

2 | Recommendations

As included in UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/145, 19 December 2017.

Encourages Governments to continue to **make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up** processes and to develop strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening national capacities.

Encourages Member States to promote **work-family balance as conducive to the well-being of children**, the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Further encourages Member States to **provide universal and gender-sensitive social protection systems**, which are key to ensuring poverty reduction.

Encourages greater collaboration between the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations entities, agencies, funds and programmes, as well as other relevant intergovernmental and **non-governmental organizations active in the family field**.

Calls upon Member States and agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, **in consultation with civil society and other relevant stakeholders**, to continue providing information on their activities.

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Invites Member States to **invest in a variety of family-oriented policies and programmes**, as important tools for, inter alia, fighting poverty, social exclusion and inequality, promoting work-family balance and gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Also encourages Member States to invest in family policies and programmes that promote strong intergenerational interactions, such as **intergenerational living arrangements and parenting education**.

Encourages Governments to support the United Nations **trust fund on family activities**.

Requests the **focal point on the family** of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to enhance collaboration with the regional commissions, funds and programmes.

Requests the Secretary-General to **submit a report to the General Assembly** at its seventy-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year.

6 | Reputation



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I am aware that IFFD organizes side events of the Commission which help raise awareness of the importance of family policies to achieve a number of development goals, and I have had the privilege of participating in some of these events”.

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Thank you for gathering civil society support expressed in the Declaration on the occasion of the anniversary and countless raise awareness events held by IFFD and its affiliate organizations throughout the world”.



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