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Opening of the session

1. Pursuant to decision PC.3/108 of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference, the Preparatory Committee will conv

A/CONF.211/PC.2/8	Contributions submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to education to the questionnaire prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, pursuant to decision PC.1/10 of the Preparatory Committee of the Durban Review Conference at its first session
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.2	Compilation of contributions submitted by specialized agencies of the United Nations system, United Nations bodies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations
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A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.5	Replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
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A/CONF.211/PC.3/2	Report of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.211/PC.3/3 and Add.1	Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean preparatory to the Durban Review Conference (Brasilia, 17-19 June 2008)
A/CONF.211/PC.3/4	Report of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa for the Durban Review Conference (Abuja, 24-26 August 2008)

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Note verbale dated 8 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights transmitting the contribution of the Asian region to the Durban Review Conference

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12. At the session, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the report of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group (A/CONF.211/PC.4/2).

Item 4. Draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference

13. The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/149, decided to convene in 2009 a review conference on the implementation of the Durb

(a) Review of progress and assessment of implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by all stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels, including the assessment of contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:

- Sources, causes, forms and contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at all levels
- Provision of effective remedies, recourse, redress, and compensatory and other measures at all levels
- Strategies to achieve full and effective equality, including international cooperation and enhancement of the United Nations and other international mechanisms in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(b) Assessment of the effectiveness of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms and other United Nations mechanisms dealing with the issue of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in order to enhance them;

(c) Promotion of 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) Identification and sharing of best practices achieved at the national, regional and international levels in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(e) Identification of further concrete measures and initiatives at all levels 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 and to address challenges and impediments thereto, including in the light of developments since its adoption in 2001.

16. In its resolution PC.3/1, the Preparatory Committee decided to commence immediately the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference. It also decided that the working document entitled "Certain indicative elements in relation to the outcome document" (see A/CONF.211/PC.3/2, annex IV) would constitute a basis for discussion and negotiations at that session of the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the possibility for other stakeholders to make further proposals. It was further decided by the Preparatory Committee that

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17. During the course of its second substantive session, the Preparatory Committee, with the coordination of five facilitators, concluded the first reading and began the second reading of the

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;

- (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

28. In its decision PC.3/103, the Preparatory Committee decided to invite the High Commissioner to make a contribution to the Durban Review Conference through a report on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and proposals to enhance its implementation and on the implementation of relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council. At its current session, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/CONF.211/PC.4/5).

29. Draft decisions that may be proposed by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will be issued in document A/CONF.211/PC.4/4.

Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

30. At the conclusion of its session, the Preparatory Committee will consider and adopt its report for submission to the Durban Review Conference.
