

**Discussion on Protection of Children**  
**First draft of conclusions and recommendations**

1. The Working Group underlines the particular importance that States fully implement all of the provisions contained within the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference that relate to children. The Working Group calls on OHCHR to conduct a review, via an expert seminar or other mechanism, so as to determine the degree to which these provisions have been implemented by States and to make recommendations on how implementation may be enhanced. The Working Group requests that outputs from this review be submitted to it for its consideration and further action.
2. The Working Group urges States, in partnership with children, national human rights institutions, regional organizations, civil society organizations and other stakeholders, to enhance awareness-raising activities on the pernicious effects that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance have upon children.
3. The Working Group recommends that an in-depth study be undertaken on the situation of children who suffer racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and requests that it be placed on the website of OHCHR along with examples of relevant legislation, good practices and other pertinent information.
4. The Working Group invites States to consider criminalizing all violence against children, in accordance with the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the DDPA, and, where necessary, consider modifying their legislative framework.
5. The Working Group calls upon States to ensure that children who are migrants, refugees or asylum seekers have full and effective access to child protection systems such as health services, education and housing. It encourages States to ensure that children, in the absence of parents or legal guardians, are able to make requests for asylum in their own right.
6. The Working Group underlines the importance of all children being registered at birth and, in this regard, makes particular reference to paragraph 56 of the Durban Programme of Action.