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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 and General Assembly resolution [66/122](#) of 19 December 2011,

Recalling further the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,¹ 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,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisive commitment of several United Nations entities to mainstreaming social inclusion into their work and encouraging others to do the same,

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

¹ Resolution 65/1.



Stressing that the promotion of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth that can overcome the challenges of unemployment is necessary to achieve poverty eradication and inequality reduction and should be complemented, as appropriate, by effective social protection policies, including social inclusion policies,

Recognizing that the gains of economic growth should also benefit those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations,

Recognizing also that social inclusion and equity are intrinsically linked, and that focusing on and investing in the most disadvantaged and excluded populations, in particular vulnerable women and children, is critically important for the acceleration of progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda,

Recognizing further that social inclusion policies and systems play a critical role in promoting an inclusive society, and are 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 important role of corporate social responsibility and accountability in contributing to an enabling environment to promote inclusive economic growth and social integration,

Recognizing that social inclusion policies also strengthen the democratic process,

Stressing that social inclusion policies should promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and equal access to opportunities and social protection for all, in particular for those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations,

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

Recognizing the important role played by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in promoting social integration, inter alia, through social programmes and support for the development of socially inclusive policies,

Stressing the importance of an enabling international environment, in particular enhanced international cooperation to support national efforts towards promoting social integration through social inclusion in every country, 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 economic and financial crisis and ongoing concern about energy and food insecurity, social exclusion can be exacerbated; in this regard, sustainable and reliable social inclusion policies and programmes can play a positive role,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;²
2. *Stresses* that States, which bear the main responsibility for social integration and social inclusion, should prioritize the creation of a “society for all”

² A/68/169.

based on respect for all human rights and the principles of equality among individuals, the access to basic social services and the 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;

3. *Reaffirms* that social integration policies should seek to reduce inequalities, and that equity and social inclusion are building blocks for sustainable development, ensuring that individuals can participate and contribute to its social, economic and environmental dimensions in sustainable ways;

4. *Stresses* the importance of eradicating illiteracy and promoting for all equal access to and opportunities for quality education, skills development and quality training as essential means for participation and integration in society;

5. *Calls upon* States to promote a more equitable participation in and access to inclusive and sustainable growth and decent employment through, inter alia, policies that ensure inclusive labour markets and by implementing socially responsive macroeconomic policies in which employment has a key role, and social inclusion strategies which promote social integration ensuring social protection floors for those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations, as defined by each country in accordance with its individual circumstances, including on a demand-driven basis, and the promotion and protection of their social and economic rights;

6. *Encourages* States to consider, when appropriate, the creation of national institutions or agencies for promoting, implementing and evaluating social inclusion programmes and mechanisms at the national and local levels;

7. *Also encourages* States, together with relevant United Nations entities, to continue monitoring progress towards the relevant Millennium Development Goals, in particular regarding their indicators, as their achievement is an essential element to shape and promote national policies for social inclusion;

8. *Encourages* Member States, and invites relevant United Nations entities and international financial institutions, to promote social inclusion as a matter of social justice and in order to ensure that vulnerable populations are able to build resilience and adapt to stresses and shocks caused by increasing economic crises, humanitarian emergencies and climate change;

9. *Invites* Member States, and encourages regional organizations, to support national efforts to achieve inclusive societies, in particular in developing countries, upon their request, by providing, inter alia, financial and technical cooperation for the design and implementation of sound social inclusion policies;

10. *Encourages* Member States to mainstream social integration objectives into social inclusion policies, promoting the participation of persons in vulnerable or marginalized situations in planning, implementing and monitoring processes, in collaboration, as appropriate, with relevant organizations of the United Nations development system, regional organizations, international and regional financial institutions, development and social partners, the private sector and civil society organizations;

11. *Invites* Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, international and regional financial institutions, development and social partners, the private sector and civil society organizations to

provide information on their activities promoting social inclusion and social integration and to exchange views and share good practices and data on social inclusion policy development;

12. *Invites* Member States to advance social integration and non-discrimination as an integral part of addressing inequality within the post-2015 development agenda;

13. *Also invites* Member States to seize the opportunity offered by a post-2015 development agenda to reach those excluded from the progress made on the Millennium Development Goals by focusing efforts and resources on the most vulnerable and promoting their participation and that of civil society in decision-making processes, as well as developing goals, targets and indicators;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, taking into account information provided by Member States and relevant actors of the United Nations, on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

15. *Decides* to consider the question further at its seventieth session under the item entitled "Social development".
