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66/293. A monitoring mechanism to review commitments made towards Africa's development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which led to the establishment of the Millennium Development Goals, in which the special needs of Africa were highlighted,

Recalling also its resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 on the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling further its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and resolutions 58/233 of 23 December 2003, 59/254 of 23 December 2004, 60/222 of 23 December 2005, 61/229 of 22 December 2006, 62/179 of 19 December 2007, 63/267 of 31 March 2009, 64/258 of 16 March 2010 and 65/284 of 22 June 2011, entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support",

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹ including the recognition of the need to meet the special needs of Africa, and recalling also its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling also the political declaration on Africa's development needs, adopted at the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs on 22 September 2008,²

Recalling further the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome document,³ including the recognition that more attention should be given to Africa, especially those countries most off track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

¹ See resolution 60/1.

² See resolution 63/1.

³ See resolution 65/1.



Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,⁴

Recalling also other relevant outcomes in the economic, environmental, social and related fields,

Taking into account the importance of the processes for determining the post-2015 development agenda,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring mechanism to review commitments towards Africa’s development needs,⁵

Taking note also of the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted in July 2000 by African Heads of State and Government,⁶ in which African leaders committed themselves to respect democratic principles, human rights, the rule of law, good governance and the promotion of social justice to ensure balanced economic development,

Reaffirming its full support for the implementation of the African Union’s New Partnership for Africa’s Development,⁷

Bearing in mind that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, and bearing in mind also the need for their development efforts to be supported by an enabling international economic environment,

Reaffirming the importance of partnership in supporting Africa’s own efforts towards development, peace and security, and taking note of the progress made by all of Africa’s development partners and other stakeholders in supporting Africa,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the political declaration on Africa’s development needs, as reaffirmed in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, adopted as the outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008,⁸

Calling for timely and effective implementation by all relevant partners of all commitments related to Africa’s development needs,

Recognizing the importance of monitoring all commitments related to Africa’s development in enhancing the impact of development efforts through ensuring greater accountability in both donor and recipient countries,

Recognizing also that a wide range of different mechanisms to monitor commitments towards Africa’s development are already in place,

1. *Decides* to establish a United Nations monitoring mechanism to review commitments made towards Africa’s development, building on existing monitoring mechanisms in line with paragraph 39 of the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/1 of 22 September 2008;

⁴ Resolution 66/288, annex.

⁵ A/65/165.

⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2158, No. 37733.

⁷ A/57/304, annex.

⁸ Resolution 63/239, annex.

2. *Also decides* to conduct a biennial review under the aegis of the General Assembly in the context of its agenda item on the development of Africa;
3. *Further decides* that the monitoring mechanism shall be a General Assembly-driven process and established within existing structures;
4. *Stresses* the centrality of the principles of mutual accountability and partnership in the monitoring mechanism, focusing on commitments of both development partners and African countries;
5. *Also stresses* the importance of the monitoring mechanism being grounded on reliable, available and timely data, including at the country level, to enable conduct of the assessment of outcomes and impact, including on a cluster-based approach;
6. *Further stresses* the need for the monitoring mechanism to focus on the implementation of multilateral commitments of both development partners and African countries arising from, inter alia, major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;
7. *Requests* the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to serve as the secretariat for the review, in coordination with relevant entities of the United Nations system;
8. *Calls upon* relevant entities of the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, in particular the Economic Commission for Africa, and invites all relevant international and regional organizations to contribute to the review upon request;
9. *Recognizes* the important role that civil society organizations, the private sector, parliamentarians, the media, academia and foundations play in mobilizing support for and monitoring Africa's development, and in that regard invites them to contribute to the biennial review;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize and coordinate the relevant entities of the United Nations to ensure coherence with other processes at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;
11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to identify and reallocate resources, as appropriate, within the regular budget of the United Nations to enable the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to fulfil its mandate effectively regarding the monitoring mechanism;
12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session the first biennial report on the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development.

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