

This is a joint statement by the International Organization for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence.

As everyone knows, manifestations of Xenophobia continue to be one of the main contemporary sources of discrimination and conflict.

Humanity is one family rich in diversity. Everyone has contributed to the progress of civilizations and cultures that form our common heritage.

However,

It is both, ^{surprising} shocking and depressing to witness the revival of old forms of racism, such as anti-Semitism, and the surfacing of new ones such as islamophobia engineered through the exploitation of ignorance and fear. A rethinking process is much needed before things become out of control.

Therefore, this issue should be addressed by the follow-up to the first world conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance that took place in Durban, South Africa in ~~September~~ 2001. There is an urgent need for follow-up on the program of action that should also address new forms of racism following 9-11.

It is a matter of priority to collect lessons learned since 911 in all parts of the world to ~~avoid their recurrence.~~ be able to go forward.