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66/256. The United Nations in global governance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 65/94 of 8 December 2010,

Reaffirming its respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Acknowledging the vital importance of an inclusive, transparent and effective multilateral system in order to better address the urgent global challenges of today, recognizing the universality of the United Nations, and reaffirming its commitment to promote and strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the role and authority of the General Assembly on global matters of concern to the international community, as set out in the Charter,

Welcoming the informal thematic debate of the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, on 28 June 2011, on the United Nations in global governance, organized by the President of the General Assembly,

Welcoming also the convening of the regional seminar on the same theme, held in Santiago on 8 and 9 August 2011, at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into account the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and the follow-up processes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, as appropriate,

1. *Reiterates* the need for inclusive, transparent and effective multilateral approaches to managing global challenges, and in this regard reaffirms the central role of the United Nations in ongoing efforts to find common solutions to such challenges;



2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on global economic governance and development;¹

3. *Recognizes* the importance and benefit of a continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international, regional and subregional forums, organizations and groups dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as appropriate;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system”, the sub-item entitled “Central role of the United Nations system in global governance”, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, by the end of February 2013, an analytical report focusing on global economic governance and development, with further concrete recommendations, to be prepared in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the follow-up processes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, as appropriate;

5. *Invites*, in this regard, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to consider organizing, in a coordinated manner, informal thematic debates on the subject of the present resolution;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, as well as international financial and trade institutions, civil society, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders, to contribute to these deliberations, as appropriate.

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¹ A/66/506.