

## **Modalities of the “World Social Summit”, under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

*Reaffirming* that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty fourth special session, as well as a continued global dialogue on social development issues, constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

*Reaffirming also* all previous resolutions on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, including resolution [78/174](#) of 19 December 2023,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 78/261 entitled, “World Social Summit” under the title “Second World Summit for Social Development” adopted on 26 February 2024.

*Welcoming* the progress made towards the full implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action through concerted action at the national, regional and international levels, and expressing its deep concern that more than 25 years after the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, progress has been slow and uneven, and major gaps remain, and recognizing the three core themes of social development, namely, poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all and social integration, are interrelated and mutually reinforcing, and that an enabling environment therefore needs to be created so that all three objectives can be pursued simultaneously,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets and affirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030 with a view to leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first, and 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,

*Recognizing* that the collective well-being, safety, security and prosperity of our nations and peoples are deeply intertwined, which requires us to work urgently and together in accordance with the Charter to address global risks and challenges, find viable solutions and accelerate the implementation of agreed frameworks, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as well as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement,

*Recalling also* its resolution [76/6](#) of 15 November 2021, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled ‘Our Common Agenda’ and noting the proposal contained in that report to convene a world social summit in 2025, to be discussed and agreed upon by Member States, including its modalities, title, objectives, scope and possible outcomes, and emphasizing that the possible summit’s outcome should have a social development approach including the need to place people at the center of development and the pledge to make poverty eradication, full employment and social integration the overriding development objectives, and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

*Recalling further* the Political Declaration adopted at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly last September, where Heads of State and Government agreed to look forward to the proposed World Social Summit in 2025, subject to discussion and agreement by the General Assembly on its modalities, and emphasized that the possible summit outcome should have a social development approach and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,:

1. *Reaffirms* its decision to convene the “World Social Summit” in 2025, under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”, to address the gaps and recommit to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action and its implementation and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
2. *Decides* that the World Social Summit 2025 under the title Second World Summit for Social Development will be held **on XX, XX and XX 2025 [ Dates, month, and venue TBD]** at the level of Head of State or Government.
3. Further decides to adopt at the Summit a short and concise political declaration, by consensus that should have a social development approach and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
4. *Decides that the Summit will consist of:*
  - a. **Plenary meetings** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and
  - b. **An opening segment on the first day from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** which shall include the adoption of the political declaration followed by statements from the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General; and
  - c. **Interactive High-level Round Tables** around two main themes: “**Assessing progress and addressing gaps** of the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action” and “**Giving momentum** towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.” from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings.
  - d. **A closing segment on the third day of the Summit** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. which features a statement from the President of the General Assembly.
5. *Encourages* Member States, Members of United Nations specialized agencies and Observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the level of Head of State or Government, or at the highest possible level, and to make statements in plenary of up to five minutes;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, to participate in the Summit;
7. *Invites* representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the Summit in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly;
8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Summit, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis<sup>1</sup> and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the Summit;
9. *Request* the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, to contribute fully to the Summit,
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and support for the organization of the Summit and its preparation.
11. *Encourages* States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the Conference through voluntary contributions to a trust fund in support of preparations for the Conference and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries, priority being given to representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States, including coverage of economy-class air tickets, daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses, in the meetings of the Summit.

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<sup>1</sup> The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.