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Intergovernmental Working Group
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Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
Fourth session
Geneva, 16-27 January 2006

Draft programme of work

FIRST WEEK

Monday, 16 January 2006

Morning (No meeting)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Opening of the session (agenda item 1):

- Election of the Chairperson-Rapporteur (agenda item 2);
- Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 3);
- Organization of work (agenda item 4);
- General statements (agenda item 7).

Tuesday, 17 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. **High-level seminar** (agenda item 5)

Session on Racism and the Internet (agenda item 5 (a))

Main topics for discussion

- Consider progress made in the implementation of relevant provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;
- Assess the possibilities of and challenges posed by the use of the Internet to propagate or to counter material which incites racial hatred and acts of violence, and propose concrete measures to be taken at the international and national levels to combat the abuse of the Internet for all forms of racist manifestations; and
- Examine the contribution that the Internet can make in fostering social harmony and the fight against racism.

Presentations

Presentation of background paper on Racism and the Internet by consultant, Dr. Yaman Akdeniz (Turkey), Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

Presentations by ministers and/or high-ranking officials

- Ms. Matilde Ribeiro, Special Secretary of Policies for Racial Equality of Brazil;
- Ms. Edda Mukabagwiza, Justice Minister of Rwanda;
Ministers from other regions to be confirmed.

Presentations by panellists

- Mr. Mohammad Ali Saif (Pakistan), Professor, Islamic University of Islamabad;
- Dr. Riad Bahsoun (Lebanon), CEO and General Manager, Telecommunication Information Technology;
- Mrs. Meryem Marzouki (France), President, of IRIS (Imaginons un réseau Internet Solidaire) (NGO) and senior researcher with the French National Public Research Centre;
- Mr. Michael Rotert (Germany), President, Pan-European association of Internet Services Providers Associations (EuroISPA);
- Mr. Juan Rada (Chile), Senior Vice-President, Oracle Applications and Industries, responsible for Europe, the Middle East and Africa;
- Mr. Ernest Chukwuka Ndukwe (Nigeria), CEO, Communications Commission.

Debate.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Debate on Racism and the Internet (*continued*)

Wednesday, 18 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Debate on Racism and the Internet (*continued*)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. **Session on complementary international standards (agenda item 5 (b))**

Main topics for discussion

- Contribute to the efforts of the Working Group in conducting an in-depth assessment and evaluation of the implementation of existing international instruments, including suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- Identify gaps in international human rights law, with a view to preparing complementary standards to address them; and
- Outline the format of complementary standards to existing instruments, notably the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which will strengthen and update international instruments in all their aspects.

Presentations

Presentation of background paper on complementary standards by consultant Mr. Tshepo Madlingozi (South Africa), Lecturer in Law, University of Pretoria (South Africa).

Presentations by ministers and/or high-ranking officials

- Ms. Edda Mukabagwiza, Justice Minister of Rwanda;
- Dr. Luis Fernando Marín de Silva, Ombudsman of the Special Secretary on Policies for Racial Equality of Brazil;
Ministers from other regions to be confirmed.

Presentations by panellists

- Mr. Raghavan Vasudevan Pillai (India), member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD);
- Ms. Patricia January-Bardill (South Africa), member, CERD;
- Mr. Param Cumaraswamy (Malaysia), Chairman of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;
- Mr. Gudmundur Eiriksson (Iceland), Director, Department of International Law and Human Rights, University for Peace, Costa Rica;
- Mr. Ariel Dulitzky (Argentina), Principal Specialist, Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States and Adviser to the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons of African Descent and Against Racial Discrimination.

Debate.

Thursday, 19 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Debate on complementary standards (*continued*)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Debate on complementary standards (*continued*)

Friday, 20 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Debate on conclusions

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Adoption of report and closing of the seminar

SECOND WEEK

Monday, 23 January 2006

Thematic analysis on Racism and Globalization (agenda item 6)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Presentations by panellists

- Mr José Bengoa (Chile), Member of United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;
- Mr. Shadrack Gutto (South Africa), Professor, Centre for Applied Legal Studies Johannesburg, University of South Africa;
- Mr. Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, International Migration Branch, International Labour Organization;
- Mr. Doudou Diène, United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; Other panellists to be confirmed.

Debate.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Racism and globalization

Tuesday, 24 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Debate on racism and globalization (*continued*)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Debate on preliminary recommendations

Wednesday, 25 January 2006

10.45 a.m.-

11.15 a.m. Follow-up to the recommendations of the third session (agenda item 8)

11.15 a.m.-

1 p.m. Recommendations for future work (agenda item 9)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Debate on recommendations

Thursday, 26 January 2006

Morning (No meeting - drafting of report and recommendations)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Adoption of recommendations (agenda item 10)

Friday, 27 January 2006

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Adoption of recommendations (*continued*)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Adoption of the report (agenda item 11)

First week

Time ¹	Monday 16 January 2006	Tuesday 17 January 2006	Wednesday 18 January 2006	Thursday 19 January 2006	Friday 20 January 2006
Morning	No meeting	Item 5 (a) <u>High-level seminar: Racism and the Internet</u> – Presentation by the consultant – Presentation by ministers and/or high-ranking officials – Presentations by experts – Debate	Item 5 (a) <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 5 (b) <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 5 (b) <i>(continued)</i> Debate on conclusions
Afternoon	Item 1 Opening of the session Item 2 Election of the Chairperson-Rapporteur Item 3 Adoption of the agenda Item 4 Organization of work Item 7 General statements	Item 5 (a) <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 5 (b) <u>High-level seminar: complementary international standards</u> – Presentation by the consultant – Presentations by ministers and/or high-ranking officials – Presentations by experts – Debate	Item 5 (b) <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 5 (b) <i>(continued)</i> <u>Report and closing of the seminar</u>

Second week

Time ¹	Monday 23 January 2006	Tuesday 24 January 2006	Wednesday 25 January 2006	Thursday 26 January 2006	Friday 27 January 2006
Morning	Item 6 <u>Thematic analysis: racism and globalization</u> – Presentations by experts – Debate	Item 6 <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 8 Follow-up to the recommendations of the third session Item 9 Recommendations for future work	No session Drafting of report and recommendations	Item 10 <i>(continued)</i>
Afternoon	Item 6 <i>(continued)</i> Debate	Item 6 <i>(continued)</i> Debate on preliminary recommendations	Item 9 <i>(continued)</i> Debate on recommendations	Item 10 Adoption of recommendations	Item 11 <u>Adoption of the report</u>
