



*The Human Rights Council,*

*Underlining* General Assembly resolution 52/111 of 12 December 1997 in which the Assembly decided to convene the Third World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which was held at Durban from 31 August to 8 September 2001,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 57/195 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly outlined the important roles and responsibilities of the various organs of the United Nations and other stakeholders at the international, regional and national levels, including, in particular, the erstwhile Commission on Human Rights whose mandate and responsibilities now devolve in the Human Rights Council,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 58/160 of 22 December 2003 in which the Assembly decided to close the Third United Nations Decade to combat racism and racial discrimination, and placed emphasis on the concrete implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action as a solid foundation for a broad-based consensus for further actions and initiatives towards the total elimination of the scourge of racism,

*Underlining* that 2006 marks 60 years of the United Nations action against racism, including three United Nations decades against racism whose programmes of action have largely not been achieved, as well as five years since the Durban Conference of 2001,

*Saluting* the laudable efforts of the Caribbean Community to keep the Durban spirit alive and foremost in the conscience of the international community and, in this regard, welcoming the historic unanimous decision of the General Assembly on 28 November 2006 by which the Assembly declared 26 March 2007 as a day for the worldwide commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade,

*Recalling* the resolution of the Third Committee of the General Assembly (A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1), as orally amended, adopted on 22 November 2006 by which the Third Committee recommended that the Assembly convene the Durban Review Conference in 2009,

*Recalling also* that by the same resolution the Human Rights Council is requested to undertake preparations for this event and to formulate by 2007 a concrete plan for the 2009 Durban Review Conference,

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 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 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;

5. *Reaffirms* that the Durban Review Conference will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained