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State of Palestine:* draft resolution

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

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,

* On behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution [73/5](#) of 16 October 2018.

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.



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 resulting processes for the elaboration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for the realization of sustainable development,

Recognizing also that, since the holding of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the international community has shown uneven progress in the achievement of the internationally agreed 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,

Welcoming the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly on 24 and 25 September 2019, and its political declaration,⁷

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 for Sustainable Development, and in this regard welcoming the establishment by the Secretary-General of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation and taking note of its report, entitled “The age of digital interdependence”, submitted to the Secretary-General on 10 June 2019,

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

Taking note of the actions and initiatives implemented by United Nations system entities in order to mainstream the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental – throughout their work,

Stressing the importance of overcoming silos and seeking innovative and coordinated approaches in integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development at the global, regional and national levels,

Reiterating that 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 Agenda¹⁰ and the Sendai Framework for Disaster

⁷ Resolution 74/4.

⁸ Resolution 69/313, annex.

⁹ See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution 71/256, annex.

Risk Reduction 2015–2030,¹¹ as well as major outcome documents in relation to countries in special situations, shall be implemented in their integrity and totality, and the commitments enshrined therein shall be honoured, in line with the principles of multilateralism and international cooperation,

1. *Takes note* of the 2019 *Global Sustainable Development Report*, entitled “The future is now: science for achieving sustainable development”;

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General 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;¹²

3. *Further takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system;¹³

4. *Reaffirms* 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”,⁶

5. *Also reaffirms*, as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁴ all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ including the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, as set out in principle 7 thereof;

6. *Recognizes* that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development constituted a milestone that ushered in major international instruments and commitments that continue to guide progress in closing development gaps between developed and developing countries, including the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹⁵ the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change¹⁶ and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa¹⁷ (the Rio Conventions), as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

7. *Urges* the full and effective implementation of all 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, in order to support the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on their contributions, best practices, challenges and lessons learned;

8. *Stresses* the need to determine gaps, obstacles 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;

9. *Also stresses* the importance of the interlinkages between Agenda 21² and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including, inter alia, land management in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 15, chemical management and the management of groundwater contamination and waste in the

¹¹ Resolution 69/283, annex II.

¹² A/74/204.

¹³ A/74/72-E/2019/13.

¹⁴ Resolution 70/1.

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹⁶ Ibid., vol. 1771, No. 30822.

¹⁷ Ibid., vol. 1954, No. 33480.

context of Goals 3, 6, 12 and other relevant targets, and sustainable consumption and production patterns in the context of Goal 12, and calls for strengthened international cooperation to address gaps in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

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

11. *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,¹⁸ and that both the Framework and its multi-partner trust fund are tools for action on sustainable consumption and production, and notes the launch of the “One Plan for One Planet” strategy 2018–2022, and in this regard reiterates the need for such initiatives to support countries, especially developing countries, in the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns, including by providing tools and solutions for policy design and implementation;

12. *Calls for* urgent and concerted political action to develop policy frameworks and instruments that improve resource efficiency, reduce waste and mainstream sustainability practices across all sectors of the economy;

13. *Encourages* the private sector to adopt more resource-efficient production practices, including for multinational corporations and micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises which may face greater challenges in enhancing resource efficiency, recognizing that such shifts in practices can create opportunities for productivity increases and have positive effects on the upskilling and remuneration of workers;

14. *Acknowledges* the link between plastic waste and sustainable consumption and production patterns, and encourages further efforts at all levels to reduce, reuse and recycle plastics and to address through innovative approaches different types of plastic waste, including marine plastic litter;

15. *Urges* the international community, with the support of the United Nations system, to cooperate to achieve universal digital connectivity, including by providing technology transfer and capacity-building support for developing countries to bridge the digital divide and promote sustainable consumption and production patterns;

16. *Encourages* the further strengthening of the science-policy interface and the strengthening of the means of implementation at all levels, including a revitalized and enhanced Global Partnership, as well as by supporting innovative approaches to sustainability science, emphasizing cross-disciplinary partnerships and committing support and resources to scientific institutions in the global South, in order for the international community to mitigate the trade-offs in pursuing the economic, social and environmental objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

17. *Requests*, in this regard, 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 to ensure effective support to developing countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

18. *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

¹⁸ [A/CONF.216/5](#), annex.

as effective linkages among global, regional, subregional and national processes, as appropriate, to advance sustainable development;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including on the promotion and application of sustainable consumption and production patterns;

20. *Decides* to consider, inter alia, in future iterations of the present resolution, ways to further advance the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account relevant discussions at the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

21. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled, “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, aiming at accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
