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**Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to
the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

**REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR
THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE ON ITS FIRST
SUBSTANTIVE SESSION**

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8. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda and its programme of work without a vote (for the texts as adopted, see annex II).

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

9. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 1, entitled “Accreditation of the non-governmental organization: Peoples Forum for Human Rights and Development”, as recommended by the Bureau (see A/CONF.211/PC.2/4). The representative of Bhutan made a statement explaining the reasons for its objections. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/1).

10. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 5, entitled “Accreditation of 33 non-governmental organizations”, as recommended by the Bureau (see A/CONF.211/PC.2/4/Add.1). The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised, without a vote (fitc

(c) The speaking time for joint statements by non-governmental organizations will be as follows: 1 to 2 non-governmental organizations: three minutes; 3 to 5 non-governmental organizations: four minutes; 6 to 10 non-governmental organizations: five minutes; more than 10 non-governmental organizations: six minutes.

15. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided that non-governmental organizations would be able to participate in the general debate on all substantive agenda items at its session (items 4 to 8).

16. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 21 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee discussed the accreditation of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, listed in a note by the

**V. REPORTS OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL
LEVELS**

20. At the 3rd meeting of the Preparatory Committee

25. At the panel discussion held at the 4th meeting

28. At its 8th meeting, on 24 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of item 6 of the agenda, with a focus on objective 3 (to promote the universal ratification and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and proper consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination). Statements were made by the following Member States: Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey, Brazil, Morocco, Algeria, Angola, India, Switzerland and Senegal.

29. At its 9th meeting, on 25 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of item 6 of the agenda, with a focus on objective 4 (to identify and share good practices achieved in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related

33. At its 12th meeting, on 30 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered the draft decision on participation of observers in the Durban Review Conference, as proposed by the Chairperson (see A/CONF.211/PC.2/4/Add.1). The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/12).
34. At its 13th meeting, on 2 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 4 on an information strategy for the Durban Review Conference, as recommended by the Bureau (see A/CONF.211/PC.2/4). The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/9). At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee agreed, as proposed by the Chairperson, to delegate to the Bureau the follow-up with the Secretariat on the implementation of that decision.
35. At its 13th meeting, on 2 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision on documentation for the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/10). Statements were made by Algeria and Egypt.
36. At the 14th meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on 2 May 2008, the Chairperson informed that the draft decision on modalities of the Durban Review Conference, as proposed by the Chairperson (see A/CONF.211/PC.2/4/Add.1) had been withdrawn.
37. At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision on the venue, timing and duration of the Durban Review Conference, as proposed by the Chairperson. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/13).
38. At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision on the slogan of the Durban Review Conference, as proposed by the Chairperson. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.2/14).
39. At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision on the logo for the Durban Review Conference, as proposed by the Chairperson. Statements were made by Egypt, Pakistan, South Africa, Greece and Belgium. The Preparatory Committee adopted the dra16558(r)2.80561(p)-0.295585(e)3.74(r)2.80561(s)-1.22997(o)-0.3Xsooersoo01

41. At the 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered the draft report on the work of its first substantive session. The draft report, including the annexes thereto, was adopted ad referendum. The Preparatory Committee decided to entrust the Vice-Chairperson-Rapporteur with its finalization,

Annex I

**DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST
SUBSTANTIVE SESSION**

**PC.2/1. Accreditation of the non-governmental organization:
Peoples Forum for Human Rights and Development**

At its 1st meeting, on 21 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote,

4. Dalit Solidarity Peoples
5. Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
6. National Federation of Dalit Women
7. New Entity for Social Action
8. Peoples Watch - Tamil Nadu
9. Tamil Nadu Women's Forum
10. All India Women's Conference
11. Breakthrough Trust
12. Centre for Organisation Research and Education (CORE)
13. Centre for Promotion of Social Concerns
14. Krushi Samstha
15. People's Action for Rural Awakening (PARA)
16. People's Education for Action and Liberation (PEAL)
17. People's Movement for Self-Reliance (PMSR)
18. Prajwala Sangham
19. Prayas Gramin Vikas Samity
20. Rural Education for Development Society
21. Rural Health Education, Agriculture and Development Society
22. Sahanivasa
23. Andhra Pradesh Vyavasa Vruthidarula Union
24. Dalit Women Movement
25. Dalit Liberation Education Trust
26. National Alliance of Women (NAW)
27. Society for Integrated Deo174(r)2.80439(a)3.74(t)-2.0.294974(VV-6l56o)-0.295(f)2.80561(o)-10.3015

B.

The Preparatory Committee also decided to provisionally invite to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process the below-mentioned non-governmental organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Coun(a)3.74(t)-2Co()-0.147774(t)-2 its g4(o)-0.29

1. Review of progress and assessment of implementation of the Durban Declaration and

Information, a worldwide information campaign with a view to mobilizing support for the objectives of the Durban Review Conference by all sectors of political, economic, social and cultural life, as well as other interested sectors.

**PC.2/10. Documentation for the preparatory process
for the Durban Review Conference**

At its 13th meeting, on 2 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, that all documents submitted as contributions to the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference, and circulated in English only, should be translated into all official languages of the United Nations and made available in time for the relevant meetings of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee further decides that a dedicated Extranet page should be developed on which all the documents of the conference shall be posted and be easily accessible

- (b) To assess the effectiveness of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms and other relevant United Nations mechanisms dealing with the issue of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in order to enhance them;
 - (c) To promote the universal ratification and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and proper consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
 - (d) To identify and share good practices achieved in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
10. Adoption of the final document and the report of the Durban Review Conference.

PC.2/12. Participation of observers in the Durban Review Conference

At its 12th meeting, on 30 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling its decision PC.1/2 of 27 August 2007 on the participation of, and consultation with, observers at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, decided, without a vote, that the same criteria, practices and arrangements should also apply to the participation of all observers in the Durban Review Conference.

PC.2/13. Venue, timing and duration of the Durban Review Conference

At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, that the Durban Review Conference, which will include a high-level segment, shall be convened in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009.

PC.2/14. Slogan of the Durban Review Conference

At its 15th meeting, on 26 May 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, that the slogan of the Durban Review Conference shall be: "United against Racism: Dignity and

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B. Programme of work

	Monday 21 April 2008	Tuesday 22 April 2008	Wednesday 23 April 2008	Thursday 24 April 2008	Friday 25 April 2008
Morning 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<p>Item 1: Opening of the session</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Item 3: Organization of work</p> <p>Action on draft proposals</p>	<p>Item 3: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Action on draft proposals</p> <p>Item 5: Reports of preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Focus on <u>Objective 1:</u> To review progress and assess implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by all stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels, including assessing contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, through an inclusive, transparent and collaborative process and identify concrete measures and initiatives for combating and eliminating all manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in order to foster the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Focus on <u>Objective 2:</u> To assess the effectiveness of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms and other relevant United Nations mechanisms in order to enhance them</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Focus on <u>Objective 4:</u> To identify and share good practices achieved in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</p>
Afternoon 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<p>Item 4: Submission of the provisional agenda of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>Item 6: Review of reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contributions of human rights bodies and mechanisms</p> <p>Panel of experts</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Focus on <u>Objective 1:</u> (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p> <p>Focus on <u>Objective 3:</u> To promote the universal ratification and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and proper consideration of the recommendations of the CERD</p>	<p>Item 6: <i>continued</i></p>

Monday
28 April 2008

Tuesday
29 April 2008

Wednesday
30 April 2008

Thursday
1 May 2008

Friday

Annex III**LIST OF ATTENDANCE****States Members of the United Nations**

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Non-Member State represented by observers

Holy See.

Other observer

Palestine.

United Nations specialized agencies

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Population Fund, International Labour Office.

Intergovernmental organizations

African Union, European Commission, League of Arab States, Organization internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Non-governmental organizations

General consultative status

International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations.

Special consultative status

Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, African Canadian Legal Clinic, African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, Amnesty International, Caritas Internationalis, Culture of Afroindigenous Solidarity, Espace Afrique International, Espacio Afroamericano, European Roma Rights Centre, Human Rights First, Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition, Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, Interfaith International, International Association against Torture, International Women Bond (IWB), Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP), Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie (MAPP), Pax Romana, Stichting National Monument of the Netherlands, Tiye International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

Roster status

African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development (ASHAD), Association of World Citizens.

Annex IV

GENERAL DEBATE^a

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
	1st	States Members: Argentina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Slovenia

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
	6th	<p>States Members: Argentina, Brazil, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China, Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Egypt, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland.</p> <p>Non-governmental organizations: Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, African Canadian Legal Clinic (also on behalf of the Canadian Council for Refugees, the Chinese-Canadian National Council, Metro Toronto Chinesen</p>

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
8 Organization of the work of the Durban Review Conference and other matters	11th	States Members: Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Syrian Arab Republic.
	12th	Non-governmental organizations: Association of World Citizens, Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, Youth Against Racism, Aldet Centre of Saint Lucia, Simon Wiesenthal Center.
	13th	States Members: Algeria, Egypt.
	15th	States Members: Belgium, Egypt, Greece, Pakistan, South Africa.
9 Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee	14th	States Members: Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union).
	15th	States Members: Armenia, Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland.

Annex V

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE
SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE**

Documents issued in the general series

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	
A/CONF.211/PC.2/1	3	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.211/PC.2/1/Add.1	3	Annotations to the provisional agenda
A/CONF.211/PC.2/2		Questionnaire to Member States prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
A/CONF.211/PC.2/4	3, 4, 6 and 8	Proposals of the Bu

Documents issued in the limited series (continued)

<i>Symbol</i>		<i>Agenda item</i>
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.3*	6	Replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to education
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.4*	6	Compilation of conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.5*	6	Replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.6*	6	Replies to the questionnaire by States
<i>Other documents</i>		
A/HRC/2/3	6	Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
A/HRC/6/5	6	Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
A/HRC/7/19	6	Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
A/HRC/7/36	6	Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Decent on its seventh session
