



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 June 2012


Excellency,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the General Assembly resolution 65/309 of 19 July 2011 and the letter of 27 May 2012 that I had addressed to you transmitting my proposal in a draft resolution for the proclamation of the International Day of Happiness.

Now I have the pleasure of sending you a revised text of the draft with 20 March identified as the Day. I believe this text would receive your whole-hearted encouragement and support.

It is my intention to present the attached draft resolution as the text of the President on behalf of all of you and schedule action on it at a plenary meeting on 28 June 2012.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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To all Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations



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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

International Day of Happiness

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 65/309 of 19 July 2011 inviting Member States to pursue the elaboration of additional measures that better capture the importance of the pursuit of happiness and well-being in development with a view to guiding their public policies,

Conscious that the pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal,

Recognizing the relevance of happiness and well being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition in public policy objectives,

Recognising also the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and well-being of all peoples,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 20 March as the International Day of Happiness;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Happiness in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations for appropriate observance.

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