

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE
AND OTHER MATTERS

Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference

Draft decision proposed by the Bureau (17.10.08)

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolution 61/149 of 19 December 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 19 December 2006 and bearing in mind the need to continue and conclude the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in advance of the Conference, decides:

- (a) To convene a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva for up to 3 working days, on 15 to 17 April 2009;
- (b) To establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference on the basis of the compilation of proposals resulting from the work of the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and any further contributions, and to report thereon to the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee further decides that the open-ended intergovernmental working group shall meet for a total of up to 10 working days in advance of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, including a meeting on 27 November 2008, the first session to be held from 19 to 23 January 2009, and the second session on 6 to 9 April 2009 or at any other date agreed by the working group.