

# DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTION (ACTIVITIES) FOR THE DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

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## I. Introduction

SA: the IGWG in developing the programme of activities recognizes that the Programme of Action elaborated by the WGPAD forms the broad framework for the implementation for the Programme of Activities for the International Decade for PAD as it covers a wide range of issues.

EU: exact language from the GA resolution, or general reference

Brazil pp.9 from the GA res. "the IGWG takes note with appreciation of the work taken..."

Algeria: supports SA, the introduction is imperative to place the Decade in context

Switzerland: insert some language from the GA res in para.2, opposes SA's proposal

1. The IGWG submits this report as requested by the GA in its resolution A/68/237 entitled "Proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent". In this resolution the GA requests the President of the General Assembly, through the facilitator, to continue consultations with member states and other stakeholders, with a view to elaborating a programme for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, with a draft programme developed by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action as its basis, to be finalized and adopted during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly and not later than 30 June 2014 (op.2).

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2. The present Draft Programme of ~~Action~~Activities is based on contributions received by Member States and other stakeholders during the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the IGWG. It also draws on the contributions presented by the WGPAD, the SG's reports and CERD.

Mexico on I and II: to mention the relevant GA resolutions, to shorten it

EU: para. 7 of the SG report regarding the momentum

Honduras: I and II can be shortened, GA res and latest HRC res.

Uruguay: rather focus efforts on activities

Brazil: supports the previous delegations, against a section with "why", shorten them and keep the introduction

Switzerland supports these proposals

## II. Why an International Decade for People of African Descent?

EU: delete II or take a few elements and paras and move them to the introduction

SA: to distil the activities of section II not just to delete this part

3. "Eliminate racism and structural and institutional discrimination against people of African descent, rooted in the infamous regime of slavery, the slave trade and colonialism and reinforced by the context of globalization, which are evident in the situations of inequality, marginalization and stigmatization affecting those people worldwide. Racism and structural and institutional discrimination manifested, inter alia, in their grouping among the poorest of the poor in many countries, often inhabiting the regions, districts and areas, both rural and urban, with the most precarious infrastructure and being more exposed to crime and violence; low levels of participation and underrepresentation in political and institutional decision-making processes; barriers in access to and completion of quality education, which results in the intergenerational transmission of poverty; inequality in access to labor markets; a disproportionate presence in prison populations; limited social recognition and valuing of their ethnic and cultural diversity; and intolerance against religions of African origin. (WGPAD and African Group)

4. Many people of African descent facing racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the grounds of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin suffer multiple or aggravated forms of discrimination based on other related grounds such as age, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, social origin, property, birth or other status. (WGPAD and African Group)

5. Women of African descent have historically suffered and continue to suffer compounded discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin, socioeconomic status and gender. This multiple discrimination manifests in situations of limited access to education, employment and security, and vulnerability to gender-based violence. Furthermore, they often suffer higher rates of maternal mortality due to limited access to maternal health care. Multiple forms of discrimination are also a recurring reason for the denial or deprivation of nationality and therefore a cause of statelessness. (WGPAD and African Group)

6. The relationship between races, social and economic status and citizenship means that migrants, refugees and asylum seekers of African descent around the world are often in particularly vulnerable situations. Many experience violations related both to xenophobia as foreigners and racism based on their African descent. They often encounter barriers in access to employment and work in informal and precarious jobs, often in dangerous conditions. To this end, states should ensure sufficient access to health services, education, housing and social security, which is particularly limited for many such migrants. (WGPAD and African Group)

7. Public and political discourse and its impact on immigration policies often results in migrants and indeed nationals facing racial discrimination and being used as scapegoats for economic and social difficulties faced by societies, particularly in relation to the availability of jobs, housing and health services. Within such discourse, they are often portrayed as criminals and security threats, which enflames mistrust, fear and resentment resulting in further discrimination, racism and xenophobic attitudes and often manifested in violent acts. Migrants in an irregular situation, refugees and asylum seekers are particularly targeted. In some countries, people of African descent are also often disproportionately represented among groups of internally displaced persons. (WGPAD and African Group)

8. Institutional discrimination in justice systems often impacts upon people of African descent. The impossibility of accessing domestic judicial remedies and complaint

mechanisms, be they administrative or judicial, is a factor contributing to the persistence of racism. In addition, the absence of judicial guarantees and the lack of sensitivity of justice system operators with respect to racial discrimination, contribute to even deeper resignation on the part of the discriminated groups, and help perpetuate patterns of exclusion and impunity. (WGPAD and African Group)

9. Young men of African descent face alarmingly high rates of police violence. Racial profiling continues to be widely applied as a selective and discretionary mechanism for detaining and investigating and this practice is inextricably linked to the overrepresentation of people of African descent in arrest rates, and in prison populations. (WGPAD and African Group)

10. The discrimination that people of African descent face perpetuates cycles of disadvantage which hinder human development. In accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development, Programmes of Action should have a specific focus aimed at guaranteeing equal right to full, active and meaningful participation in development decision-making, and to benefit equally and fairly from development gains. This would also be in line with Article 6, which embodies non-discrimination and the elimination of obstacles to development resulting from failure to observe civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights. (WGPAD and African Group)

11. The situation of people of African descent in many cases remains largely invisible, with a lack of official disaggregated statistical data to demonstrate the extent of discrimination. Furthermore, there is limited recognition of their histories, heritage and contributions to nations' development in education curricula, popular culture or the media, and images of people of African descent often reinforce negative stereotypes informed by deep-rooted discriminatory attitudes. Insufficient recognition and respect have been given to the efforts of people of African descent to seek redress for their present conditions, including through calls "of the moral obligation on the part of all concerned States to take appropriate and effective measures to halt and reverse the lasting consequences of those practices". This should include reparations. (WGPAD and African Group)

12. It is for these reasons that the promotion and protection of their human rights should be a priority concern for the United Nations and that the proposal for the International Decade for People of African Descent is a timely and important initiative. " (WGPAD and African Group) The Decade represents a singular opportunity to underline the important contribution made by people of African descent to our societies and to propose concrete measures to promote the full inclusion of people of African descent and overcome racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. (Brazil)

The Programme of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent should contribute to achieving equality and non-discrimination and strengthening the rule of law and democracy. (SG report) The Programme of Action should focus on taking real, practical steps in all of our countries, in law and in policy, to confront racism and racial discrimination. (USA) Such a programme should be a useful tool to pave the way for future work by all States in all regions of the world, the international community and civil society for the promotion and protection of all human rights of all people of African descent. Further efforts are needed by States to protect people of African descent from racial discrimination and to ensure their equal enjoyment of all human rights. There is a need for all relevant actors to work together

at national, regional and international levels to achieve the goals set forth in the Programme of Action. " (WGPAD and African Group)

### III. Theme

13. As recommended (proclaimed) by the General Assembly in its resolutions A/68/237 and 67/155, "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development" should be (is) the theme for the Decade.

#### a) Recognition:

14. Recognize the importance of the contributions made by people of African descent to the social, cultural, religious, political and economic heritage of the region as well as the need to preserve and disseminate the rich legacy of people of African descent to the development of the countries. (GRULAC)

15. Reaffirmed the (human) right of people of African descent (rights of persons belonging to African descent, Japan) to their own culture and identity, to equal participation in economic and social life, to the use and conservation of natural resources within their ancestral lands and the free practice of traditional African religions." (GRULAC) (para 34 of DDPA, Indonesia, Uruguay, Morocco, Pakistan, South Africa, Brazil): (Reaffirms their rights to their culture and their own identity; to participate freely and in equal conditions in political, social, economic and cultural life; to keep, maintain and foster their own forms of organisation, their mode of life, culture, traditions, and religious expressions; to the use, enjoyment and conservation of the natural renewable resources of their habitat; and where applicable to their ancestrally inhabited land.) (HR instruments reflect existing language, USA)

16. Reparations (replace with measures, USA) to restore the dignity of People of African Descent in terms of mitigating their economic, social and cultural marginalization. (African Group) (only once ref. below, USA), (EU), (maintain as is, African Group, Venezuela, South Africa)

#### b) Justice

16. The notion of justice recognizes that people of African descent have historically been and continue to be victims of violations of their human rights. It is therefore necessary to ensure the full and effective implementation of relevant human rights instruments; combat the widespread impunity for manifestations and practices of racism and racial discrimination against people of African descent and ensure equal access to justice and equal protection of the law at all stages of law enforcement, from interaction with the police, to presentation of court cases and sentencing. (WGPAD)

17. Reparations to restore the dignity of People of African Descent in terms of mitigating their economic, social and cultural marginalization. (African Group)

#### c) Development



18. Development for people of African descent should be considered firstly the role that people of African descent have played in global development must be recognized both in terms of the contribution that the African continent has historically made to worldwide development, including during the transatlantic slave trade, and the contributions that Africans and the African diaspora have made and continue to make to the development of nations. Secondly, in a period of economic and financial crisis, a human rights-based approach (~~respect for human rights, USA~~) should be integrated into all development activities where the realization of rights including the fight against poverty and access to education, health, employment and political participation are the goals of development. (WGPAD)

#### IV. Objectives:

19. Non-discrimination and equality before and of the law constitute fundamental principles of international human rights law and underpin the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the main international human rights treaties and instruments. As such the main objective of the Decade should be to promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African descent, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (~~suggested deletion from here onwards, USA~~) This main objective can be achieved through the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, (~~and through the universal accession to or ratification of and full implementation of obligations arising under the~~) (~~Algeria, Morocco, EU, Brazil~~) to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and, and other relevant international and regional human rights instruments. (SG report) (~~maintain para, Algeria, African Group, South Africa~~)

20. The Decade [can] shall focus on [the following] specific objectives which include Indonesia:

(a) To strengthen national, regional and international action and cooperation in relation to the full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights by people of African descent, and their full and equal participation (~~full participation on an equal basis, USA~~); (~~maintain text, Rwanda, Africa Group, Pakistan~~) in all aspects of society; (SG report)

(b) To promote a greater knowledge of and respect for their diverse heritage, culture and contribution to the development of societies; (SG report)

(c) To adopt, strengthen and effectively implement international, regional and national legal frameworks against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, (~~putting a particular emphasis on the need for universal accession to and effective implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination worldwide, EU~~); (~~move to para 19, Algeria~~)

(d) As recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Working Group of Experts on People of African descent (~~and the Secretary General, Brazil~~) through the adoption of a United Nations declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent." (SG report) (~~suggested deletion of the para, USA, EU; maintain issue of declaration, Algeria, Indonesia~~), (~~to transfer this para under International level, Brazil~~); (~~to introduce new legal frameworks for strengthening promotion and protection of rights of people of African descent, Pakistan, considered by African Group~~)

#### V. Practical steps or activities to be taken to make the Decade effective (~~delete "to make the decade effective", USA; SA reserves its position~~)

## A) National level

21. Member states should take all necessary measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance faced by people of African descent, by, inter alia:

- a) Celebrating the Launch of the Decade and deciding on their own Programmes of Action for the full and effective implementation of the Decade; (African Group) (alt. language to be provided by South Africa)
- b) Taking real (replace "real" with "concrete", Algeria, South Africa) with, practical ("effective", Algeria) steps in all countries, in law and in policy, to confront (replace by "combat") racism and racial discrimination (xenophobia and related intolerance, Algeria). (USA) (merge sub para b with para 21 top, Switzerland) (maintain it as an action rather than chapeau, USA)
- c) Implementing public policies of non-discrimination and social, cultural, economic and political inclusion of people of African descent, including through affirmative action (insert "where appropriate", EU). (GRULAC)
- d) Developing national strategies (delete preceding part, Switzerland) and to enhance coordination of regional and international policies aimed at the full and unconditional (delete "full and unconditional", USA) elimination of racism and all forms of discrimination (insert "racial, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance", Algeria, South Africa) (GRULAC) (use another language for "all forms of discrimination", Switzerland)

(Insert new para "States should establish and implement without delay national policies and action plans to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance including the gender-based manifestations", South Africa)

- e) Gathering information, including disaggregated data (insert "in order to have better understanding of the national situation to better assess the situation", Switzerland) (insert "in accordance with national legislations", EU, Japan, Switzerland) (insert "and based on their self-identification", Brazil, Japan, Switzerland), in order to increase the visibility of people of African descent and identify social gaps; (GRULAC)

SA, Ethiopia: Gathering information, States should ensure data collection, including disaggregated data in order to assess progress made and to increase the visibility of people of African descent and identify social gaps.

Brazil: progress made where, to be specified

92 a) from the DDPA, disaggregated according to national legislation and based on their self-identification (also Switzerland, EU) SA supportive of Brazil's suggestion

- f) Adopting, implementing and strengthening projects, policies, programmes and (insert "or", USA, Switzerland) national action plans against racism and racial discrimination. (EU) (merge this sub-para and sub para (g), Brazil, EU) (all measures for states to fight racism be included in one para, Switzerland) (sub para (f), (g) and new SA proposal be reformulated, EU)
- g) Adopting a legal framework to fight racism and to promote relevant measures and policies; (GRULAC)
- h) Establishing (and strengthening, Brazil, Japan) national institutions (and mechanisms, Brazil, Japan) (clarity required, Algeria) with a view to formulating and implementing

policies to fight racism and promote racial equality; (Brazil) (merge (h) and (i), Brazil, Uruguay) (para should consider MS that already have a national institution, Algeria)

- i) Establishing national mechanisms for the promotion of racial equality and for the promotion of best practices." (EU)
- j) Creating (insert "encouraging the creation of", Brazil) national and local councils (delete "national and local councils", South Africa), with the participation of civil society; (Brazil) (sub-paras (h), (i), (j), and (k) could be merged, EU) (merge with other sub-paras, maintain participation of civil society, Brazil, Mexico) (delete this sub-para as already captured in sub-para (h), Algeria) (different national settings, Ethiopia) (use "mechanisms with a view to..." instead of institutions, Switzerland) (South Africa reserves its position, come back later) ("Establishing or strengthening national mechanisms and institutions, with a view to formulating, monitoring and implementing policies to fight racism and ("activities to", Morocco) promote racial equality, with the participation of civil society representatives", Uruguay, Brazil, Switzerland)
- k) Establishing or strengthening of a national ombudsman; (Brazil) (any other mechanism or institutions? Ethiopia) (delete (k), South Africa, Algeria, Pakistan, US, Ethiopia) (merging with previous sub para, support Swiss proposal above "mechanisms or institutions", Brazil)

SA: Establishing or strengthening of a national ombudsman with the mandate to address acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

EU: delete the para. or not to go in details about the mandate

Morocco: a mandate

- l) Introducing measures to ensure equality before the law, notably in the enjoyment of the right to equal treatment before the tribunals and all other organs administering justice; designing, implementing and enforcing effective measures to eliminate the phenomenon known as "racial profiling"; (SG report, NGO: Committee for the respect of African peoples Charter) (already covered in sub-para (s) and (g), delete this sub-para, EU) (retain this sub para, South Africa, Algeria) (on training of law enforcement officials, SA will revert) (reserved position, USA) (para 72 of DDPa can be a reference, Morocco)
- m) Organizing national conferences, with the participation of both government and civil society representatives (Brazil). ("organizations as representatives of victim communities", South Africa); (maintaining wider "civil society" "and relevant stakeholders", Switzerland) (detail aim of national conferences, Switzerland) ("relevant stakeholders", Morocco) ("organizing national (insert "awareness raising activities and events", Japan) conferences, events and activities on the fight against racism and racial discrimination and the promotion of racial equality with the participation of civil society", Brazil, Japan, Mexico) ("organizing a national conference on the fight against racism and racial discrimination and the promotion of racial equality" Ethiopia) (leaving it open, Mexico: "opening national debate on", Morocco)

SA: raising awareness through information and education projects with a view to restoring the dignity of people of African descent and consider making available support for such activities to NGOs;



SA: Supporting education and training initiatives for NGOs and PAD to raise awareness of international human rights instruments related to racism and racial discrimination

SA: Enhancing knowledge of respective countries of the role of slavery and trans-Atlantic slave trade through supporting research and educational initiatives and giving recognition to the victims and their descendants through establishment of memorials in countries that benefited from the trans-Atlantic slave trade and arrival point sites of memory in countries where Africans were relocated.

- n) Establishing of national systems for the management and evaluation of policies to fight racism and promote racial equality; (Brazil) ~~(add in to previous Uruguay proposal, Brazil) (can be merged with (h) and (l), EU)~~
- o) Promoting of greater knowledge ~~(insert "recognition of and respect for" South Africa) of and respect for (insert "culture and history", USA, Ethiopia, "heritage", South Africa) of people of African descent (delete: "culture and history", USA), including through research and education ("the promotion of full and accurate inclusion of the history and contribution of people of African descent and their contribution in the education curriculum", Morocco; "popular culture or the media", South Africa); (Brazil) (maintain original text of sub para, USA, EU)~~
- p) Investigating and punishing of those responsible for racist and discriminatory actions; (Brazil) ~~(delete sub para as it is already reflected in sub para (l), Ethiopia) (keep separate or merge with (l), Brazil, USA, Uruguay) ("End impunity, investigate and prosecute those responsible for acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance", Algeria) (maintain text of the sub-para on "racist and discriminatory actions", Switzerland, USA, EU) (Japan, South Africa reserve position)~~

~~(new para: "Ensuring access to domestic judicial (suggestion: delete "judicial", USA) remedies and complaint mechanisms, be they administrative or judicial", South Africa)~~

~~(suggestion: Ensuring access to domestic judicial remedies and administrative or judicial complaint mechanisms, USA)~~

- q) Implementing actions to protect ancestral groups of people of African descent, such as Quilombola communities." (Brazil)" ~~(insert "as well as protect cultural sites that could recognize the slave trade", Mexico) (stop at "descent", USA, EU, Brazil) (removing reference to any specific community)~~
- r) Sensitizing people of African Descent and the wider society of their rights, and ~~raising (ed. language, USA) awareness about equality and non-discrimination" (EU) (SA reserves position)~~
- s) Providing training for relevant national institutions to ensure that their work addresses racial discrimination." (EU) ~~(merge sub paras (s) and (t), Mexico, EU, South Africa) (ensuring enjoyment of rights, language to be provided, South Africa) (Algeria reserves position; include "racism, racial discrimination xenophobia and related intolerance")~~
- t) Providing training and capacity-building for national human rights institutions and governmental bodies to ensure that their work addresses racial discrimination and issues affecting people of African descent; (SG report, NGO: Committee for the respect of African peoples Charter)



- u) Adopting special measures, including affirmative action to reduce and provide remedy to disparities and inequalities resulting from historical circumstances; (GRULAC) (as sub-para (c) "as appropriate" - whether this could be combined with sub para (c), USA, EU) (keep separate, if merged, maintain ideas of the two sub- paras. Brazil)

SA: Adopting special measures, with a view of the attainment of equality...

- v) Adopting measures to implement the right to development of people of African descent, taking into account economic factors; (GRULAC) (delete para. USA) (re-work language but maintain para. Brazil) (explicit reference needed on "right to development", South Africa, Algeria, Venezuela, Cuba, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka) (para 19 of DDPA, further discussion required, Japan)

("In accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development, States should adopt measures aimed at guaranteeing equal right to full, active and meaningful participation (of people of African descent", Ethiopia) in development decision-making and to benefit equally and fairly from development gains", South Africa) (include "people of African descent", Brazil, South Africa)

("Adopting and implementing legislations, policies and programmes to ensure effective protection of people of African descent, particularly, migrants and asylum seekers subject to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance", Algeria)

("Adopting measures to enable full and effective participation of all citizens in public and political affairs without discrimination", EU, placement to be discussed)

- w) Adopting and implementing legislation, policies and programs to ensure effective protection of people of African descent subject to multiple or aggravated forms of discrimination based on gender (replace "gender" with "sex", Morocco), language, religion, political or other opinion, social origin, property, birth or other status." (GRULAC) (Morocco, South Africa support including "disabilities" in the text) (maintain internationally recognized listing, South Africa)

("Adopting and implementing legislation, policies and programmes to combat multiple, aggravated and intersecting forms of discrimination against people of African descent based on gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, social origin, property, disability, birth, sexual orientation, gender identity or other status.", EU, USA)

(South Africa, Ethiopia, Algeria to come back later; ref. DDPA language para 2, Morocco) (not in favor of excluding DDPA or international law language, Algeria) (maintain original text of sub para (w), Ethiopia)

- x) Adopting and implementing laws and policies which provide effective protection for and review and repeal all policies and laws that could negatively affect people of African descent (too general, that would have a discriminatory effect on PAD, US, Brazil) facing multiple of aggravated forms of discrimination. (WGPAD)

Delete para. X (US, EU)

Retain the para. (AG, South Africa)

If it is retained to be combined with "w" (US, Brazil) one para on aggravated forms of discrimination

y) Mainstreaming a gender perspective (to be put somewhere else as it is cross-cutting EU) in designing and monitoring public policies, taking into account the specific needs and realities of women and girls of African descent, including in the area of sexual and reproductive health (Uruguay, Switzerland, EU, Brazil) (WGPAD), Ensuring adequate access to maternal health care." (African Group)

EU, education, and access in another paragraph (Mexico)

Morocco: to keep the original language

22. The general public, including civil society actors, non-governmental organizations, workers' and employers' organizations, the mass media, religious and community organizations, the family, education centres and others should be mobilized and invited to take an active part in the activities of the Decade and in achieving its goals. (SG report)

"how" is left out: Mexico

US, Switzerland, Uruguay: more generic paras: civil society and victims and other relevant stakeholders, family should not be there

Representatives of political parties: Morocco

z) SA: consideration to be given to States that benefitted from slavery and trans-Atlantic slave trade to issuing apologies and enter into dialogue on the measures, such as reparations, to address to the continued legacies of these historic crimes/ past tragedies (Morocco).

Iran supports the proposal of SA as para. z)

Morocco: consideration to be given to State that benefitted from slavery, the slave trade, the trans-Atlantic slave trade, apartheid, colonialism and genocide

Algeria (supports SA): to add colonialism (SA supports it, Venezuela)

Morocco: keep agreed list from para 99 DDPA

## **B) Regional and international level**

23. The international and regional organizations (also reflect collective work of states, Japan, Indonesia, language can be modified, "at the international and regional levels, highest priority should to be given.", Pakistan, Morocco) (maintaining title, Ecuador, maintain institutional framework in the context of regional and international organizations, Algeria) should continue to give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism and racial discrimination directed towards people of African descent, among others they should:

a) Continue underlining the key role of ICERD, in combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the need for its universal accession and its full implementation (EU, USA) (use DDPA language as in its para 19 South Africa, Algeria, Iran, Indonesia, Venezuela, opposed by USA) [in particular [considering withdrawing Brazil] the withdrawal of reservations to article 4

and 5 of the ICERD by countries that have submitted reservations thereto (proposed by AG/ US and Japan oppose it) (removal of reservations SA) Underline the key role of ICERD. Call for universal accession and full and effective implementation. (EU)

- b) (~~"Take measures to"~~, EU) Raise awareness about the Decade at the regional and international level. (EU)
- c) Disseminate DDPA (~~add "widely at national, regional and international levels"~~, Pakistan) (Dutch NGO, Barryl Biekman) (~~not necessary~~, USA)
- d) Regions hosting people of African Descent should (~~delete preceding part~~, USA, EU) (~~"All regions should"~~, Pakistan, considered by South Africa) hold (~~add "regional"~~, USA) conferences bearing in mind the Theme of the Decade; and (African Group)
- e) Create an Observatory of Statistical Data On People of African Descent (~~at regional and international levels~~, Mexico) in Latin America and the Caribbean, of a Center of Historical Memory in the region, as well as of the Latin American Fund for People of African Descent. (GRULAC) (~~specifically linked only to one region~~, USA, EU) (~~place as an example or take note of it~~, Brazil, appreciate, acknowledge as a positive step, Pakistan) (~~consider initiatives such as Observatory of Statistical Data On People of African Descent as well as of the Latin American Fund for People of African Descent"~~, USA), (~~maintain as an example~~, Ecuador, South Africa, Honduras)
- f) Ensure the participation and consultation of (NGOs and other stakeholders, Morocco) civil society (~~delete here onwards~~, South Africa) (~~add "UN member states, experts and scholars"~~, China) (~~add "other stakeholders"~~, Mexico), in particular (~~replace with including"~~, USA) those led and organized by people of African descent. (EU)  
Indonesia: make use of the cross-regional initiatives such as NASP to strengthen solidarity and actions in combatting racism, racial discrimination towards PAD

24. The General Assembly may consider (~~reconsider language~~, South Africa):

- a) Officially launching of the Decade under the auspices of the PGA (~~role of PGA?~~, USA) (~~or auspices of the SG~~, Pakistan) before the end of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session on the UNGA, in the context of the UNGA Plenary; (African Group) (~~separate part on process~~, Brazil)
- b) Appointing the OHCHR as focal point for the implementation of the decade within existing resources. (EU) (~~combine (b) and (c)?~~, USA), (~~give mandate to HC, prefer proposal of SG Report~~, Brazil), (~~delete b. prefer maintaining (c)~~, South Africa), (~~support the idea of one para, HC appointed as coordinator and OHCHR set up a project to assist to fund programme and activities of the Decade~~, Pakistan), (~~maintain "within existing resources, flexible on combining (b) and (c)~~, EU), (~~support Brazil and South Africa Indonesia; not on within existing resources~~, Cuba), (~~prefer para (c)~~, Algeria), (~~find better wording "the Decade must be well-resourced/ Relevant funding provided for"~~, South Africa)
- c) Appointing the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to act as Coordinator of the Decade, in order to follow up on the implementation of the activities foreseen in the Decade; (SG report)
- d) Requesting the Secretary-General (~~change SG with HC~~, USA) to present a progress report on the implementation of these provisions to the General Assembly biannually, taking into account information and views provided by States, relevant human rights treaty monitoring bodies, special procedures of the Human Rights Council and other



- mechanisms of the United Nations, international, regional and non-governmental organizations, including organizations of people of African descent, and national human rights institutions;
- e) Ensuring that the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda incorporate goals and objectives aimed at the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance. (GRULAC) (“takes into account goals and objectives”, EU, similar concern suggest less prescriptive language, USA), (“recommending/encouraging” or other suggestions, Brazil, supported by Pakistan, Algeria, Honduras supports “encourages”), (“due consideration be given to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, in the elaboration of goals and objectives of the UN post 2015 development agenda”, South Africa), (agreed language (as in the IP declaration) in many resolutions which should be used, Mexico)
- f) Requesting the Department of Public Information of the (insert- “UN”, Mexico) Secretariat and (insert “invite”, Ecuador) regional (insert- “and sub-regional”, Ethiopia) organizations to launch an awareness-raising campaign to inform the general public of (insert text-“the ordeals (insert- “histories”, delete “the ordeals”- USA) including slavery and transatlantic slave trade.” (South Africa, Venezuela, Switzerland, Brazil)) histories, contributions (Morocco, Venezuela), (insert text “including to the global development” (African Group)) contemporary experiences and human rights situation of people of African descent; (SG report) (maintain text- USA, EU; suggest moving paras 1-1 related to regional organizations to section 23, USA; maintain rest of the text, Switzerland, Brazil)
- g) Inviting regional (insert “and sub-regional”, African Group) organizations, the specialized agencies, the United Nations programmes, funds and offices to develop global studies and to report, regarding (replace by “on”, African Group) the themes of the Decade. The organizations will include, (insert “inter alia”, African Group) the following: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank Group, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (not identify organisations, Pakistan, USA). Such studies could be used to inform a mid-term review of the Decade to monitor the progress made, share learning practices between key actors and inform plans and policies for the remaining five years of the Decade and beyond; (SG report, CERD, WGPAD) (insert “sub-regional” next to regional reporting to?, Switzerland, African Group)
- h) Inviting UN entities and regional (insert “sub-regional”, African Group) organizations to raise awareness about the decade and the problems (replace with “challenges”, African Group, EU) faced by people of African descent and this (replace “take” with “include the”, South Africa) decade into account in their activity planning. (EU, SG report and WGPAD) (merge with 23 (b), EU) ; (combining (f) and (h), Mexico) (refine language, merging with 24 (f) Switzerland) (maintain para, Ethiopia)
- i) Underlining the paramount importance of cooperation (insert- “partnerships”, Morocco) and coordination between UN entities, regional (insert “sub-regional”, Ethiopia) organizations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders on the decade. (EU) (insert “national institutions”, Pakistan)
- j) Inviting (“Requesting”, South Africa, Uruguay) the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue its fellowship programme for people of African descent



- during the Decade; (SG report, WGPAD) (the activity be included in the regular budget, Brazil, South Africa, Ecuador, African Group, China, Uruguay) (maintain text, to come back later, EU) (creation of a voluntary fund, Mexico, EU).  
 (insert new para: "Requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to include a section on the Anti-discrimination Database on the International Decade for people of African descent". Brazil)
- k) (Requesting Member States to consider) (re-frame language, South Africa, Cuba) the elaboration of a draft United Nations declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights (insert "enshrined in the international instruments for the promotion and protection of human rights". Brazil, Honduras, Ecuador, Switzerland, Mexico) of people of African descent (insert "and requesting the Working Group of experts on people of African descent to provide an initial draft for consideration by the Human Rights Council". South Africa, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Cuba, Venezuela, China, Ecuador, Indonesia) (not acceptable to ask WGPAD, Switzerland); (GRULAC, SG report, CERD and WGPAD) (delete para, USA), (delete para, come back later, EU) (retain para, work on the language, Ethiopia) (retain para, Venezuela, Mexico)
- l) Need an international instrument on People of African Descent to be finalized within the Decade and undertaken in accordance with operative paragraph 179 of the DDPA. (African Group) (delete para, USA, EU) (retain para, South Africa)
- m) Sceptical of proposals to create new instruments rather than focusing on implementation of existing ones such as the CERD (USA and EU) (delete para, South Africa, African Group, Venezuela)
- n) Requesting the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to draft an Optional Protocol to International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and to set up an open-ended inter-governmental working group to finalize the draft Optional Protocol to ICERD which would be presented to the Human Rights Council." (Pakistan) (delete para, USA, EU, Switzerland, Japan) (maintain para, Algeria, South Africa) (merge para (k), (l), (n), Brazil)
- o) Establishing, as a result of (replace "as a result of" with "during", Ethiopia) the Decade, a United Nations permanent forum for people of African descent to serve as a consultation mechanism for representative organizations of people of African descent and other interested stakeholders; (GRULAC, African Group, SG report and WGPAD) (delete para, USA, EU) (retain para, Ethiopia)
- p) Encouraging voluntary contributions to fund the activities of the decade. (EU) (Trust Fund requested by GA?, Mexico) (insert "Encourages all governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals as well as other donors in a position to do so, to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the programme for the Decade of Action to combat racism and racial discrimination, for the purposes of ensuring the successful implementation of the activities of the International Decade for people of African descent". Brazil) ("Ensuring necessary regular budgetary resources for the OHCHR, with a view to ensure that the High Commissioner fulfils his or her mandate and to be complemented by voluntary contributions to fund specific projects of the Decade." South Africa, Indonesia)
- q) Calling by the General Assembly to allocate (insert "sufficient", Morocco) predictable funding from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources of the UN for the

effective implementation of the programme of action and activities under the International Decade (NGOs: World Against Racism Network (WARN) and International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN) ~~(maintain para. Cuba, Ethiopia)~~)

- r) Requesting the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to establish a project for the International Decade for People of African Descent to assist the funding of projects and programmes which promote the goals of the Decade and the participation of people of African descent. (SG report) ~~(maintain para. Cuba, Ethiopia)~~

~~(on paras p, q, r, "requesting OHCHR to establish a project through budgetary resources, extrabudgetary resources as well as voluntary contributions (insert "for predictable funding for activities of the Decade and for its effective implementation", Algeria) to assist funding of programmes and activities of the Decade", Pakistan)~~

- s) Keeping the decade under review and foresee a midterm evaluation as well as a final assessment ~~(insert "within/under the framework of an international conference marking the closure of the International Decade for people of African descent", Morocco), while avoiding the creation of new mechanisms."~~ (EU)
- t) Convening of the Mid-Term Review. Member states should be afforded an opportunity to offer to host the Mid-Term Review {Not in the context of Geneva or the GA} ~~(delete preceding bracketed part, Switzerland).~~ (African Group). The Mid-Term Review will take stock of progress made and decide on further actions; (African Group)

~~(combine paras (s) and (t) and moving these paras to a procedural section, USA, Switzerland) (HC call for the review?, Mexico)~~

- u) Organizing an international conference marking the closure of the International Decade on People of African Descent. The conference will ~~(insert: "review the actions during the course of the Decade and", USA, Brazil) decide on further actions and initiatives beyond the Decade ; (African Group) (to keep open re. "international conference", USA) (suggestion: "international event", Switzerland; maintain "conference", South Africa)~~
- v) Ensure the Building of a permanent memorial to the victims of slavery and the trans-Atlantic slave trade at the United Nations headquarters in NY to (SA) honor the memory of (delete "the memory of", Switzerland) millions of men, women and children who endured the case of slavery and trans-Atlantic slave trade. The Permanent memorial must be [the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. (EU and African Group) to] be completed and inaugurated before the Mid-Term Review in 2020. (African Group) (link to what has been done so far in NY, Brazil)

~~(new para "Encourage issuance of a stamp and slogan, celebrations by the United Nations postal administration on International Decade for people of African descent", Ethiopia, South Africa, Venezuela)~~

~~(new para: "Inviting a message of support for the launching of the Decade by the Heads of States, Executive Heads of United Nations bodies as well as Chairpersons of the principal committees.", African Group)~~

(to come back later with civil society request for DDPA publications, South Africa)



