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### **Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)**

**South Africa:\* draft resolution**

### **Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 47/196 of 22 December 1992, 48/183 of 21 December 1993, 50/107 of 20 December 1995, 56/207 of 21 December 2001, 57/265 and 57/266 of 20 December 2002, 58/222 of 23 December 2003, 59/247 of 22 December 2004 and 60/209 of 22 December 2005,

*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by Heads of State and Government on the occasion of the Millennium Summit,<sup>1</sup> and their commitment to eradicate extreme poverty and to halve, by 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day and the proportion of people who suffer from hunger,

*Recalling further* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals,

*Recalling also* the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development<sup>3</sup> and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,<sup>4</sup>

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 55/2.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution 60/1.

<sup>3</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>4</sup> Resolution S-24/2, annex.



*Expressing its deep concern* that, even after the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, the number of people living in extreme poverty in many countries continues to increase, with women and children constituting the majority and the most affected groups, in particular in the least developed countries and in sub-Saharan Africa,

*Recognizing* that mobilizing financial resources for development at the national and international levels and the effective use of those resources are central to a global partnership for development in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

*Underlining* the priority and urgency given by the Heads of State and Government to the eradication of poverty, as expressed in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

*Recognizing* the degrading and dehumanizing nature of extreme poverty,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>5</sup>
2. *Recognizes* that the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) made, inter alia, a contribution to building a global partnership to eradicate poverty in general and extreme poverty in particular at the national and international levels;
3. *Reiterates* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries;
4. *Recognizes* that, for developing countries to reach the targets set in the context of national development strategies for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the goal on the eradication of poverty, and for such poverty eradication strategies to be effective, it is imperative that developing countries be integrated into the world economy and share equitably in the benefits of globalization;
5. *Also recognizes* the importance of official development assistance as an important source of financing development for many developing countries, and in this regard urges developed countries that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts towards the 0.7 per cent target of the gross national product as official development assistance to developing countries;
6. *Proclaims* the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2007-2016);
7. *Urges* all Governments, the international community, including the United Nations system and all other actors, to pursue seriously the objective of the eradication of poverty within the context of the Second Decade;
8. *Reiterates* the need to strengthen the leadership role of the United Nations in promoting international cooperation for development, critical for the eradication of poverty;

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<sup>5</sup> A/61/308.

9. *Welcomes* the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the International Human Solidarity Day, in order to raise public awareness to promote the eradication of poverty and extreme poverty in all countries, and in this regard recognizes the useful role the observance of the days continues to play in raising public awareness and mobilizing all stakeholders in the fight against poverty;

10. *Urges* all Governments and the international community, including the United Nations system, and all other actors in society to pursue effectively the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences related to the eradication of poverty, in particular the World Summit for Social Development;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite those organs, organizations, programmes, agencies, funds and bodies of the United Nations system that have not already done so to consider the establishment of focal points and other similar mechanisms so that they may effectively implement the provisions, agreements and outcomes of major United Nations conferences relevant to the eradication of poverty;

12. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring, at the intergovernmental and inter-agency levels, coherent, comprehensive and integrated activities for the Second Decade, according to the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits organized in the economic, social and related fields;

13. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations system, relevant international organizations and all other actors concerned with the Decade to participate actively in the financial and technical support of the Second Decade, in particular with a view to translating all measures and recommendations into operational and concrete poverty eradication programmes and activities;

14. *Calls upon* developing countries to mobilize domestic and external resources for poverty eradication programmes and activities, and to facilitate their full and effective implementation;

15. *Calls upon* donor countries to give greater priority to the eradication of poverty in their assistance programmes and budgets, on either a bilateral or a multilateral basis;

16. *Recognizes* the useful role the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty continues to play in raising public awareness and mobilizing all stakeholders in the fight against poverty, and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the observance of the Day in order to identify lessons learned and ways to promote the mobilization of all stakeholders in the fight against poverty;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session an item entitled “Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2007-2016)”, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at that session on the implementation of the present resolution.