education,

Emphasizing that the evidence-based methodologies and the models of operation and collaboration used in research can support policymakers in finding adequate responses to the present and future complex challenges, and that open science can help in promoting and strengthening international cooperation,

Recognizing that developing countries face specific challenges in accessing new sciences and technologies, stressing the need to bridge the divides within and between countries, and highlighting the importance of financing and capacity-building,

1. *Decides* to proclaim the period 2024–2033 the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, within existing structures and available resources, to represent a unique opportunity for humanity to use the critical role that sciences play in the pursuit of sustainable development in its three dimensions as one

of the key means of implementation as well as in responding to the complex challenges of our time to ensure a safe and prosperous future for all;

2. *Invites* all United Nations Member States, all relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other global, regional and subregional organizations, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including academia, civil society organizations, the private sector and individuals, to observe and raise awareness of the importance of all sciences for sustainable development, and to actively concur, in accordance with national priorities, with the promotion of a coordinated, collaborative, scientific approach providing policymakers with evidence-based analyses and data necessary for establishing and effectively implementing policies in such a way that no one is left behind;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to lead the implementation of the Decade, in collaboration with other relevant organizations of the United Nations system as well as other stakeholders, including those involved in the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, identifying and developing activities and programmes within their mandates and using existing resources and voluntary contributions, as appropriate;

4. *Invites* the Governments of the United Nations Member States and other relevant stakeholders, including global, regional and subregional organizations, academia, civil society organizations, the private sector and the media, to actively support the implementation of the Decade, including through voluntary contributions, as appropriate;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly about the implementation of the Decade on the basis of triennial reports to be prepared and compiled by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2026, 2029 and 2032, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

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