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Agenda item 9

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

14/... From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2002/68 of 25 April 2002 and 2003/30 of 23 April 2003,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 57/195 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly assigned responsibilities to the relevant United Nations institutions to ensure the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action at the international level,

Recalling further Council resolution 9/14 of 24 September 2008,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 64/169 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly proclaimed 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent,

Noting Welcoming also General Assembly resolution 64/148 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly noted the approaching commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and decided on holding a one day plenary event to commemorate the tenth anniversary during the high level segment of the General Assembly to be celebrated at the level of the General Assembly during 2010,

Underlining that the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action represents an important opportunity for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and encourages States and communities to commemorate that maximum efforts should be made to celebrate the tenth anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities,

Stressing Underlining—the imperative need of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to accomplish its mandate,

Noting with appreciation the Appreciating all efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its constructive work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference, including by increasing efforts to complement the work of other Durban follow-up mechanisms with a view to achieving better coordination and synergy with other human rights mechanisms, thereby avoiding duplication of initiatives,

- 1. Takes note with appreciation Welcomes the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (A/HRC/14/18) including and endorses the recommendations contained therein, for the General Assembly to observe 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent, with the theme "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development",
- 2. Decides to convene a Panel during the High Level Segment of the high-level meeting at its-sixteenth session, including a panel discussion that will focus on the full enjoyment realization of the human rights of people of African descent, to mark and primarily to use the occasion as a preparatory process for the celebration of 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent;
- 3. Also decides that the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action should convene its eighth session from 11 to 22 October 2010,
- 4. Further decides to dedicate two working days of the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group to prepare ations—for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;
- 5. Further decides to dedicate one day during the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council to a discussion on inter alia, best practices in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance within the context of as a contribution towards the observance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the High Level Segment of the United Nations General Assembly,
- 56. Requests the Secretary General Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to make available to the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council his report to the General Assembly pursuant to UNGA Resolution 64/169 containing proposals for a programme of work of activities prepare a report containing proposals for the Programme of Action for the International Year for People of African Descent to be submitted to the Council at its fifteenth session;
- 67. Calls on Also requests—the Office of the High Commissioner to avail the necessary resources and support to allow provide—the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to discharge its mandate fully with the requisite administrative, financial and technical resources to enable it to fulfil its mandate;
- 8. Invites interested stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations to participate fully in the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
  - 79. Decides to remain seized of this important issue.