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Agenda item 9

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 6 October 2020****45/23. Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and Commission 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 General Assembly resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013, in which the Assembly proclaimed 2015–2024 the International Decade for People of African Descent,

Noting that 2021 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Affirming that the above-mentioned anniversary offers an important opportunity to reflect on progress made in efforts to eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and on best practices and challenges with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Concerned by continued acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Emphasizing the need for reinforced efforts to combat the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, whenever and wherever they may occur,

Underlining the fact that the twentieth 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 communities to commemorate the twentieth anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities,

1. *Notes 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 to implement its mandate, and welcomes the conclusions and recommendations made at its seventeenth session and in its report on preparations for marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;¹

2. *Encourages* the General Assembly to adopt a resolution, at its seventy-fifth session, in which it requests the organization of a one-day high-level plenary event to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the high-level segment of its seventy-sixth session, with the aim of proclaiming its determination to make the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the protection of the victims thereof, a high priority for all countries;

3. *Decides* to convene, at its forty-sixth session, a high-level panel discussion during the high-level segment to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, with a particular focus on its implementation, and on achievements, best practices and challenges in this regard;

4. *Encourages* States and communities to commemorate the twentieth anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities;

5. *Invites* Member States, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders to consider providing support to enable non-governmental organizations to organize and participate in activities linked to the twentieth anniversary;

6. *Invites* Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society representatives and other stakeholders to organize various initiatives, with high visibility, to celebrate positive developments and to address remaining challenges, which will effectively increase awareness at all levels;

7. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion, and to liaise with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as with representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

8. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations system to intensify efforts to widely distribute copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and encourages efforts to ensure its translation and wide dissemination;

9. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the outcome of the panel discussion;

10. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to prepare public information materials on the twentieth anniversary, to be disseminated at various events, through United Nations information centres and the website of the Office of the High Commissioner and of other United Nations entities.

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[Adopted without a vote.]

¹ A/HRC/45/48.