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 Rights¹ and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹

1. Welcomes the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth² and seventieth³ sessions;

2. Also welcomes the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions⁴ and on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions;⁵

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 Rights¹ and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹ 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”;

¹ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
³ Ibid., Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/70/40).
⁴ Ibid., Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/70/40).
⁶ 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, including with regard to all reservations and declarations made, through the United Nations websites.

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