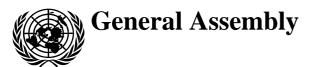
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Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

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From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2002/68 of 25 April 2002 and 2003/30 of 23 April 2003,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 57/195 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly assigned responsibilities to the relevant United Nations institutions to ensure the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action at the international level,

Recalling further Council resolution 9/14 of 24 September 2008,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 64/169 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly proclaimed 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent,

Welcoming also General Assembly resolution 64/148 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly noted the approaching commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to be celebrated at the level of the General Assembly during 2010,

Underlining the imperative need of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to accomplish its mandate,

Appreciating all efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its constructive work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. Welcomes the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (A/HRC/14/18) and endorses the recommendations contained therein, for the General Assembly to observe 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent;

- 2. Decides to convene a high-level meeting at its sixteenth session, including a panel discussion that will focus on the realization of the rights of peoples of African descent, and primarily to use the occasion as a preparatory process for the celebration of 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent;
- 3. Also decides that the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action should convene its eighth session from 11 to 22 October 2010;
- 4. Further decides to dedicate two working days of the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group to preparations for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;
- 5. Requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report containing proposals for the Programme of Action for the International Year for People of African Descent to be submitted to the Council at its fifteenth session;
- 6. Also requests the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent with the requisite administrative, financial and technical resources to enable it to fulfil its mandate;
 - 7. *Decides* to remain seized of this important issue.

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