

Russian Federation
Proposed amendments to the draft Political Declaration:
United against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Reaffirm the importance of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations, and *express our conviction* that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and the implementation of its provisions are necessary for the effectiveness of the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; **(on the basis of pp 4 and op 26, A/RES/65/200 “International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination”)**

Underline the importance of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009; **(on the basis of pp 6, A/RES/65/224 “Combating defamation of religions”)**

Affirm the importance of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and *emphasize* the key role of the Committee in monitoring the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by its State parties as well as its potential contribution to the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome document of the Durban Review Conference **(new)**

Express concern about the use of the right to freedom of expression to propagate racism, racial hatred, xenophobia, racial discrimination and related intolerance and *recall* that the exercise of this right carries with it special duties and responsibilities and may therefore be subject to certain restrictions, in accordance with State’s obligations under applicable international human rights instruments; **(on the basis of op 18, A/RES/65/199 “Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and**

related intolerance”, article 19, ICCPR and pp 3, A/HRC/DEC/17/120 “Panel on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests”)

Underline, at the same time, the positive role that the exercise of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, as well as full respect for the freedom to seek, receive and impart information, including through the Internet, can play in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; (op 19, A/RES/65/199 “**Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**”)

Express deep concern about the rise of neo-fascist and neo-Nazi ideologies and organizations as well as the glorification of the Nazi movement and those who fought against the anti-Hitler coalition and collaborated with the Nazi movement during the Second World War and *urge* States to undertake measures to counter neo-fascist, violent nationalist ideologies which promote racism, racial hatred, xenophobia, racial discrimination and related intolerance; (on the basis of op 4, A/RES/65/199 “**Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**” and para. 86, Durban Programme of Action)

5 a) bis. withdraw all reservations to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, in particular to article 4 of this Convention; (**new**)

5 a) ter. ensure the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, which constitute a solid foundation for the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; (on the basis of para. 52, Outcome document of the Durban Review Conference)