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Statement by H.E. Ambassador Mr. Wang Min at the

High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly to Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

(22 September, 2011, ECOSOC Chamber)

Mr. Co-Chairs,

[illegible] statement made by Indonesia on behalf of the Group of Asian and the Pacific Small Island Developing [illegible]

At the outset, please allow me to congratulate you on your assumption of the chairmanship of this round table meeting. I am convinced that under your outstanding leadership and with the [illegible] support of all participants, this round table meeting will be fully successful.

The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action have set the direction for the international anti-racist and anti-discrimination cause and the Durban Review Conference has marked another milestone in [illegible] in this field. China supports the convening of this high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and to adopt a political declaration. We believe that this is an opportunity for the international community to further build consensus and [illegible] to the total elimination of all forms of racism.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

In the past, slave trade, colonialism, foreign aggression and apartheid have brought tremendous hardship and suffering to countries and peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America and they constitute an important source of racism and racial discrimination in [illegible] improvement of the living conditions of African and Asian descendants. At present, with [illegible] against xenophobia and discrimination against immigrants are getting worse; incidents of [illegible] occur frequently, and new problems such as the financial crisis, food crisis, energy crisis and climate change have posed new challenges to the international fight against racism

Mr. Co-Chairs,

As a huge threat to world peace, stability and development, racism is the common enemy of the whole mankind. The Chinese delegation wishes to make the following observations on the fight against racism.

First, China is firmly opposed to double standards in the fight against racism. Efforts to promote and protect human rights should be comprehensive and balanced and should not be skewed. Free from racial discrimination is one of the most fundamental and [illegible] human rights. We oppose the practices of politicization and make combined efforts to eliminate racism.

Secondly, the survival and growth of racism in different forms should by no means be allowed for whatever reasons. The international community should carefully study and jointly combat new forms of racism, should take effective measures to eliminate the source of racism and promote inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and mutual learning.

Thirdly, China calls for the comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. This document and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference constitute the most comprehensive framework for the United Nations and international community to combat racism. [illegible] effectively implement the above documents and relevant follow-up mechanisms.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

China is [illegible] the fight against racism in all its forms and has made [illegible] Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, strictly implemented its various [illegible]

Thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.