

Resolution L.8 tabled by USA

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The Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards

Noting with deep concern continued evidence of intolerance and discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, religion and belief, including government-endorsed discrimination, violence, exclusion, and bias,

Recognizing the importance of demonstrating to members of racial and religious minority populations affected by discrimination and acts of intolerance a shared commitment to addressing this problem through concrete and immediate actions,

Calling upon all States to consider, as a matter of priority, ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Further calling upon all States to commit to strengthening and enhancing their efforts to address discrimination and hate crimes,

Welcomes the role the Ad Hoc Committee has played in helping to identify specific proposals for concrete steps to combat racial and religious discrimination, intolerance, and hatred.

Decides to request the Ad Hoc Committee, as an immediate positive step forward, and without prejudice to its mandate, to focus on determining which of those proposals enjoy the consensus necessary for their successful implementation with a view to their adoption by the Human Rights Council at its 16th session.