

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the outcome of the mid-term review the widest publicity to all Member States and in particular to sensitize the heads of the agencies and institutions of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and the donor community to the measures and recommendations contained therein;

3. *Requests* all States, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs and programmes of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take, as a matter of urgency, concrete and effective measures in order to implement fully the recommendations contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and to do so in a coordinated manner;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of effective follow-up, monitoring and evaluation arrangements for the implementation of the New Agenda at the national, regional and global levels, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to strengthen and improve follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the New Agenda;

5. *Recognizes* the complementary role of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa in the implementation of the New Agenda, including the mobilization of adequate resources, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda in the year 2002, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third and fifty-fifth sessions a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution under an item entitled "Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review".

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51/33. Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day

The General Assembly,

Noting that 7 December marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation,⁹² done at Chicago on that date in 1944,

Recalling that the preamble to the Convention states that the future development of international civil aviation can greatly help to create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world,

Welcoming resolution A29-1 adopted in 1992 by the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization declaring 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day each year starting in 1994, and instructing the Secretary-General of the organization to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations accordingly,

⁹² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 15, No. 102, p. 295.

Noting that, at its meeting of 27 May 1996, the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization requested the Secretary-General of the organization to take steps to urge the General Assembly of the United Nations to recognize officially 7 December each year as International Civil Aviation Day,

1. *Proclaims* 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day;

2. *Urges* Governments as well as relevant national, regional, international and intergovernmental organizations to take appropriate steps to observe International Civil Aviation Day.

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51/34. Law of the sea

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the universal character of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea⁹³ and its fundamental importance for the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security, as well as for the sustainable use and development of the seas and oceans and their resources,

Considering that, in its resolution 2749 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, it proclaimed that the seabed and ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction ("the Area"), as well as the resources of the Area, are the common heritage of mankind, and considering also that the Convention, together with the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982⁹⁴ ("the Agreement"), provides the regime to be applied to the Area and its resources,

Noting the entry into force of the Agreement on 28 July 1996,

Noting with satisfaction the increase in the number of States parties to the Convention,

Recalling its resolution 49/28 of 6 December 1994 on the law of the sea, adopted consequent to the entry into force of the Convention on 16 November 1994,

Aware of the importance of the effective implementation of the Convention and its uniform and consistent application, as well as of the growing need to promote and facilitate international cooperation on the law of the sea and ocean affairs at the global, regional and subregional levels,

⁹³ *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

⁹⁴ Resolution 48/263, annex.