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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/73/L.101 and A/73/L.101/Add.1)]

### 73/327. International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, 2021

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* 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,

*Emphasizing* that the Convention on the Rights of the Child<sup>1</sup> constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and, bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention,<sup>2</sup> calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation, as well as that of other human rights instruments,

*Recalling* the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)<sup>3</sup> and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), of the International Labour Organization,<sup>4</sup>

*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

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and resolution 66/138, annex.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1015, No. 14862.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2133, No. 37245.



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 necessary for its organization and financing have been made,

*Reaffirming also* the commitments made by Member States to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms,

*Recognizing* the importance of revitalized global partnerships to ensure the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the implementation of the goals and targets related to the elimination of child labour,

*Recognizing also* that 2016 was the Year for the Elimination of Child Labour established by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries,

*Noting* the adoption of the Buenos Aires Declaration on Child Labour, Forced Labour and Youth Employment at the fourth Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour, held in Buenos Aires from 14 to 16 November 2017, including the commitments contained therein,

1. *Decides* to declare 2021 the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to observe the International Year, as appropriate, through activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of the eradication of child labour, and to share best practices in this regard;
3. *Invites* the International Labour Organization, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#), to facilitate the implementation of the International Year;
4. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution and that are above and beyond those currently within the mandate of the lead agency should be met through voluntary contributions;
5. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to make voluntary contributions and to provide other forms of support for the International Year;
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 civil society organizations for appropriate observance.

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25 July 2019*