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Promoting social integration through social inclusion

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held at 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 at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/12 of 22 July 2010 on promoting social integration,

Recalling further the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, in which Heads of State and Government acknowledged the significant importance of promoting comprehensive systems of social protection that provide universal access to essential social services, consistent with national priorities and circumstances, to meet internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Reaffirming the commitment of the international community to realizing the universal right to decent work, an adequate standard of living, essential social services and social security for all,

Recognizing that economic growth should be accompanied by social inclusion and needs to be translated into poverty eradication and social protection policies, programmes and mechanisms to achieve an inclusive society with sustainable development, in every country, particularly in developing countries,

¹ See resolution 65/1.





Expressing concern that those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations, such as women, young people, persons with disabilities and older persons, as well as migrants and indigenous people, continue to be widely excluded from the gains of economic growth,

Recognizing that social inclusion policies and systems play a critical role in promoting an inclusive society, and is also crucial for fostering stable, safe, harmonious, peaceful and just societies and for improving social cohesion and inclusion so as to create an environment for development and progress,

Reaffirming the essential role of corporate social responsibility in creating an enabling environment to promote economic growth and social integration,

Recognizing that social inclusion should be implemented as a result of and as a complement to democracy, as a best practice policy of States and as a useful tool for promoting social integration,

Acknowledging that social inclusion policies should also strengthen gender equality, as well as the rights of indigenous people and the rights and obligations of migrants,

Acknowledging also that the participation of persons in vulnerable or marginalized situations is crucial to formulate and implement social inclusion policies that effectively achieve social integration, as appropriate,

Stressing the importance of a conducive international environment, in particular enhanced international cooperation to support national efforts towards promoting social integration through social inclusion in every country, particularly in developing countries, including the fulfilment of all commitments on official development assistance, debt relief, market access, financial and technical support and capacity-building,

Expressing concern that, in times of world economic and financial crisis, climate change and food insecurity, social exclusion can be exacerbated, and therefore recognizing the critical need to implement sustainable and reliable social inclusion policies and programmes,

- 1. Stresses that States have the moral obligation to create a "society for all" based on respect for fundamental human rights and the principles of equality and equity among individuals, access to basic social services and promotion of the active participation of every member of society, in particular those in vulnerable or marginalized situations, in all aspects of life, including civic, social, economic and political activities, as well as participation in decision-making processes;
- 2. Calls upon States to promote a more equitable distribution of economic growth gains by implementing socially responsive macroeconomic policies to pursue social integration through social inclusion;
- 3. *Encourages* States to consider, when appropriate, the creation, in as timely a manner as possible, of national institutions or agencies for promoting, implementing and evaluating social inclusion programmes and mechanisms at the national and local levels;

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² See 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, annex II, para. 66.

- 4. *Invites* Member States, and encourages regional organizations, to support national efforts to achieve inclusive societies, in particular in developing countries, by providing financial and technical cooperation for the design and implementation of sound social inclusion policies;
- 5. Calls upon relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including those belonging to the international financial system, to support States in mainstreaming social integration objectives into social inclusion policies, ensuring the participation of persons in vulnerable or marginalized situations in planning, implementing and monitoring processes, in collaboration with development partners, the private sector and civil society organizations;
- 6. *Invites* States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, development partners, the private sector and civil society organizations to exchange views and share information concerning sound social inclusion policies and best practices;
- 7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session;
- 8. *Decides* to consider the question further at its sixty-seventh session under a sub-item entitled "Promotion of social inclusion".

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