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**Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia  
and related intolerance**

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## **Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference,<sup>1</sup> and in this regard underlining the imperative need for their full and effective implementation,

*Recalling also* the three Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination previously declared by the General Assembly, and regretting that the Programmes of Action for those Decades were not fully implemented and that their objectives are yet to be attained,

*Reiterating* that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies, and that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races,

*Underlining* the intensity, magnitude and organized nature of slavery and the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, and the associated historical injustices, as well as the untold suffering caused by colonialism and apartheid, and that Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent and indigenous peoples continue to be victims of the cascading effects of those legacies,

*Acknowledging* the efforts and initiatives undertaken by States to prohibit discrimination and segregation and to engender full enjoyment of civil and political as well as economic, social and cultural rights,

\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> See A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.



*Emphasizing* that, despite efforts in this regard, millions of human beings continue to be victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and relation intolerance, including their contemporary manifestations, some of which take violent forms,

*Recalling* the appointment of the five independent eminent experts on 16 June 2003 by the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [56/266](#) of 27 March 2002, with the mandate to follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and to make appropriate recommendations thereon,

*Acknowledging* that the successful implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action will require political will and adequate funding at the national, regional and international levels, as well as international cooperation,

## **I International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

1. *Reaffirms* the paramount importance of universal adherence to and full and effective implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>2</sup> adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1965, to address the scourges of racism and racial discrimination;

2. *Underlines*, in the above context, that the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination do not respond effectively to contemporary manifestations of racial discrimination, in particular in relation to xenophobia and related intolerance, as recognized by the rationale behind the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in 2001;

3. *Welcomes* the acknowledgment by the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary structures of the existence of both procedural and substantive gaps in the aforementioned International Convention, which must be filled as a matter of urgency, necessity and priority;

4. *Invites* the Human Rights Council, in conjunction with its Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, in the execution of its mandate, to continue to elaborate complementary standards in order to fill existing gaps in the International Convention, as well as to elaborate new normative standards aimed at combating all forms of contemporary racism, thereby also covering areas such as, xenophobia, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and incitement to national or ethnic and religious hatred;

## **II Implementation of the Programme of Action for the International Decade for People of African Descent**

5. *Applauds* the outstanding work undertaken by the Human Rights Council and, in particular, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

during the last decade, which culminated in the finalization of the Programme of Action for the International Decade for People of African Descent;

6. *Welcomes* the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent during its sixty-eighth session;

7. *Acknowledges* the guidance and the effective leadership role demonstrated by the Human Rights Council, as well as by United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, with respect to the promotion and protection of the rights of people of African Descent, including the restoration of their dignity and the imperative need for their equal treatment in the societies in which they live, and in this regard requests the Council to continue overseeing and guiding the implementation of the activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent;

### **III**

#### **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

8. *Recalls* paragraph 1 of the Human Rights Council resolution 6/22 of 28 September 2007,<sup>3</sup> and calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to implement the realignment envisaged therein as a matter of urgency, including providing progress reports in this regard to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

9. *Regrets* that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights omitted to include the historic and landmark World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of 2001 among the twenty major achievements of her Office since the adoption of the 1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;<sup>4</sup>

10. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for convening a special event on 21 March 2013 in commemoration of the 2013 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and in particular for bringing together eminent sports personalities to share their experiences of the dangers of racism in sport, in follow-up to the 2012 commemorative event, which was addressed by an eminent personality, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue to highlight the issue of racism in sport;

### **IV**

#### **Independent Eminent Experts to Follow Up the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of General Assembly resolution 56/266, to revitalize and reactivate the operational activities of the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action appointed on 16 June 2003, with the mandate to follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and to make appropriate recommendations thereon;

12. *Invites* the Human Rights Council to ensure the visibility, effective participation and optimal utilization of the vast knowledge and experience of the

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/63/53)*, chap. I.A.

<sup>4</sup> A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

group of independent eminent experts within its subsidiary structures, charged with the mandate and responsibility for the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

## V

### **Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

13. *Recalls* the establishment by the Secretary-General, in 1973, of the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination as a funding mechanism that has been utilized for the implementation of the activities of the three Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination declared by the General Assembly, and in this regard appreciates the fact that the Trust Fund has also been utilized for the subsequent programmes and operational activities transcending the three Decades;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to revitalize the Trust Fund prior to the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, for the purpose of ensuring the successful implementation of the activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent and enhancing the effectiveness of the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

15. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and to that end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions;

## VI

### **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

16. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, within his mandate, to continue focusing on the present challenges and threats posed by racism, intolerance and incitement to hatred, which impede peaceful coexistence and harmony within societies, and to present reports in this regard to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly;

17. *Reiterates* the invitation to the Special Rapporteur to consider examining national models of mechanisms that measure racial equality and their added value in the eradication of racial discrimination and to report on such challenges, successes and best practices in his next report;

18. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority matter.