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DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE  
Preparatory Committee  
Intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group  
to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee  
First session  
Geneva, 26-30 May 2008

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS THERETO**

**Prepared by the Secretary-General**

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of Chairperson-Rapporteur.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Implementation of the mandate of the working group as contained in Preparatory Committee decision PC.2/4 of 22 April 2008 entitled “Establishment and dates of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group”.
6. Report of the working group to the Preparatory Committee.

Annotations to the provisional agenda

**Item 1. Opening of the session**

1. Pursuant to decision PC.2/4 on the establishment and dates of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review

to five non-governmental organizations: four minutes; six to ten non-governmental organizations: five minutes; more than ten non-governmental organizations: six minutes.

5. The Preparatory Committee further decided that non-governmental organizations will be able to participate in the general debate on all substantive agenda items.

6. In its decision PC.2/10 of 2 May 2008 entitled “Documentation for the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference”, the Preparatory Committee decided that all documents submitted as contributions to the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference and circulated in English only, should be translated into all official languages of the United Nations and made available in time for the relevant meetings of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group.

7. The following documents containing specific contributions to the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference were issued for the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee:

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Compilation of contributions submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference by specialised agencies of the United Nations system, United Nations bodies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.3

Replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to education

A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.4

Compilation of conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

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Replies to the questionnaire  
submitted by the Committee on  
the Elimination of Racial  
Discrimination

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Replies to the questionnaire by  
States

8. The following reports submitted earlier to

10. In its decision PC.2/4 of 22 April 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling its decisions PC.1/10 (c) and PC.1/15 of 31 August 2007, decided to establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee, including through reviewing contributions and commencing negotiations on the draft outcome document, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee.

11. The Preparatory Committee, in its decision PC.1/13 of 31 August 2007 entitled “Objectives of the Durban Review Conference”, decided that, on the basis of the Durban

1. Review of progress and assessment of implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by all stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels, including the assessment of contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:
  - Sources, causes, forms and contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
  - Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
  - Measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at all levels;
  - Provision of effective remedies, recourse, redress, and compensatory and other measures at all levels;
  - Strategies to achieve full and effective equality, including international cooperation and enhancement of the United Nations and other international mechanisms in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
2. Assessment of the effectiveness of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms and other United Nations mechanisms dealing with the issue of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in order to enhance them.
3. Promotion of the universal ratification and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and proper consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
4. Identification and sharing of best practices achieved at the national, regional and international levels in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

13. At the conclusion of its work, the working group will consider and adopt its report to the Preparatory Committee.

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