

**Statement by the Indonesian delegation
At the 6th session of the Human Rights Council**

Discussions of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference

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Mr President,

I have the honor to take the floor on behalf of Indonesia in our discussions of the preliminary work carried out by the Prepcom in the important preparatory phase of the Durban Review Conference.

In this regard, we should like to associate with the remarks made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC.

First of all, I should like to express our appreciation to the Chairman of the Prepcom, Ms Nadjat Al-Hajjaji, her able leadership of our debates in the Prepcom and her briefing which provides the background to the substantive aspects of the preparation of the Conference.

Similarly, I should like to thank to Mr. Juan Martabit for his report on the progress made by intergovernmental working group on the effective implementation of Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

With regard to Prepcom of the Durban Review Conference, our delegation notes with satisfaction the good results that have already been achieved on procedure, objectives and other related aspects, on which we have found common ground and reached positive and consensual outcomes. In this regard, there will be 2 substantive sessions in 2008 in which we hope to make further decisive progress ahead of the Conference.

We also welcome the broad consensus on the objectives of the Conference, namely assessment of the effective implementation of the DDPA by all national, regional and international stakeholders in such a way as to strengthen efforts to identify and combat contemporary forms of racism, xenophobia and intolerance. Moreover, the Conference should serve to encourage ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as a forum for the exchange of good practices.

Mr President,

Our delegation looks forward to seeing dynamic and substantive progress in the next sessions of the Precom and in the lead up to the Conference. For our part, we shall certainly lend our constructive role in realizing this goal.

With regard to the OHCHR report on the defamation of religions presented by the Deputy High Commissioner, we would like to thank for the report and activities taken by the Office and other human rights mechanisms as implementation of the mandate of the resolution 4/9.

Our delegation could not agree more with the conclusion of the report which stipulates that the underlying causes of religious discrimination are ignorance and lack of respect for diversity. Indeed, enhanced cooperation and stronger political will are very much needed to combat this worrying trend.

In this regard, halting accusations, name calling and other defaming acts, combined with more efforts dialog are ways to negate this increasing trend. At this stage, it is important to nurture the tradition to seek to understand then to be understood.

Thank you.