Contrations received

Norway

Chair's nonpaper.

Thank for the paper. Although we do not have particular problems with your draft decision as it stands in doc 2, we appreciate your efforts to achieve more clarity in deciding on the objectives.

We also agree with you that a decision on objectives of the review conference should be taken by consensus.

The list has included many important points from our debate. The list is not and could not be, exhaustive. We should, however, do our best to make our decision under this agenda item as clear as possible, and will thus make the following, comments, although we realise that this is not going to become a negotiated paper:

Before the break you rightly stated that we all agree that we want the review conference to address implementation of DDPA. This understanding should be even clearer reflected in our decision by i.a. replacing "fight against racism and racial discrimination..." etc with the words "in the implementation of DDPA" in the first point. A similar amendment should be made to the last point.

Point 2 is a good reflection of our priorities, and could maybe be merged with point 1.

As far as we can see, point 3 is covering the same issue as point 1 and should be deleted. It is also not clear what is meant with "contemporary" in this context. Having said that, we fully understand and appreciate, however, that developments after 2001 should be taken into account. The normative basis for taking these developments into account is, however, covered by DDPA.

In point 6 full stop should be made after the word "Action". To us the DDPA is more than a highly relevant document.

Since the CERD has its mandate from a convention, we believe that the reference to the Committee should be deleted in point 7.

For the sake of clarity we think that we should add a point on how the review of DDPA should be conducted. Together with several other delegations, my delegation has supported a proposal that the OHCHR prepares a questionnaire on the implementation which should be sent to all stakeholders. The answers should identify what has been implemented as well as lack of implementation. Difficulties faced in implementation should also be identifyed