

ZERO-DRAFT UN GA RESOLUTION
Establishment of the Permanent

dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races,

PP 8 *Committed* to upholding human dignity and equality for the victims of slavery, the slave trade and colonialism, in particular people of African descent in the African diaspora

PP 9 *Noting* that 2021 marks the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling that 2020 marked the midterm review of the International Decade for People of African Descent and its programme of activities,

PP 10 *Wishing to finalize* the modalities, format and substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum before the mid-term review of the International Decade for People of African Descent as one means of furthering the objectives of the International Decade in partnership between Governments and people of African descent,

PP 11 *Bearing in mind* that the global fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their abhorrent and contemporary forms and manifestations is a matter of priority for the international community,

1. *Decides* to establish the

intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant sources;

- (f) To mandate the preparation and dissemination of information on issues relating to people of African descent;
- (g) To raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system;
- (h) To support the coordination of programmes aimed at human development indices among the communities of people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs,⁴ and,
- (i) To offer advice and recommendations on urgent matters concerning the protection and promotion of human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.

2. *Also decides* that the Permanent Forum shall consist of sixteen members, eight members to be nominated by Governments and elected by the General Assembly (A/Res/60/192, para. 10).

preparation of a summary of the discussion of the Forum, to be made available to all participants of the Forum;

6. *Further decides* that the Permanent Forum shall meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Headquarters or at such other place as the Permanent Forum may decide in accordance with existing financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, for three working days allocated to thematic discussions;
7. *Decides* that the Permanent Forum will contribute to the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to improve the cooperation among United Nations mechanisms, the Universal Periodic Review, the ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum, treaty bodies, special procedures and specialized agencies, funds and programmes on activities related to the promotion and protection of the rights of people of African descent, including at national and regional level ensuring that there is complementarity and non-duplication;
8. *Requests* that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights provides all the necessary support to facilitate, in a transparent manner, the convening of the Permanent Forum, the organization of its sessions and the participation of relevant stakeholders from every region in its meetings, giving particular attention to ensuring broadest possible and equitable participation, including, in particular, the representation of women