

Thank you, Mr. President,
I align myself to the statement made by representative
of Azerbaijan on behalf of the EC.

The WG on Durban Declaration and Prop. of Action has been
an important achievement of the late Commission in an
effort to fight racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia,
intolerance and all forms of discrimination.

We support the prolongation of mandate of this WG
and it should continue its work without any gap and
relevant decision by this Council should be taken.

The work and analyses done so far within that IGWG
to implement the Declaration and to study the weaknesses,
advantages and disadvantages of the existing mechanisms,
and set of norms have been very useful.

This Group has acted as an significant UN forum to
discuss the racism and racial discrimination and taking this
opportunity I'd like to comment the efforts of the Chair,
Amb. of Chile, Mr. Martabit and skilful job he has been
doing until now.

We support His action to address all gaps and deficiencies
identified by the WG to stem racism and religious intolerance.
We share the view that elaboration of complementary
standards is vital to address the gaps in the existing
normative framework.

In this context we underline importance of elaborating
an instrument on combating religious intolerance and
promoting respect of religious.

Finally we'd like to assure the Chair of that IGWG
that Azerbaijan as a country that has served as
vice-chair of Durban Conference and active partner
within all sessions of this IGWG is ready to render
its full support to its future deliberations.

Thank you.

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