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Sustainable development: towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 18 (see [A/77/443](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 22nd meeting, on 21 November 2022. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary record.¹

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.19/Rev.1](#)

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 21 November 2022, the representative of Türkiye introduced a revised draft resolution entitled "Promoting zero-waste initiatives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" ([A/C.2/77/L.19/Rev.1](#)), submitted by Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya,

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¹ See [A/C.2/77/SR.22](#).



Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen. Subsequently, Angola, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Madagascar, Maldives, Oman, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Sweden, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

3. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.19/Rev.1](#) had no programme budget implications.

4. Also at the same meeting, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Central African Republic, Namibia, Saint Lucia and Timor-Leste joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. Also at the 22nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.19/Rev.1](#) (see para. 13, draft resolution I).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolutions, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Monaco, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine).

B. Draft resolutions [A/C.2/77/L.21](#) and [A/C.2/77/L.44](#)

7. At the 21st meeting, on 10 November 2022, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21” ([A/C.2/77/L.21](#)).

8. At the 22nd meeting, on 21 November 2022, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21” ([A/C.2/77/L.44](#)), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ahmed Magdy (Egypt), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.21](#).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that [A/C.2/77/L.44](#) had no programme budget implications.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.44](#) (see para. 13, draft resolution II).

11. Also at the 22nd meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Monaco, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine) made a statement.

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.44](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/77/L.21](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Promoting zero waste initiatives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [75/224](#) of 21 December 2020, entitled “Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)”, [76/202](#) of 17 December 2021, entitled “Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21”, [76/205](#) of 17 December 2021, entitled “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind”, [76/207](#) of 17 December 2021, entitled “Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development”, and [76/208](#) of 17 December 2021, entitled “Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme”,

Recalling also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,¹ in particular those paragraphs relevant to the sustainable management of waste and those on sustainable consumption and production,

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,

Reaffirming also its commitment to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,² the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement,³ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,⁴ the Convention on Biological Diversity,⁵ the New Urban Agenda⁶ and other major internationally agreed United

¹ Resolution [66/288](#), annex.

² Resolution [69/313](#), annex.

³ Adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

⁴ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁶ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

Nations outcome documents in the economic, social and environmental fields, which are fully complementary and mutually reinforcing with the 2030 Agenda,

Reaffirming further the New Urban Agenda, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, and its vision for cities and human settlements that protect, conserve, restore and promote their ecosystems, water, natural habitats and biodiversity, minimize their environmental impact and change to sustainable consumption and production patterns,

Recognizing the importance of the recent major conferences and their outcomes, including the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the first part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa and the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, recognizing also the importance of the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to assess the progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the first part of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as the extension by the Assembly, in its resolution [76/202](#) of 17 December 2021, of the mandate of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns to 2030, and welcoming the approval of the new Global Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production 2023–2030 by the Board of the 10-Year Framework, on 19 October 2022,

Reaffirming the role and expertise of UN-Habitat, given its role within the United Nations system as focal point on sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including in the implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities,

Reaffirming also the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment,

Aware that the use of chemicals and the amount of waste generated will grow substantially in the coming years, and expressing great concern with regard to the unsound management of chemicals and waste and its negative impacts on human health and the environment,

Recognizing that women often take the lead in promoting environmental protection and conservation, reducing resource use and reusing and recycling resources to minimize waste and excessive consumption, and that women can have a particularly powerful role in influencing sustainable consumption decisions,

Stressing the urgency of taking immediate actions towards the long-term elimination of plastic pollution in marine environments, including through promoting

national action plans to work towards the prevention, reduction and elimination of marine litter and plastic pollution from all sources, and promoting sustainable consumption and production approaches, including resources efficiency and life-cycle approaches, in which products and materials are designed in such a way that they can be reused, remanufactured or recycled and therefore retained in the economy for as long as possible, along with the resources of which they are made, and the generation of waste is avoided or minimized,

Welcoming the decision by the United Nations Environment Assembly, in its resolution 5/14 of 2 March 2022, entitled “End plastic pollution: towards an internationally legally binding instrument”,⁷ to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment,

Welcoming also United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 5/7,⁸ entitled “Sound management of chemicals and waste”; 5/8, entitled “Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution”⁹ and 5/11, entitled “Enhancing circular economy as contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production”,¹⁰ adopted on 2 March 2022,

Recognizing the need to promote sustainable and environmentally sound management of waste as part of contributing to progress towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal¹¹ and towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 12, taking into account national circumstances,

Reiterating calls for Member States, especially developed countries that are in a position to do so, international organizations and international financial institutions to provide developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular those experiencing conflict, with financial assistance, capacity-building support, and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, for the environmentally sound management of waste,

Noting with concern the findings in the contribution of Working Group III to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change sixth assessment report, including that the waste sector remains a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in urban settings,

Recognizing the important role of cities and rural areas in sustainable and the environmentally sound management of waste, including by the application of local and national zero-waste initiatives, which can contribute to reducing pollution, including plastic pollution in marine and other environments, climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and the sustainable use of biodiversity and the services provided by ecosystems, the protection of the marine environment, enhancing food security and improving human health,

Acknowledging the success stories of Member States in developing and implementing innovative solid waste management solutions and technologies and engaging local communities, including innovative projects and programmes such as local and national zero-waste initiatives to foster the environmentally sound

⁷ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.14.](#)

⁸ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.7.](#)

⁹ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.8.](#)

¹⁰ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.11.](#)

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1673, No. 28911.

management of waste, in particular the minimization and, where feasible, prevention of waste,

Recognizing that local and national zero-waste initiatives can contribute to achieving sustainable consumption and production, in line, inter alia, with resolution 5/11 adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to set up an advisory board of eminent persons, based on voluntary contributions, selected on the basis of their knowledge, experience and expertise and with due regard to gender balance and equitable geographic representation, in consultation with Member States, for a period of three years, to promote local and national zero-waste initiatives through, inter alia, the dissemination of best practices and success stories, based on the work of, and without duplication with, relevant existing regional and global platforms, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), within their respective mandates;

2. *Recommends* the continuation of the discussion on zero-waste initiatives within the relevant United Nations entities, on the basis of verified data on sustainable and environmentally sound waste management, among other considerations, within their work on sustainable consumption and production;

3. *Encourages* Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations to implement zero-waste initiatives at all levels, so as to promote environmentally sound management of waste and sustainable development;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the United Nations Environment Programme to include, within existing resources, in the next iteration of the *Global Waste Management Outlook*, a dedicated section on zero-waste initiatives, including on activities and experiences of such initiatives;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, through voluntary contributions and without duplication of effort, including activities organized by the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, to convene a one-day high-level meeting, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and UN-Habitat, in New York, in 2023, during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, including innovative projects and programmes such as local and national zero-waste initiatives to foster the environmentally sound management of waste in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹² the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the New Urban Agenda and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal;

6. *Decides* to proclaim 30 March as International Day of Zero Waste, to be observed annually;

7. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, to observe the International Day of Zero Waste, in an appropriate manner, through activities aimed at raising awareness of national, subnational, regional and local zero-waste initiatives and their contribution to achieving sustainable development;

¹² Resolution [70/1](#).

8. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme and UN-Habitat, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#), to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Zero Waste;
9. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;
10. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to contribute to and support the implementation of the International Day;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, for appropriate observance;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform Member States about the implementation of the present resolution, through the report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its eightieth session under the sub-item entitled “Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21” of the item entitled “Sustainable development”.

Draft resolution II

Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ Agenda 21,² the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,³ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)⁵ and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,⁶ as well as all relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

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,

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the resulting processes for the elaboration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for the realization of sustainable development, and recognizing also the uneven progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and all other internationally agreed development goals and commitments necessary to achieve sustainable development,

Reaffirming the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions, and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,

Recalling the convening of the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development, from 5 to 15 July, and the adoption of its ministerial declaration,⁷

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

⁴ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁵ *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

⁶ Resolution 66/288, annex.

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/77/3)*.

Recognizing that digital technologies and the unprecedented scale, spread and speed of change brought about by them can be harnessed to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Stressing the need, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, to benefit from and build on experiences, success stories, best practices, challenges and the lessons learned from the previous agreements on sustainable development,

Stressing also the importance of overcoming silos and seeking innovative and coordinated approaches in integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development, and in this regard taking note of the actions and initiatives implemented by the United Nations system entities,

Stressing further the need to determine gaps, obstacles, synergies and challenges in the implementation of commitments and instruments in the sustainable development field, in a coherent and integrated manner, and with a view to pursuing and achieving policy coherence as well as identifying new opportunities and emerging challenges for international cooperation on the path towards sustainable development,

Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,⁸ the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,⁹ the New Urban Agenda,¹⁰ the Convention on Biological Diversity¹¹ and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,¹² as well as major outcome documents in relation to countries in special situations,

Noting with great concern the severe negative impact on human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing and implementing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to help to reduce the risk of and build resilience to future shocks, crises and pandemics, including by strengthening health systems and achieving universal health coverage, and recognizing that equitable and timely access for all to safe, quality, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics are an essential part of a global response based on unity, solidarity, renewed multilateral cooperation and the principle of leaving no one behind,

Noting with concern that the compounded effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict and economic shocks, and climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, have exacerbated existing challenges in the international community's efforts, especially for developing countries, to implement sustainable consumption and production, and may further reverse progress towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Sustainable Development Goal 12, and therefore stressing the importance of promoting sustainable consumption and production in the context of sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies,

Noting with concern also the latest warnings by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, including on the vulnerability of ecosystems to climate change being strongly influenced by human society, including from unsustainable consumption and

⁸ Resolution 69/313, annex.

⁹ See [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution 71/256, annex.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹² Resolution 69/283, annex II.

production, and further recognizing that the reduction of unsustainable consumption and production, including waste generation, will support progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 12, while stressing the importance of eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions and of reducing inequality, recognizing that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21”;¹³

2. *Recognizes* that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development constituted a milestone that ushered in major international instruments and commitments that guide progress in closing development gaps within and among developed and developing countries, and reaffirms all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁴ as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012, entitled “The future we want”;

3. *Urges* the full and effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and all other internationally agreed development goals and commitments in the economic, social and environmental fields, including the Millennium Development Goals and those under the three Rio conventions, building on their contributions, best practices, challenges and lessons learned, in order to support the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

4. *Recognizes* that the 2030 Agenda builds on issues included in Agenda 21, and encourages further efforts aimed at strengthening international cooperation to address gaps in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

5. *Acknowledges*, in this regard, that sustainable consumption and production practices can be cost-efficient and effective ways to achieve economic development, reduce environmental impacts and advance human well-being, and urges the need to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 12, in order to contribute to the achievement of all Goals;

6. *Recognizes* that the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development adopted, among other commitments on sustainable consumption and production, the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns,¹⁵ and that both the Framework and its multi-partner trust fund are tools for action on sustainable consumption and production, recalls the launch of the “One Plan for One Planet” strategy 2018–2022, and in this regard reiterates the need for such initiatives to continue to share best practices and provide other forms of technical assistance in the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns, including by providing tools and solutions for policy design and implementation;

7. *Welcomes* the decision of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns to approve the Global Strategy for Sustainable Consumption and Production 2023–2030,¹⁶ following a consultative process involving Member States and stakeholders, and calls upon

¹³ [A/77/210](#).

¹⁴ Resolution [70/1](#).

¹⁵ [A/CONF.216/5](#), annex.

¹⁶ [A/77/607](#).

Member States, United Nations entities and stakeholders to support its implementation and resource mobilization as part of the international efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and the objectives of the multilateral environmental agreements;

8. *Recognizes* that unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are key drivers of natural resource depletion, climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, malnutrition and land degradation, and therefore recommits to making fundamental changes in the way that societies produce and consume goods and services through the transition to sustainable economic and business models that promote sustainable consumption and production patterns as well as through policies, frameworks, partnerships, technological innovation and instruments that improve resource efficiency and the sustainable management of natural resources, reduce waste, encourage approaches such as the circular economy, life cycle and other approaches, as appropriate and taking into account national circumstances and capacities, enable consumers to make sustainable consumption choices, mainstream sustainability practices, encourage sustainable and environmentally sound bio-based products and increase resilience across all sectors of the economy, which will contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 12, and in this regard welcomes the extension by the General Assembly, in its resolution [76/202](#) of 17 December 2021, of the mandate of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns until 31 December 2030, and encourages the implementation of the Framework of Programmes, in accordance with target 12.1 of Goal 12;

9. *Also recognizes* the important role of the private sector in promoting and utilizing sustainable practices, including for multinational corporations and micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises which may face greater challenges in enhancing resource efficiency;

10. *Acknowledges* the link between plastic waste and pollution and sustainable consumption and production patterns, and calls upon all Member States to continue to step up activities across the life cycle of plastic to prevent, reduce and eliminate plastic pollution, including through innovative approaches that foster environmentally sound management, including the reduction, reuse and recycling of plastic waste;

11. *Welcomes* the decision by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session, in resolution 5/14 of 2 March 2022,¹⁷ to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, taking into account, among other things, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as national circumstances and capabilities, and underscores the importance of securing an ambitious international legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, while acknowledging that some legal obligations arising out of a new instrument will require capacity-building and technical and financial assistance in order to be effectively implemented by developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and also welcomes the commitment made by ministers during the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development to actively follow up on the decision by engaging in the intergovernmental negotiating committee, with the ambition of completing its work by the end of 2024;

¹⁷ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.14](#).

12. *Urges* the international community to continue to support developing countries in strengthening their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production, and calls for enhanced support to developing countries by providing means of implementation;

13. *Encourages* the further strengthening of the science-policy interface and of the means of implementation from all sources and at all levels, including a revitalized and enhanced Global Partnership, as well as by supporting innovative approaches to sustainability science and emphasizing cross-disciplinary partnerships;

14. *Requests* the United Nations system to further mainstream and integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout its work, and to continue to exchange experiences and lessons learned in this regard and to step up its efforts at all levels in continued support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

15. *Encourages* regional and subregional organizations to continue to promote sustainable development in their respective regions by, inter alia, promoting peer learning and cooperation, including South-South and triangular cooperation, as well as effective linkages among global, regional, subregional and national processes, as appropriate, to advance sustainable development;

16. *Strongly encourages* further accelerated actions and multi-stakeholder partnerships at all levels, including with the United Nations system and international financial system, to advance innovative pathways to achieving sustainable consumption and production, in line with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/11 of 2 March 2022, entitled “Enhancing circular economy as contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production”,¹⁸ as part of accelerated progress towards the 2030 Agenda, thereby creating job opportunities, promoting sustainable business practices and fostering more sustainable and stable global supply chains, and ensuring that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness about sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature;

17. *Stresses* the urgency of promoting sustainable consumption and production approaches, in which products and materials are designed in such a way that they can be reused, remanufactured or recycled and therefore retained in the economy for as long as possible, along with the resources of which they are made, the generation of waste is avoided or minimized and greenhouse gas emissions are prevented or reduced;

18. *Encourages* all countries to participate in the 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit) at the highest possible level, reiterates the need to use the Summit to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development and follow up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, including through national and regional consultations, invites the Secretary-General to mobilize Governments, the United Nations system and stakeholders in preparing for the Summit so that it marks the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and looks forward to the *Global Sustainable Development Report* as an important input in this regard;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, with

¹⁸ [UNEP/EA.5/Res.11](#).

a particular focus on the state of play with regard to sustainable consumption and production and the application and promotion thereof, taking into account the impacts of, response to and recovery from COVID-19, and to recommend concrete actions to implement the 2030 Agenda in this regard;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21”.
