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### 63/278. International Mother Earth Day

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* Agenda 21,<sup>1</sup> and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>3</sup>

*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.

*80th plenary meeting  
22 April 2009*

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>2</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>3</sup> See resolution 60/1.