

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

1. The Working Group commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and OHCHR for their efforts to ensure the implementation of the DDPA in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and requests that the Office prepares and makes available well in advance, before the 9th session of the Working Group, a note, providing an overview of initiatives undertaken by OHCHR since the 8th session of the Working Group with regard to ensuring progress on implementation of recommendations adopted by the Working Group, during its 8th session.

2. The Working Group reiterates its support to the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue mainstreaming the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference in the whole United Nations system.

3. The Working Group reiterates the necessity 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 States to draft, revise as necessary and fully and effectively implement national action plans against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and invites OHCHR to continue to assist States in this regard.

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 best practices and national action plans, sent by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

5. The Working Group notes with appreciation the efforts taken by the Chairperson of the IGWG to promote the effective implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the 7th session of IGWG, in particular those related to the methodology of the Working Group, and encourages the Chairperson to continue his efforts in that regard.

6. The Working Group recommends that the HRC adopts at its next session the necessary measures for the full observance of article 124 of the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.

B. The 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

7. The Working Group recalls the decision of the Human Rights Council to dedicate two working days of the 8th session of IGWG to prepare for the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the DDPA.

8. The Working Group reaffirms that DDPA provides the most comprehensive UN framework for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and takes note with appreciation of the convening by the United Nations General Assembly of 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.

a) The Working Group recommends that the one-day plenary event during the high level segment of the GA, attended at the highest possible level, should aim at mobilizing political will reaffirming commitment to the full and effective implementation of the DDPA. The WG invites the GA, when finalizing the modalities for the high level segment, to consider a short and concise outcome.

b) The Working Group recognizes the importance of the involvement of NGOs in the observance of the 10th anniversary of the DDPA and invites States, local authorities, intergovernmental organizations and other actors to consider providing support for their organizing of and participation in the activities of the 10th anniversary.

c) The Working Group invites interested stakeholders, including NGOs, to participate fully in the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of DDPA.

9. The Working Group highlights the importance of increasing public support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the involvement of relevant stakeholders in its realization. In that regard the Working Group:

a) invites Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to organize various initiatives to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action with high visibility that celebrate positive developments, address remaining challenges and are aimed at effectively increasing awareness at all levels;

b) requests the timely creation of a webpage devoted to the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at www.un.org. The webpage on the 10th 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;

c) calls upon OHCHR to intensify efforts to widely distribute copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference, including through the best use of the aforementioned website;

d) encourages OHCHR and UN DPI to prepare user-friendly information materials on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and widely disseminate these, through means and structures, such as UN information centers;

e) encourages OHCHR to design and issue age-appropriate educational materials aimed at increasing awareness of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference for the use of children and young people and also to make the aforementioned materials available online;

f) encourages States to consider organizing events, including those of a cultural nature, related to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the DDPA and in the context of the international year for people of African descent.

10. The Working Group suggests that the commemoration in the HRC of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March, focus on themes pertinent to the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent.

