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## **World Clean Up Day**

*The United Nations Habitat Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation) and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, as well as all 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, ([A/RES/77/162](#))

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling UNGA Resolution [A/RES/76/300](#) on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, ([A/RES/76/300](#))

*Recognizing further* that environmental degradation, climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification and unsustainable development constitute some of the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to effectively enjoy all human rights ([A/RES/76/300](#))

*Reaffirming* the commitment to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the New Urban Agenda and other major global agendas agreed as United Nations outcome documents in the economic, social and environmental fields, which are fully complementary and mutually reinforcing with the 2030 Agenda ([A/RES/77/161](#))

*Taking note of* the report of the outcomes of the first session of United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in 2019, (based on [A/74/8](#))

*Reiterating* that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda contributes to the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders ([A/RES/77/173](#))

*Recalling* the political declaration of the special session of UN Environment Assembly UNEP@50 and *recognizing* the urgent need and our common objectives to reinforce and advance the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of the environment for present and future generations, as it is crucial to urgently reverse the current trends of environmental decline, which are impeding progress towards sustainable development, while recognizing differing national circumstances, ([UNEP/EA.SS.1/4](#)) Noting the cross-cutting nature of waste management with strong linkages to global challenges, inter alia ecosystem degradation, human health, climate change, pollution, poverty eradication, food security and sustainable consumption and production, (new)

*PP9 bis.* [Taking note of the rich historical background of the public clean up days, for the first time held in the beginning of the XX century in Moscow, which proved itself as an efficient instrument of public engagement in urban settlement management] {IDN, Chair, Secretariat to clean up XX} {Replace with PP9 bis Alt. now PP10} {RUS reserve, keep text proposed by EST} {Chair recommends RUS and EST merge PP9 bis and PP10} {EST proposes they work with RUS on PP9 bis alt or PP10}

~~PP9 bis-alt.~~ {Chair-} PP10 {Chair+} Taking note that clean up activities have been taking place at city level across the globe, mobilising millions of volunteers, raising awareness, and working towards a waste-free environment, have proven to be an efficient instrument of public engagement in urban settlements and substantially contributing to the UN Habitat Waste-wise Cities Programme {EST, US; RUS reserve} {agree ad ref} {Chair recommends RUS and EST merge PP9 bis and PP9 bis alt. or PP10}

1. *Recommends* UN General Assembly to proclaim the 20<sup>th</sup> September from 2024 onwards, as World Cleanup Day, to be observed annually,
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and academia, to observe World Cleanup Day, in an appropriate manner, through activities aimed at raising awareness and its contribution to achieving sustainable development, (inspiration [A/RES/77/161](#))
3. *Welcomes* the contribution of World Cleanup Day activities to date in addressing the environmental challenges associated with the waste management by mobilizing people globally into coordinated voluntary actions, empowering collaboration and raising broad awareness on reducing waste pollution tangibly,
4. *Reiterates* the need for collective efforts and resources to promote sustainable development and scaling up efforts for halting the degradation of ecosystems, ([A/RES/73/284](#))
5. *Notes* the conducive impact for enhancing World Cleanup Day involvement and attention to waste pollution around the world through the visibility and acknowledgement being marked at the UN Calendar, (new)
6. *Invites* the UN-Habitat, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980, to facilitate the observance of World Cleanup Day; ([A/RES/77/161](#))
7. Stresses that the costs of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions; ([A/RES/77/161](#))
8. *Requests* the Executive Director to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders, for appropriate observance. ([A/RES/77/161](#))