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for the Durban Review Conference**

**REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
ON ITS FIRST SESSION***

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* The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to integrate comments received from all stakeholders.

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9. The session was attended by representatives of States Members of the United Nations, non-member States and Palestine, specialized agencies, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, other entities, human rights bodies and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations as found in the attendance list in annex VI of the present report.

10. At the 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, concluding remarks were made by the following representatives:

- (a) Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and C. c

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34. Interventions in connection with the motion were made by the representatives of Portugal

46. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 6 entitled “Level of participation” as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2.
47. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/4.
48. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 9 entitled “Secretary-General of the Durban Review Conference” as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2.
49. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/5.
50. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 12 entitled “Venue of the Preparatory Committee sessions and Durban Review Conference” as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2.
51. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/6.
52. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 30 August 2007, the Secretariat provided the Preparatory Committee with relevant information as requested with respect to modalities that governed the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, in 2001.
53. At the 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the facilitator, the representative of Brazil, introduced a revised version of draft decision 10 (see A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2), entitled “Sources of funding and financial and technical assistance”.
54. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, as revised, without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/12.

VIII. PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS

55. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 8 at its 6th meeting, on 29 August, at its 7th meeting, on 30 August, and at its 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007.
56. For the documents issued under agenda item 8, see annex IV.
57. In the general debate on agenda item 8, statements were made by States Members and observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III to the present report.
58. At the 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the facilitator, the representative of the Russian Federation, introduced a revised version of draft decision 8 (see CONF.211/PC.1/L.2), entitled “International, regional and national preparatory initiatives”.

71. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/14.

72. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 14 entitled “Organization of the work for the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the formulation of a concrete plan for the preparatory process” as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2.

73. The representatives of Morocco, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa made a statement in connection with the draft decision.

74. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision as revised without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/15.

XI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

75. At its 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 15 entitled “Report of the Preparatory Committee”, as recommended by the Chairperson.

76. The representative of South Africa made a statement in connection with the draft decision.

77. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.1/8.

78. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered the draft report on the work of its organizational session. The draft report, including its annexes, was adopted ad referendum, and the Preparatory Committee decided to entrust the Vice-Chairperson-Rapporteur with its finalization.

ANNEXES

Annex I

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

PC.1/1. Rules of procedure for the Preparatory Committee

At its 1st meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, to use as rules of procedure for the Preparatory Committee the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, section XIII, insofar as applicable.

PC.1/2. Participation of, and consultation with, observers at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee

At its 1st meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, to apply the following criteria and practices for participation by non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee:

(a) The mechanism established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31 of 26 July 1996, and practices observed by the Commission on Human Rights, shall be the framework for participation of, consultations with, and accreditation of non-governmental organizations, while ensuring their most effective contribution;

(b) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate fully in all the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31;

(c) In the case of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the
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(e) Indigenous peoples' representatives that are accredited in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 of 25 July 1995, and who express willingness to participate, shall be accredited to the sessions of the Preparatory Committee. Other interested indigenous peoples' representatives can also be accredited, following standard procedures established under Council resolution 1996/31;

(f) Participation of national human rights institutions in the sessions of the Preparatory

**PC.1/6. Venue of the Preparatory Committee sessions
and Durban Review Conference**

At its 5th meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote that:

- (a) The venue of the Preparatory Committee sessions will be Geneva;
- (b) The venue of the Durban Review Conference will be decided by the Preparatory Committee at a later date.

PC.1/7. Dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee

At its 8th meeting, on 30 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote that its first substantive session shall be held in Geneva from 21 April to 2 May 2008 and that its second substantive session shall be held from 6 to 17 October 2008.*

PC.1/8. Report of the Preparatory Committee

At its 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote to recommend that the Human Rights Council adopt the following decision:

“Recalling its resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006, the Human Rights Council invites the Preparatory Committee to submit its reports to the General Assembly.”

PC.1/9. Rules of procedure for the Durban Review Conference

At its 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote to recommend for the Durban Review Conference the provisional rules of procedure as contained in the appendix below.

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Appendix

PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE (HEREINAFTER THE REVIEW CONFERENCE)

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I. REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Composition of delegations

Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the Review Conference and observer delegations, including the African Union and the European Community,* shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers

Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Credentials

Rule 3

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Review Conference, if possible not less than one week before the opening of the Review Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Credentials Committee

Rule 4

A credentials committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Review Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-third session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Review Conference without delay.

* The Durban Review Conference invites the African Union and the European Community, within their areas of competence, to participate in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to the African Union and the European Community. The African Union and the European Community shall not have the right to vote, but may submit proposals which may be put to the vote at the request of any State.

Provisional participation

Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Review Conference upon their credentials, representatives of States shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Review Conference.

II. OFFICERS

Elections

Rule 6

The Review Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 21 Vice-Presidents, a Rapporteur-General, and the Chairpersons of the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee established in accordance with rule 47. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring equal geographic distribution and the representative character of the General Committee composed in accordance with rule 10. The Review Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

Acting President

Rule 7

III. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Composition

Rule 10

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General of the Review Conference and the Chairpersons of the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee shall constitute the General Committee. The President of the Review Conference, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chairperson of the General Committee. The Chairperson of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

Substitute members

Rule 11

If the President or a Vice-President of the Review Conference is to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Committee. In the case of absence, the Chairperson of a Main Committee shall designate a Vice-Chairperson of that Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the General Committee, a Vice-Chairperson of a Main Com

Duties of the secretariat

Rule 14

The secretariat of the Review Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

- (a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;
- (b) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;
- (c) Receive, translate and circulate the documents of the Review Conference;
- (d) Report the proceedings of the Review Conference in appropriate journals;
- (e) Publish and circulate the report and any official records of the Review Conference;
- (f) Arrange for the custody of the documents and records of the Review Conference in the archives of the United Nations;
- (g) Generally perform all other work that the Review Conference may require in connection with its proceedings.

Statements by the secretariat

Rule 15

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Review Conference or any member of the secretariat designated by either for that purpose may, subject to rule 22, make statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. OPENING OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

Temporary President

Rule 16

At the opening of the first meeting of the Review Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or in his absence, the Secretary-General of the Review Conference shall preside until the Review Conference has elected its President.

Decisions concerning organization

Rule 17

The Review Conference shall, to the extent possible, at its first meeting:

- (a) Adopt its rules of procedure;
- (b) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary bodies;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Review Conference;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. CONCLUSIONS OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

Report

Rule 18

The Review Conference shall adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.

VII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 19

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of States participating in the Review Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of such States shall be required for any decision to be taken.

General powers of the President

Rule 20

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Review Conference; he/she shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/she shall rule on

Right of reply

Rule 25

Notwithstanding rule 24, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Review Conference who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply. Representatives should attempt, in making such statements, to be as brief as possible and preferably to deliver their statements at the end of the meeting at which the request is made. The representatives of a State may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 26

A representative of any State participating in the Review Conference may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate

Rule 27

A representative of any State participating in the Review Conference may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. In addition to the proposer of the motion, permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 28

Subject to rule 40, a representative of any State participating in the Review Conference may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Order of motions

Rule 29

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

- (a) To suspend the meeting;

- (b) To adjourn the meeting;
- (c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;
- (d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submissions of proposals and substantive amendments

Rule 30

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normal

VIII. DECISION-MAKING

General agreement

Rule 34

The Review Conference shall exert all possible efforts to ensure that its work and the adoption of its report are accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights

Rule 35

Each State participating in the Review Conference shall have one vote.

Majority required

Rule 36

1. Subject to rule 34, decisions of the Review Conference on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.
2. Unless the Review Conference decides otherwise and except as otherwise provided, decisions of the Review Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting.
3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Review Conference shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall be put to the vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.
4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

Rule 37

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 38

1. Except as provided in rule 45, the Review Conference shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Review Conference, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Review Conference votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Review Conference.
3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the Review Conference.

Explanation of vote

Rule 39

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Conduct during voting

Rule 40

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Division of proposals

Rule 41

A representative may move that parts of a proposal or of an amendment should be voted on separately. If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion for division shall be given only to two speakers in favour and two speakers against. If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the proposal or of the amendment which are approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal or of the amendment have been rejected, the proposal or the amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments

Rule 42

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments

Rule 43

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amen

IX. SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Main Committee and Drafting Committee

Rule 47

The Review Conference shall establish one Main Committee and a Drafting Committee, which may set up subcommittees or working groups. Each Committee, unless it decides otherwise, shall elect three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Representation on the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee

Rule 48

Each State participating may be represented by one representative on each Committee established by the Review Conference. It may assign to these Committees such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other committees and working groups

Rule 49

1. In addition to the Committees referred to above, the Review Conference may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.
2. Each committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

Quorum

Rule 50

1. The Chairperson of a Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Review Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States participating in the Review Conference shall be required for any decision to be taken.
2. A majority of the representatives of the General or Credentials Committee or of any committee, subcommittee or working group shall constitute a quorum.

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(b) The Chairpersons of the General and Credentials Committees, and the chairpersons of the committees, subcommittees and working groups established in accordance with rule 49, may exercise the right to vote;

(c) Decisions of the Committees, other committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 33.

X. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Review Conference

Rule 52

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Review Conference.

Interpretation

Rule 53

1. Speeches made in a language of the Review Conference shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

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Records of meetings

Rule 56

1. There shall be neither verbatim nor summary records of meetings.
2. Sound recordings of meetings of the Review Conference and of the Committees shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Review Conference or the Committees, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group thereof.

XI. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

General principles

Rule 57

1. The plenary meetings of the Review Conference and the meetings of the Committees shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Review Conference

Associate members of regional commissions**Rule 60**

Representatives designated by associate members of regional commissions may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Review Conference, the Committees and any other committee or working group.

Representatives of the specialized agencies**Rule 61**

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Review Conference, its Committees and any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations and other entities**Rule 62**

Representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations and other entities invited to the Review Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Review Conference, the Committees and any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs, bodies, programmes and relevant mechanisms, including human rights bodies and mechanisms**Rule 63**

Representatives designated by interested organs, bodies, programmes and relevant mechanisms of the United Nations, including human rights bodies and mechanisms, in particular the special rapporteurs who have contributed to the preparatory process, may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Review Conference, its Committees and any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities. The chairperson of the Human Rights Council, the chairpersons or other designated members of human rights bodies and mechanisms, and of bodies established under international human rights instruments, as well as special and thematic rapporteurs or representatives and the chairpersons or designated members of working groups, may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Review Conference, any Committee and any committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**Rule 64**

Representatives of national human rights institutions

Rule 65

1. Participation of national human rights instituti

(d) In the case of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and not accredited to participate in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and its follow-up mechanisms the Secretariat shall apply the same accreditation process as decided pursuant to PC.1/2;

(e) Indigenous peoples' representatives that are accredited in accordance with the Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 of 25 July 1995, and who express willingness to participate, shall be accredited to the Review Conference. Other interested indigenous peoples' representatives can also be accredited, following standard procedures established under Council resolution 1996/31.

3. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the body concerned and subject to the approval of that body, such observers may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence. If the number of requests to speak is too large, the non-governmental organizations shall be requested to form themselves into constituencies, such constituencies to speak through spokespersons.

Written statements

Rule 67

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 59 to 66 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegatele

PC.1/10. Reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference

At its 9th meeting, on 31 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote, on the basis of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, General Assembly resolution 61/149 of 19 December 2006, and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006, and in line with the objectives of the Durban Review Conference:

(a) To request Governments, the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and relevant United Nations bodies, regional organizations, governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, the Five Independent Eminent Experts to follow up on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Five Experts on Complementary International Standards, the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and other relevant human rights mechanisms including other special procedures to assist the Preparatory Committee by undertaking review and submitting recommendations, through the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as contributions to the outcome of the Review Conference;

(b) To request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in order to facilitate the review process, under the supervision of the Bureau to draft a questionnaire that will be sent immediately after the end of the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee to all stakeholders listed above. Responses to the questionnaire will be sent to the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) To establish at its first substantive session an open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee, review additional written contributions and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee;

(d) To request the Office of the High Commissioner to ensure the expeditious submission of the written contributions to the open-ended intergovernmental working group.

PC.1/11. Preparatory meetings and activities at the int6.2659(e)3.74(p).80439(i)-2.16436(n)-4.3

C. Second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee (October 2008)

- To discuss outcome document;

Third phase of the intersessional meetings of the Preparatory Committee (October 2008-January/May 2009):

- Negotiations on draft outcome document to continue.

D. Durban Review Conference (first half of 2009)

- Finalization and adoption of the outcome document.

Annex II

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SESSION

A. Agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and

B. Programme of work

	Monday 27 August 2007	Tuesday 28 August 2007	Wednesday 29 August 2007	Thursday 30 August 2007	Friday 31 August 2007
Morning 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<p>Item 1: Opening of the session</p> <p>Item 2: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 3: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Item 4: Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters</p> <p>Opening statements</p>	Item 5: Continued	Item 7: Relevant modalities for the Durban Review Conference	Item 9: Reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contribution by human rights bodies and mechanisms	Finalization of the report by the secretariat
Afternoon 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Item 5: Objectives of the Durban Review Conference	Item 6: Adoption of provisional rules of procedure of the Durban Review Conference	<p>Item 8: Preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels</p> <p>Actions on draft decisions/resolutions</p>	<p>Item 10: Organization of work and dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and formulation of a concrete plan for the preparatory process</p> <p>Actions on draft decisions/resolutions</p>	Item 11: Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

Annex III
GENERAL DEBATE^a

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st</p>	<p>States Members: Bhutan and China</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Objectives of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p>	<p>States Members: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African</p>

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
5 Objectives of the Durban Review		

Annex IV

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE**

Documents issued in the general series

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