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Durban Review Conference:

Mr President, Members of the Council,

The Durban Review Conference is one of the important undertakings to enhance the protection of human rights on which member states are cooperating. Racism, xenophobia, Islamophobea, and other forms of intolerance are among the greatest threats to the enjoyment of human rights today. Nord Sud XXI urges all the states to participate in and support the Review Conference.

Nord Sud XXI specifically urges your attention to several aspects of the Review Conference that are conditions sine qua non for its success.

To enhance the participation of civil society we urge states to support an NGO Forum, a meeting space for NGO's before and during the Review Conference.

To ensure that NGOs from all over the world can come to the Review Conference we urge states to make the necessary resources available and to ensure that visas are granted quickly and without discrimination.

And to ensure that the states evaluating progress towards the goals set in 2001 are able to be as well informed as possible we urge that adequate time and opportunities be allocated for NGOs to allow them to contribute during the Review Conference.

Thank you Mr. President.