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

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

14/16

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 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 to call for a one-day plenary event to commemorate the tenth anniversary during its high-level segment,

Underlining the fact that the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action represents an important opportunity for the international community to reaffirm its commitment to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and encouraging States and

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its fourteenth session (A/HRC/14/37), chap. I.

communities to commemorate the tenth anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities,

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

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, 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 the duplication of initiatives,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group in its work for the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and acknowledging the need to, inter alia, consider the necessary measures to enhance the effectiveness of the follow-up mechanisms to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action with a view to achieving better synergy and complementarity in the work of these mechanisms, thereby avoiding the duplication of initiatives, in line with paragraph 124 of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (A/HRC/14/18), including the recommendations annexed thereto, in particular the recommendation relating to the theme “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development”, in the context of the International Year for People of African Descent proclaimed by the General Assembly for 2011;

2. *Decides* to convene a panel discussion during its high-level segment of its sixteenth session focusing on the full enjoyment of the human rights of people of African descent, to mark 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 Programme 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 for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

5. *Decides* to dedicate part of the programme of work under item 9 at its seventeenth session to a discussion on, inter alia, best practices in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the context of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the high-level segment of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Council, at its fifteenth session, his report submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 64/169 containing proposals for a programme of work of activities for people of African descent;

7. *Calls on* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the necessary resources and support to allow the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to discharge its mandate fully;

8. *Invites* interested stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to participate fully in the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

9. *Decides* to remain seized of this important issue.

36th meeting

18 June 2010

[Adopted without a vote.]