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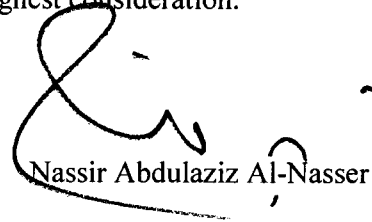
Excellency,

I have honour to draw your attention to the General Assembly resolution 65/309 of 19 July 2011 inviting Member States to pursue the elaboration of additional measures that better capture the importance of the pursuit of happiness and well-being in development with a view to guiding their public policies. In that context, I have the pleasure of sharing with you the draft of a resolution that would have the General Assembly declare 24 September as the International Day of Happiness.

Happiness, as we all know, is an eternal quest of all human beings and I believe declaring such a Day would underscore the relevance and importance of happiness as a universal goal and aspiration in our lives.

Keeping this in view, I hope that I would receive your whole-hearted encouragement and support when I present the attached draft resolution as the text of the President on behalf of all of you, with a view to adopt it on the 24th of May 2012.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly****International Day of Happiness***The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 65/309 of 19 July 2011 inviting Member States to pursue the elaboration of additional measures that better capture the importance of the pursuit of happiness and well-being in development with a view to guiding their public policies,

Recognizing the relevance and importance of happiness as a universal goal and aspiration in the lives of human beings around the world and that happiness can be achieved by balancing the needs of the body with those of the mind within a peaceful and secure environment,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 24 September as the International Day of Happiness;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Happiness in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations for appropriate observance.