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### **Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

#### **Fiji:\* draft resolution**

### **Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [55/199](#) of 20 December 2000, [56/226](#) of 24 December 2001, [57/253](#) and [57/270 A](#) of 20 December 2002, [57/270 B](#) of 23 June 2003, [64/236](#) of 24 December 2009, [65/152](#) of 20 December 2010, [66/197](#) of 22 December 2011 and [66/288](#) of 27 July 2012, as well as its resolutions [67/203](#) of 21 December 2012, [67/290](#) of 9 July 2013 and [68/1](#) of 20 September 2013 and all other relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recalling also* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,<sup>1</sup> Agenda 21,<sup>2</sup> the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,<sup>3</sup> the

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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> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution S-19/2, annex.



Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development<sup>4</sup> and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),<sup>5</sup> the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>6</sup> as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,<sup>7</sup> the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus<sup>8</sup> and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,<sup>9</sup>

*Recalling further* the commitment in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action)<sup>10</sup> to assist the least developed countries in their efforts to achieve sustainable development,

*Recalling* the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>11</sup> the Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>12</sup> the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States<sup>13</sup> and the outcome document of the high-level review meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>14</sup>

*Recalling also* that in its resolution 67/290 it decided that the meetings of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development shall devote adequate time to the discussion of the sustainable development challenges facing developing countries, including the most vulnerable countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and African countries, with the aim of enhancing engagement and implementing

<sup>4</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution 66/288, annex.

<sup>7</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution 63/239, annex.

<sup>9</sup> See A/68/L.4.

<sup>10</sup> *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chap. II.

<sup>11</sup> *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>12</sup> Resolution S-22/2, annex.

<sup>13</sup> *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>14</sup> Resolution 65/2.

commitments, and that they will recognize the particular challenges facing the middle-income countries in achieving sustainable development, and reiterates that the efforts of middle-income countries should be adequately supported by the international community, in various forms, taking into account the needs of those countries and their capacity to mobilize domestic resources,

*Recognizing* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals as related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of other United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>15</sup>

*Reaffirming* the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions, and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,

*Reaffirming also* the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and reaffirming further other internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields since 1992, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Taking note* of its resolution on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>16</sup> in particular paragraph 11 (e), deciding that an integration segment should be held annually, the timing and modalities of which would be decided by the Council: the main functions of the segment will be to consolidate all the inputs of Member States, the subsidiary bodies of the Council, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders and to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development; the integration segment will bring together the key messages from the Council system on the main theme and develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up, taking into account the need to avoid duplication between its deliberations and those of the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

*Recalling* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to conclude the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twentieth session,<sup>17</sup> and noting that the last session of the Commission was held on 20 September 2013,<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Resolution 55/2.

<sup>16</sup> See A/68/L.2, annex.

<sup>17</sup> Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/19.

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2013, Supplement No. 9 (E/2013/29)*.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;<sup>19</sup>

2. *Also takes note* of the summary of the President of the General Assembly on the inaugural meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development held in New York on 24 September 2013;<sup>20</sup>

3. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>6</sup> and urges its speedy implementation;

4. *Reiterates* the decision contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to convene, in 2014, a third international conference on small island developing States, and in this regard renews the call to the international community, the relevant entities of the United Nations development system and other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders to provide the necessary support to ensure the success of the conference and its preparatory process;

5. *Reaffirms* its resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and the decision that, consistent with its universal intergovernmental character, the Forum shall provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follow up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, enhance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner at all levels and have a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda, ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging sustainable development challenges;

6. *Welcomes* the holding of the inaugural meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on 24 September 2013;

7. *Reaffirms* paragraph 22 of its resolution 67/290, and in this regard encourages the President of the Economic and Social Council, in coordination with the Bureau of the Council and the bureaux of the relevant committees of the General Assembly to undertake open, transparent and inclusive consultations with the membership of the High-level Forum on the theme, agenda and organization of work of the first session of the Forum, which will take place under the auspices of the Council, including, as appropriate, by considering additional options for outreach such as the nomination of facilitators from the Bureau of the Council to conduct such consultations;

8. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on options for facilitating the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies<sup>21</sup> and on the establishment of a technology bank and science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism dedicated to the least developed countries,<sup>22</sup> welcomes the outcomes of the workshops at which

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<sup>19</sup> A/68/321.

<sup>20</sup> Summary of the President of the General Assembly (to be issued).

<sup>21</sup> A/67/348 and A/68/310.

<sup>22</sup> A/68/217.

these issues were discussed,<sup>23</sup> supports the recommendations in this regard contained in the report of the Secretary-General on options for facilitating the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies,<sup>24</sup> decides to establish a United Nations global technology facilitation mechanism, under the High-level Political Forum, and, to that effect, also decides to establish an intergovernmental open-ended working group under the auspices of the General Assembly to develop the format and modalities of such a mechanism;

9. *Welcomes* the outcome document of the special event to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,<sup>9</sup> which acknowledged with appreciation the processes mandated at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development that are now under way, in particular the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, as well as the process to develop a technology facilitation mechanism, reiterates the desire expressed at the special event that these processes should complete their work in a comprehensive, balanced and expeditious manner by September 2014 in order to contribute to the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, invites the Secretary-General to take into consideration the outcomes of these processes in his synthesis report mandated in the same document, and stresses the need for synergy, coherence and mutual support among all these processes;

10. *Also welcomes* the establishment of the 10-member board of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns,<sup>25</sup> recalls its decision to review the arrangement to designate the Economic and Social Council as the ad interim Member State body to receive reports from the board and the secretariat, as elaborated in the 10-year framework, and decides to designate the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as the body to receive reports from the board and secretariat of the framework, as elaborated in the 10-year framework, bearing in mind paragraph 21 of resolution 67/290;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of its resolution 67/290, in particular the request that the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development consider, in 2014, the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report, based on a proposal of the Secretary-General reflecting the views and recommendations of Member States and relevant United Nations entities, including the Committee for Development Policy;

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system;<sup>26</sup>

13. *Also takes note* of ongoing initiatives of the United Nations development system to mainstream the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the system, and reiterates the call of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development for the system to undertake further efforts in this direction, in accordance with the relevant intergovernmental mandates;

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<sup>23</sup> See <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1632>.

<sup>24</sup> A/67/348, sect. IV.

<sup>25</sup> See resolution 67/290.

<sup>26</sup> A/68/79-E/2013/69.

14. *Invites* the Secretary-General, to that end, to continue to work on the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in the work of the United Nations development system, and to continue reporting to the relevant intergovernmental bodies, including the High-level Political Forum, on progress in this regard;

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on intergenerational solidarity and the needs of future generations;<sup>27</sup>

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixty-ninth session;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”.

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<sup>27</sup> A/68/322.