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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,

PP1 *Recalling* all its previous resolutions on the Comprehensive Follow-Up to the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

PP2 *Recalling also* the United Nations General Assembly resolutions in this regard and emphasising the imperative need for their full and effective implementation,

PP3 *Concerned* that many years have lapsed since the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and regrets, in this regard that its objectives have not been met,

PP4 *Concerned also,* in the above context, at the increasing incidents of racially motivated hatred in all its forms and manifestations, some of which have taken violent forms with the concomitant racial profiling,

PP5 *Underlining* the importance of removing legal obstacles and eliminating discriminatory practices that hamper individuals and groups of individuals from fully participating in the public and political life of the countries in which they live, including the lack of the exercise of their full citizenship rights

1. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Programme of Activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent,
2. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in his capacity as coordinator of the Decade, to submit an update on his activities in the follow up on the implementation of activities in the framework of the Decade at its 31st Session,
3. *Calls* upon all States, who have not yet done so and consistent with paragraph 75 of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to withdraw their reservations on articles 18, 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as these reservations are contrary to the objects and purposes of these Core Instruments,
4. *Calls* on all States to end posturing and denialism about the existence of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,
5. *Underscores* the importance of political will and commitment to eliminate all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,
6. *Underlines* in the above context, the primacy of maintaining a Racial Equality Index under the custodianship of the High Commissioner for Human Rights,
7. *Requests* the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to commence preparations for the commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and to present a report to the Council in this regard at its 31st Session,
8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in view of the 15th anniversary since the adoption of the Durban declaration and programme of Action, to dedicate a theme on its full and effective implementation, including the universal ratification of International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, withdrawal of reservations on Article 4 of the ICERD, submission of Declarations on Article 14 of the ICERD and the development of National Action Plans exclusively dedicated to the total eradication of all scourges of racism, at the High-Level Segment of the seventy-first session of the United Nations General Assembly,
9. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts for building support for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in the follow-up to the commemoration of the 15th anniversary thereof,
10. *Decides* to remain seized of this important issue.