

Seventy-eighth session  
Agenda item 24 (b)  
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

<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.

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Summit for Social Development”

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’” 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>3</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.