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Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [41/11](#) of 27 October 1986, in which the Atlantic Ocean, in the region situated between Africa and South America, was solemnly declared a zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA),

Reaffirming that the questions of maintenance of international peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and considering that cooperation among States, in particular those of the region, for peace and development is essential for the promotion of the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Reaffirming also the importance of the purposes and objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a basis for the promotion of cooperation among the States of the region,

Recalling the strong potential the South Atlantic presents for the socioeconomic development of the States members of the zone, and reiterating that the zone is a forum for the development and strengthening of cooperation among its member States in areas such as science and technology, education, capacity-building, coastal surveillance, environment, defence, strengthening of national institutions, trade, sports, tourism, economy, communications, transport, culture and political dialogue,

Noting with appreciation the commitment of Member States towards fulfilling the goals of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic and their engagement in its revitalization through a number of initiatives, as reaffirmed during the seventh ministerial meeting of the zone, held in Montevideo on 15 and 16 January 2013,

Recalling the first ZPCSA Seminar on Maritime Traffic Safety and Surveillance, held in Salvador in 2013, and the ZPCSA Peacekeeping Operations Seminar, held in Salvador in 2015, in accordance with the Montevideo Plan of Action¹ and building on the Luanda Initiative,

¹ [A/67/746](#), annex II.



Also noting with appreciation the intensification of cooperation among States members of the zone in the maritime security domain, including through joint naval exercises, international symposia and other capacity-building initiatives,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in which it urged States of the region to continue their actions aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, especially through the implementation of specific programmes,

Recalling the latest report of the Secretary-General on the ZPCSA,²

1. *Stresses* the role of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a forum for increased interaction, coordination and cooperation among its member States;

2. *Recalls with appreciation* the holding of the seventh ministerial meeting of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, in Montevideo on 15 and 16 January 2013, and the adoption of the Montevideo Declaration³ and the Montevideo Plan of Action;

3. *Calls upon* States to cooperate in the promotion of the objectives of peace and cooperation established in resolution 41/11 and reiterated in the Montevideo Declaration and the Montevideo Plan of Action;

4. *Requests* the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system, and invites relevant partners, including international financial institutions, to render all appropriate assistance that States members of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic may seek in their joint efforts to continue to implement the Montevideo Plan of Action;

5. *Encourages* the convening of ministerial meetings on a biennial basis, as well as annual meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly, and the establishment of a follow-up mechanism, as decided in the Montevideo Declaration;

6. *Acknowledges* the presentation during the seventh ministerial meeting of a number of bilateral cooperation programmes which complement the efforts aimed at enhancing cooperation within the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic;

7. *Also recalls* the offer by the Government of Cabo Verde to host the eighth ministerial meeting of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic in the near future, and invites the States members of the Zone to actively participate in the preparatory process for such meeting;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the implementation of resolution 41/11 and subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic under review and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, taking into account, inter alia, the views expressed by Member States;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic".

² A/69/973 and A/69/973/Add.1.

³ A/67/746, annex I.