Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 2009

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/64/420)]

64/196. Harmony with Nature

The General Assembly,

Expressing its concern over the documented environmental degradation and the negative impact on nature resulting from human activity,

Recalling the 1982 World Charter for Nature,¹

Reaffirming the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,²

Reaffirming also Agenda 21³ and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,⁴ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁵ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),⁶

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁷

Reaffirming its resolution 63/278 of 22 April 2009 on the designation of International Mother Earth Day,

Convinced that humanity can and should live in harmony with nature,⁸

1. Invites Member States, the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and international, regional and subregional organizations to consider, as appropriate, the issue of promoting life in harmony with nature and to transmit to the Secretary-General their views, experiences and proposals on this issue;

¹ Resolution 37/7, annex.
³ Ibid., annex II.
⁴ Resolution S-19/2, annex.
⁶ Ibid., resolution 2, annex.
⁷ See resolution 60/1.
⁸ See resolution 35/7.
2. Invites all Member States, the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and international, regional and subregional organizations to make use of International Mother Earth Day, as appropriate, to promote activities and exchange opinions and views on conditions, experiences and principles for a life in harmony with nature;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session a sub-item entitled “Harmony with Nature”, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its sixty-fifth session, a report on this theme, taking into account the views and comments received in relation to the present resolution.

66th plenary meeting
21 December 2009