Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2018

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/73/590)]

73/191. Special session of the General Assembly against corruption

The General Assembly,


Recalling also the entry into force on 14 December 2005 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 4 which is the most comprehensive and universal instrument on corruption, recognizing the need to continue to promote its ratification or accession thereto and its effective implementation, and acknowledging all relevant regional political declarations of Member States against corruption,

Stressing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 5 addresses the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, and concerned about the seriousness of the problems and threats to the stability and security of societies posed by corruption, which undermine the

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institutions and values of democracy, ethics and justice, and jeopardize sustainable development and the rule of law,

1. Decides to convene in the first half of 2021 a special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation;

2. Also decides that at that special session the General Assembly shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations under the auspices of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

3. Invites the Conference of the States Parties to lead the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner;

4. Requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide substantive expertise and technical support;

5. Decides to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources.

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