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### 77/316. World Steelpan Day

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

*Reaffirming also* 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,

*Recalling* that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, as set out in the 2030 Agenda, are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, and acknowledging the importance of taking measures to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, including expanded opportunities for all children, particularly girls, to access quality education, as well as the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels,



*Reaffirming* its resolution 77/192 of 15 December 2022, entitled “Literacy for life: shaping future agendas”, in which it expressed its conviction that literacy is crucial to the acquisition by every child, young person and adult of the essential knowledge, skills and competencies that will enable them to address the challenges that they may face in life and represents an essential condition of lifelong learning, which is an indispensable means for effective participation in the knowledge societies and economies of the twenty-first century, and to promote inclusive and equitable societies,

*Recalling* its resolution 77/268 of 18 January 2023 on education for democracy, in which it recognized the importance of equal opportunities for young people, including young women, to be an integral part of decision-making processes and participate in all spheres of life, and reaffirming that lifelong learning is an indispensable means for effective participation in the knowledge societies and economies of the twenty-first century and for promoting inclusive and equitable societies,

*Reaffirming* the importance of promoting and preserving cultural diversity, as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, and emphasizing that cultural diversity and the pursuit of cultural development by all peoples and nations are a source of mutual enrichment for the cultural life of humankind,

*Recognizing* the cultural and historical significance of the steelpan instrument, which originated in Trinidad and Tobago, and its correlation to cultural, social and economic development,

*Recognizing also* the potential of the steelpan in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, through its use in sectors such as tourism, culture, education, as well as science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics,

*Acknowledging* that the steelpan promotes inclusive societies, sustainable communities and the creative economy and can have a positive impact on mental health and well-being, gender equality and youth empowerment,

1. *Recalls* the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on culture and sustainable development;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Decides* to proclaim 11 August as World Steelpan Day, to be observed annually;
3. *Invites* all Member States, organizations and entities of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, through its national commissions, as well as civil society organizations, academic institutions and other relevant stakeholders to observe World Steelpan Day, through activities aimed at raising awareness of the cultural and historical significance of the steelpan as well as its link to sustainable development;
4. *Encourages* Member States and relevant stakeholders, in recognizing the potential of the steelpan in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in promoting inclusive societies, sustainable cities and communities and the creative economy, to organize cultural and educational activities, including performances, workshops, exhibitions and other events, to commemorate World Steelpan Day;
5. *Stresses* that the costs of all the activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

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<sup>1</sup> A/76/226.

6. *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, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to promote the observance of World Steelpan Day.

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*24 July 2023*

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