The General Assembly,

Recalling the consensus 2005 World Summit Outcome,\(^1\)

Recalling also its consensus resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review,

Commending the pragmatic, transparent, balanced and inclusive approach taken by the Co-Chairs of the consultative follow-up process by the General Assembly on system-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, to their work on behalf of the Assembly, which built upon the efforts of their distinguished predecessors, the Permanent Representatives of Barbados and Luxembourg to the United Nations, at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly,

Having considered the paper on ‘Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women’, which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July 2008 in response to a consensus request from Member States,

Looking forward to the independent evaluation foreseen in its resolution 62/208, which will help it to form a comprehensive view of the ‘Delivering as one’ approach to the provision of development assistance through the United Nations system and, in the meantime, acknowledging the interim assessment of progress made and challenges remaining in this regard, as contained in the ‘Maputo Declaration’,\(^2\) issued in May 2008 by a number of least developed and middle income countries which have voluntarily embraced this approach,

1. Takes note of the report of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence\(^3\) and the report of the Secretary-General containing his comments thereon;\(^4\)

2. Welcomes the report presented by the Co-Chairs of the consultative follow-up process by the General Assembly on system-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, to the President of the General Assembly on 21 July 2008,\(^5\) the conclusions and recommendations of which are contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. Decides, accordingly, that the continuing and deepening intergovernmental work of the General Assembly on system-wide coherence will focus exclusively and in an integrated manner on ‘Delivering as one’ at country and regional levels, har-

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\(^1\) See resolution 60/1.
\(^2\) See A/63/85-E/2008/83.
\(^3\) See A/61/583.
\(^4\) A/61/836.
\(^5\) See A/63/362.
monization of business practices, funding, governance, and gender equality and the empowerment of women;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, drawing on the resources and expertise of the United Nations system and building on the outcome of its triennial comprehensive policy review, to provide to Member States substantive papers on the issues of funding and governance, as those issues arise in the context of system-wide coherence, with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session;

5. Welcomes, in this overall context, the paper on ‘Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women’, which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July 2008, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a further, detailed modalities paper in respect of the options set out in the Deputy Secretary-General’s paper, covering funding, governance structure, staffing, specific functions, relationship with the Commission on the Status of Women and other relevant bodies and, having regard to the totality of views expressed by Member States in informal plenary consultations on 8 September 2008, focusing in particular on the ‘composite entity’ option with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session;

6. Resolves, at the conclusion of its entire process on system-wide coherence, to review and take stock of all of its prior actions and deliberations in a single resolution or decision.