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EOV (L.2)

Japan

- However.*
- Regarding the concept of convening a Durban Review Conference, Japan has already supported it by voting in favour of Resolution ~~L.53, Rev.1~~ ^{L.53, Rev.1} at the 3rd Committee of General Assembly which was adopted on 22 November.
 - On ~~the other hand,~~ ^{this Res L.2.} Japan has concerns with the timing and length of the Preparatory Committee. We have raised these concerns several times at informal consultations, ~~to request reconsideration.~~ However, regrettably, our request has not been accepted ~~nor~~ ^{not} reflected in this Resolution.
 - Considering the current situation of the Human Rights Council which will hold various Working Groups next year and our commitment to participate in all of them, Japan believes it is not practical to hold an organizational session for one week in May 2007 as well as hold 2 substantive sessions of 10 working days each during 2007 and 2008. Furthermore, we are also concerned about the financial implications of Resolution as well. ~~We have strong doubts about dedicating resources to the Preparatory Committee before we can be guaranteed of a fruitful outcome.~~
 - Therefore, we could not agree with L.2, and voted against it.

- Japan has always put great importance on the issue of racial discrimination and has taken all measures to combat this problem.
- Japan has been ~~active towards eliminating~~ striving to realize a society without any form of racial or ethnic discrimination
- Japan has been active towards eliminating racial discrimination in the United Nations fora by participating in the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Durban Declaration.