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## Human Rights Council

### Eighteenth session

Agenda item 9

### **Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related form of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

## **Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council\***

**18/27**

### **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,

*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* Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2002/68 of 25 April 2002 and 2003/30 of 23 April 2003, and Human Rights Council resolution 9/14 of 24 September 2008,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 65/36 of 6 December 2010, containing the programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010,

*Underlining* the fact that the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action represents an important opportunity for the world community to reaffirm its political will and commitment to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and that maximum efforts should be made to celebrate the anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities,

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its eighteenth session (A/HRC/18/2), chap. I.

*Welcoming* the political declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted on 22 September 2011,<sup>1</sup> which reaffirmed the political commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, and their follow-up processes at the national, regional and international levels,

*Stressing* the importance of a consistent global effort to inform the public about the contribution that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action has made in the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

*Appreciating* the contributions of the Durban follow-up mechanisms to the tenth anniversary commemorations as well as the contributions of non-governmental organizations, which were broad-based, regionally balanced and consistent with the objectives of the commemoration,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its constructive work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, 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 duplication of initiatives;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;<sup>2</sup>

3. *Welcomes and acknowledges* the importance and significance of the work of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent in examining the current situation and conditions and the extent of racism against Africans and people of African descent and, in this regard, takes note of the report of the Working Group;<sup>3</sup>

4. *Welcomes* the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly during its High-level Meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,<sup>1</sup> held in New York on 22 September 2011, which reaffirmed the political commitment to and mobilized the political will for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

5. *Calls for* renewed efforts to mobilize political will for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to implement fully paragraphs 53 and 57 of General Assembly resolution 65/240, on the establishment of an outreach programme and a public information campaign for the commemoration and follow-up thereto, including by distributing copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action widely and with translations thereof;

7. *Decides* that the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action should convene its tenth session from 8 to 19 October 2012;

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 66/3.

<sup>2</sup> A/HRC/16/64.

<sup>3</sup> A/HRC/18/45.

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Human Rights Council at its twentieth session his progress report submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 65/36;

9. *Encourages* the High Commissioner to initiate consultations with various international sporting and other organizations, enabling them to contribute to the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

10. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts in building support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in the follow-up to the commemoration of its tenth anniversary;

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

*38th meeting  
30 September 2011*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 35 to 1, with 10 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay

*Against:*

United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain, Switzerland]

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