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**Social development: social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family**

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 26 February 2024

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/78/L.39)]

### 78/261. “World Social Summit” under the title “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<sup>1</sup> and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session,<sup>2</sup> 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,

*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

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<sup>1</sup> *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution [S-24/2](#), annex.



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,

*Recalling also* its resolution [76/6](#) of 15 November 2021, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled ‘Our Common Agenda’<sup>3</sup> 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 centre 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<sup>4</sup> 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. *Decides* 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. *Requests* that the President of the General Assembly, consistent with the rules of the General Assembly, appoint two co-facilitators, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to facilitate the intergovernmental preparatory process leading up to the Summit consisting of its modalities and outcome, which should be a short and concise political declaration adopted by consensus, and should have a social development approach and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate support within existing resources to the intergovernmental preparatory process of the Summit.

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<sup>3</sup> [A/75/982](#).

<sup>4</sup> Resolution [78/1](#), annex.