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Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing that the Convention on the Rights of the Child¹ constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and, bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention,² calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation, as well as that of other human rights instruments,

Welcoming the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the human rights treaty with the most ratifications in history, and acknowledging that the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children,

Recognizing that, while progress has been made, the situation of children is critical in many parts of the world and many challenges remain to ensure the full realization of their rights, and that in this regard the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention is an occasion for States to reflect on implementation gaps and to undertake additional measures to ensure children's rights,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level commemorative event to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child¹ during the high-level week of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, on 25 September 2019, from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber;

2. *Also decides* that, in addition to the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Messenger of Peace Ms. Malala Yousafzai,

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** In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to decide to consider agenda item 70 directly in plenary meeting.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

² Ibid., vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and resolution [66/138](#), annex.



and representatives of Poland, as the initiator of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, and of the first Member State from each regional group to have ratified the Convention, in their national capacity, will address the high-level commemorative event;

3. *Further decides* to convene a one-day high-level meeting in the General Assembly Hall on 20 November 2019 on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that the high-level meeting will begin with an opening plenary meeting and an interactive segment with the meaningful participation of children, and will continue with a high-level plenary meeting;

4. *Decides* that, in addition to the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, as well as a representative of civil society engaged in the promotion of the rights of the child, to be identified by the President of the General Assembly, will address the opening plenary meeting, and that following the interactive segment, Member States will address the high-level plenary meeting and observers of the General Assembly will also be invited to address the high-level plenary meeting;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a transparent manner and in consultation with Member States, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting, with due regard given to gender balance and equitable geographical distribution, as well as the meaningful participation of children;

6. *Encourages* Member States and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting at the highest possible level and to include children and young persons in their delegations;

7. *Encourages* Member States to incorporate the views and perspectives of children in their commemorative activities on the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the regional, national and subnational levels, with a view to continuing to take action and to strengthen efforts for the advancement of the rights of the child, and to consider sharing their experiences during the high-level meeting;

8. *Invites* all relevant United Nations entities and other relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to participate in the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting at the highest possible level;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of interested representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the high-level commemorative event and the high-level meeting;

10. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a timely manner, to draw up a list of other representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the high-level commemorative event and participate in the interactive segment of the high-level meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the meaningful

participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;³

11. *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare a summary of the high-level meeting in November and to bring the summary to the attention of Member States, relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders.

³ The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.