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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana) on the basis of informal consultations

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions [54/228](#) of 22 December 1999, [55/207](#) of 20 December 2000, [55/258](#) of 14 June 2001, [55/278](#) of 12 July 2001, [58/224](#) of 23 December 2003 and [60/214](#) of 22 December 2005,

Recalling also its resolutions 2009/10 of 27 July 2009, 2011/10 of 22 July 2011, 2013/14 of 23 July 2013, [2015/9](#) of 9 June 2015, [2017/5](#) of 21 April 2017 and [2019/12](#) of 7 June 2019,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations System Staff College as an institution for system-wide knowledge management, training and continuous learning for the staff of the United Nations system, in particular in the areas of economic and social development, peace and security and internal management,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution [60/214](#),¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Welcomes* the progress made by the United Nations System Staff College, over the past two years, in providing high-quality learning and training opportunities to United Nations staff and to relevant partners of the United Nations system;
3. *Recognizes* the important role played by the Staff College through inter-agency capacity-building, in particular in the areas of economic and social development, peace and security and internal management;
4. *Commends* the Staff College for its ability to swiftly adapt to the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and to efficiently

¹ [E/2021/12](#).



serve the United Nations system by delivering relevant learning services in support of United Nations staff and partners amid the global crisis;

5. *Acknowledges* the continued efforts of the Staff College to ensure its sustainability, including through self-generated resources, and encourages the international community to strengthen its support to the College through voluntary contributions, in accordance with article VII of its statute;

6. *Reaffirms* the role of the Staff College as a catalyst for leadership development, organizational change, innovation and transformation within the United Nations system;

7. *Encourages* the Staff College to continue to develop its learning portfolio, also through course fees and contracts for services as well as through voluntary contributions, in support of a more cohesive and coherent United Nations system;

8. *Calls upon* all organizations of the United Nations system to make full use of the services provided by the Staff College, to coordinate their learning and training activities with the Staff College and to encourage the participation of their staff in relevant Staff College courses;

9. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support the Staff College by recognizing its unique inter-agency function and its demonstrated ability to build the capacity of United Nations staff and relevant partners for the effective and efficient delivery of their mandates.
