Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 April 2009

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/63/L.69 and Add.1)]

63/278. International Mother Earth Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming Agenda 21,\(^1\) and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),\(^2\)

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,\(^3\)

Recalling also its resolution 60/192 of 22 December 2005 proclaiming 2008 the International Year of Planet Earth,

Acknowledging that the Earth and its ecosystems are our home, and convinced that in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth,

Recognizing that Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit,

Noting that Earth Day is observed each year in many countries,

1. Decides to designate 22 April as International Mother Earth Day;

2. Invites all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, international, regional and subregional organizations, civil society, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders to observe and raise awareness of International Mother Earth Day, as appropriate;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.

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\(^3\) See resolution 60/1.