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77/319. Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1102 (XI) of 27 February 1957, 1228 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 2003 (XIX) of 10 February 1965 and 2612 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 relating to the location, construction and funding of the permanent accommodation of the United Nations International School, as well as its resolution 63/198 of 18 December 2008, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the School,

Noting that the School, which was first established on the premises of the United Nations at Lake Success in 1947, is commemorating its seventy-fifth anniversary,

Noting also, as stated in its by-laws, that the “purposes of the School shall be to establish, operate and maintain, under the auspices of the United Nations, a school to promote and provide an international education conforming to the spirit and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations for the children of persons officially connected with the United Nations, as well as for the children of other persons desirous of obtaining a similar education for their children and to promote educational activities of international character”,

Noting further the role of the School as a factor in the recruitment and retention of international staff of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the School continues to make an indispensable contribution to the United Nations community by providing outstanding international education to successive generations of children from that community and others,

Recognizing also the high academic standards that the School has established as a premier international school recognized for its leadership in multicultural and



multilingual education, and that it is a crucible of multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism which promotes the appreciation of diverse cultures,

Noting with appreciation the generous support of Member States to the School's diverse language programme, which promotes multilingualism,

Recognizing the important contribution that the School makes to the implementation of the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations,¹ in particular, to listen to and work with youth,

Noting with appreciation the recent decision by the School to increase scholarship opportunities, as well as efforts to increase the cultural diversity of its student body,

Noting the importance of the much-needed renovation of the School and improvement of its building and grounds that will update the facilities to meet its educational requirements and sustainability of the School's functioning, and in this regard noting with appreciation the generous financial contribution of the Sultanate of Oman,

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations International School on its seventy-fifth anniversary;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the outstanding achievements of the School and for the valuable contribution it continues to make to the education and development of successive generations of children from the United Nations community and beyond;

3. *Urges* the School to make further efforts to increase its cultural diversity;

4. *Notes* that the School is implementing a renovation programme to update and improve the facilities of the School;

5. *Urges* Member States and others in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Capital Development Fund of the School for the renovation programme, with a view to further enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the School with such assistance as appropriate to further its objectives and purposes.

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25 July 2023*

¹ Resolution [75/1](#).