

First draft of conclusions and recommendations as of 15 October 2010

A. Progress on implementation of recommendations adopted at the preceding session of the Working Group

1. The Working Group commends OHCHR for its efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and requests that the Office prepares and makes available well in advance, before the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group, a note, providing an overview of initiatives undertaken by OHCHR since the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group with regard to ensuring progress on implementation of recommendations adopted by the Working Group, during its 8<sup>th</sup> session.
2. The Working Group reiterates its support to the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue incorporating the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference in the human rights mainstreaming in the whole United Nations system.
3. The Working Group reiterates the importance of developing and effectively implementing national action plans, as a tool for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and welcomes the activities undertaken in this regard by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Working Group reiterates its call on OHCHR to continue assisting efforts of Member States to draft, revise and implement effectively national action plans against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
4. The Working Group urges Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to reply promptly to requests for information, including on collection of good practices and national action plans, sent by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

B. Sharing of experience, including on good practices, implementation of ICERD, DDPA and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference

5. The Working Group requests that OHCHR establish a section on good practices on the webpage of the Working Group to post regularly original submissions of stakeholders, including Governments, international and regional organizations, civil society, in one of the UN official languages.
6. The Working Group requests that OHCHR prepares a note on activities undertaken with regard to good practices for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and make it available well in advance in order to enable a discussion during the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on possible parameters for good practices.

C. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

7. The Working Group reaffirms that DDPA provides the most comprehensive framework for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and welcomes the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to convene a one-day plenary event to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the high-level segment of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly in 2011.

8. The Working Group highlights the importance of increasing public support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. In this regard, the Working Group invites Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to organize various events, with high visibility, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, aiming at effectively increasing awareness at all levels.
9. The Working Group invites stakeholders to organize commemoration activities that focus on positive developments with regard to the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
10. The Working Group requests that user-friendly information materials on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action are prepared, with the assistance of OHCHR and widely disseminated by DPI, in the course of 2011.
11. The Working Group requests that OHCHR intensifies efforts to widely distribute copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
12. The Working Group requests that OHCHR designs and issues an efficient tool for increasing awareness of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference in education systems.
13. The Working Group requests the timely creation of a webpage devoted to the commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at [www.un.org](http://www.un.org). The webpage on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary should also contain links to the websites of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of 2001 and the Durban Review Conference.
14. The Working Group encourages the appointment of *Good Will Ambassadors*, in accordance with paragraph 193 of the Durban Programme of Action, with a view to increase visibility of issues pertaining to the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
15. The Working Group highlights the importance of ensuring coherence and a visible link between the activities organized to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent.
16. The Working Group suggests that the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March, and the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 25 March, focus on themes pertinent to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent, and requests that OHCHR makes the necessary arrangements to organize the commemoration events for the international days.