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## 6/8. Promoting sustainable lifestyles

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

*Reaffirming* the commitment made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup> including the three dimensions of sustainable development, which are integrated, indivisible, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, to ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, and reaffirming the commitment made in the 2030 Agenda to ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature,

*Recognizing* the potential of behavioural changes towards sustainable lifestyles to contribute to the achievement of the three dimensions of sustainable development,

*Aware* that more attention has to be paid to the potential of action to be taken at the individual and community levels,

*Taking note* of the work of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns,<sup>2</sup> including the One Planet network Sustainable Lifestyles and Education programme and other international, regional and national initiatives, and noting that successful national initiatives can serve as models to be replicated,

*Recognizing and underscoring* the role of the private sector and industry, local authorities, local communities and Indigenous Peoples in supporting more sustainable lifestyles,

*Emphasizing* that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development that leaves no one behind,

*Recognizing* that adequate individual education and skills can further accelerate collective efforts for sustainable consumption and production and promote more sustainable lifestyles,

*Recognizing also* that each country is best positioned to understand its own national circumstances and priorities to encourage more sustainable lifestyles,

1. *Encourages* Member States, as appropriate, and invites other stakeholders and international organizations, to create the necessary evidence-based enabling conditions, foster public and private collaboration, and pursue education at all levels and awareness-raising initiatives in support of empowering citizens to make informed choices about sustainable lifestyles, as referred to in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/CONF.216/5, annex.

target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, on education for sustainable development and global citizenship;

2. *Invites* Member States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders to promote and enhance cooperation by sharing information and best practices, research and literature, as appropriate, that enable the adoption of more sustainable lifestyles, including sustainable living;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, including through the One Planet network Sustainable Lifestyles and Education programme and the Green Jobs for Youth Pact, subject to available resources, to:

(a) Support Member States, at their request, in the development and implementation of national and regional action plans for promoting sustainable lifestyles, or in the integration of sustainable lifestyles into existing actions plans;

(b) Facilitate, on request, the sharing of information, best practices and research on sustainable lifestyles, including sustainable living;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in partnership with United Nations regional commissions, to hold regional dialogues, subject to the availability of resources, to discuss sustainable lifestyles practices in the context of, inter alia, the diversity of nature's values and approaches, including, as appropriate, ecocentric approaches, of individuals and communities including that of Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, for living in harmony with nature, or Mother Earth, as recognized by some countries and regions, to enable sustainable lifestyles; and to submit to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session a report on those dialogues and on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.