

Fifth draft of conclusions and recommendations as of 20 October 2010

A. Progress on implementation of recommendations adopted at the preceding session of the Working Group

1. The Working Group commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and OHCHR for their efforts to ensure the implementation of the DDPA in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and requests that the Office prepares and makes available well in advance, before the 9th session of the Working Group, a note, providing an overview of initiatives undertaken by OHCHR since the 8th session of the Working Group with regard to ensuring progress on implementation of recommendations adopted by the Working Group, during its 8th session.

2. The Working Group reiterates its support to the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue mainstreaming the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference in the whole United Nations system.

3. The Working Group reiterates the necessity of developing and effectively implementing national action plans, as a tool for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and welcomes the activities undertaken in this regard by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Working Group reiterates its call on States to draft, revise as necessary and fully and effectively implement national action plans against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and invites OHCHR to continue to assist States in this regard.

4. The Working Group urges Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to reply promptly to requests for information, including on collection of best practices and national action plans, send by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

5/6. The Working Group notes with appreciation the efforts taken by the Chairperson of the IGWG to promote the implementation of recommendations contained in the report of the 7th session of IGWG. [in particular those related to the effectiveness of the working methods of the Working Group], and encourages the Chairperson to continue his efforts in that regard.

[5/6. The Working Group recommends that the HRC adopts at its next session the necessary measures for the full observance of article 124 of the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.]

B. Sharing of experience, including on best practices, implementation of ICERD, DDPA and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference

7. The Working Group requests the OHCHR to proceed with the placement on its website of examples of best practices by relevant stakeholders, with regard to the implementation of ICERD, DDPA and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference, in accordance with

paragraph 50 of the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference and invites relevant stakeholders to provide the Office of the High Commissioner with examples of best practices in accordance with the parameters set forth in paragraph 48 of the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference. The Working Group further requests OHCHR to regularly send invitations to relevant stakeholders, including Governments, international and regional organizations and civil society to make submissions in this regard, [in one of the UN official languages], and to accordingly update the aforementioned website.

C. The 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

8. The Working Group recalls the decision of the Human Rights Council to dedicate two working days of the 8th session of IGWG to prepare for the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the DDPA.

9. The Working Group reaffirms that DDPA provides the most comprehensive framework for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and welcomes the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to convene a one-day plenary event to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the high-level segment of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly in 2011.

a) The Working Group recommends that the high-level segment at the level of heads of States and Governments should aim at mobilizing political will [and in this regard consider producing a short, concise, objective, action oriented and consensual outcome [reaffirming commitment to the full and effective implementation of the DDPA.]

b) The Working Group recognizes the importance of the involvement of NGOs in the observance of the 10th anniversary of the DDPA and invites States, local authorities, intergovernmental organizations and other actors to consider providing support for their organizing of and participation in the activities of the 10th anniversary.

c) The Working Group invites interested stakeholders, including NGOs, to participate fully in the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of DDPA.

10. The Working Group highlights the importance of increasing public support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. In this regard, the Working Group invites Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to organize various events, with high visibility, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, aiming at effectively increasing awareness at all levels.

[11. The Working Group invites stakeholders to organize commemoration activities that focus on developments with regard to the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.]

12. The Working Group requests/encourages/invites the OHCHR and UN DPI to assist in the preparation of user-friendly information materials on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and widely disseminated in the course of 2011.

13. The Working Group requests/encourages/invites that OHCHR intensifies efforts to widely distribute copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
14. The Working Group requests encourages/invites that OHCHR designs and issues an efficient tool for increasing awareness of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference in education systems.
15. The Working Group requests the timely creation of a webpage devoted to the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at www.un.org. The webpage on the 10th anniversary should also contain links to the websites of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of 2001 and the Durban Review Conference.
16. The Working Group encourages the appointment of *Good Will Ambassadors*, in accordance with paragraph 193 of the Durban Programme of Action, [without prejudice to o.p. 17 of GA resolution 64/148], with a view to increase visibility of issues pertaining to the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
17. The Working Group highlights the importance of ensuring coherence and a visible link between the activities organized to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent and encourages the organization of cultural events related to those celebrations.
18. The Working Group suggests that [the commemoration in the HRC] of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March, and the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 25 March, focus on themes pertinent to the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent, and requests/encourages/invites that OHCHR makes the necessary arrangements to ensure the interrelatedness of these events with the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the international year on people of African descent [organize the commemoration events for the international days.]

