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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2015

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/70/489/Add.1)]

### 70/144. International Covenants on Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 68/155 of 18 December 2013,

*Welcoming* the forthcoming fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>1</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth<sup>2</sup> and seventieth<sup>3</sup> sessions;

2. *Also welcomes* the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions<sup>4</sup> and on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions;<sup>5</sup>

3. *Decides* to devote one plenary meeting of the General Assembly, within existing resources, at its seventy-first session, to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>1</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>1</sup> and requests the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States in order to determine the modalities for that meeting;

4. *Invites* the Chairs of the two Committees, within existing resources, to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”;

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/69/40)*, vols. I and II.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, *Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/70/40)*.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 2 (E/2014/22)*.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, *2015, Supplement No. 2 (E/2015/22)*.



5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocols thereto,<sup>6</sup> including with regard to all reservations and declarations made, through the United Nations websites.

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<sup>6</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex, resolution 44/128, annex, and resolution 63/117, annex.