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DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

Preparatory Committee

Intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group  
to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and  
drafting of the outcome document

First meeting

Geneva, 27 November 2008

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS THERETO \***

**Prepared by the Secretary-General**

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3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
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6. Report of the working group to the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference.

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\* Late submission.

## **Annotations to the agenda**

### **Item 1. Opening of the session**

1. By its decision PC.3/9 of 17 October 2008 entitled “Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference”, the Preparatory Committee established this intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group and decided that it shall meet for a total of up to 10 working days in advance of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, including a meeting on 27 November 2008, the first session to be held from 19 to 23 January 2009, and the second session on 6 to 9 April 2009 or at any other date agreed by the working group.

### **Item 2. Election of Chairperson-Rapporteur**

2. In accordance with applicable rules of procedure and established practices, at the beginning of its work the working group shall elect, from among the representatives of Member States, its Chairperson-Rapporteur.

### **Item 3. Adoption of the agenda**

3. In accordance with established practices, the working group will have before it the present document containing the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General as well as the annotations relating to the items included in the provisional agenda.

### **Item 4. Organization of work**

4. In its decision PC.1/1 of 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided to use as its  
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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
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.5	Replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
A/CONF.211/PC.2/CRP.6	Replies to the questionnaire by States
A/CONF.211/PC/WG.1/5	Joint contribution by special procedures mandate-holders
A/CONF.211/PC/WG.1/CRP.1 and Add.1	Note by the Secretariat containing a summary of additional replies to the questionnaire by States
A/CONF.211/PC/WG.1/CRP.2	Working document submitted by the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the

A/CONF.211/PC.3/9

Response by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to the questionnaire transmitted by the Secretariat (A/CONF.211/PC.2/2)

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Note verbale dated 13 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights transmitting the written contribution submitted by the Organization of the Islamic Conference

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Contribution by the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

6. Additional contributions received by the Secretariat after the circulation of the above documents have been posted on OHCHR website: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/racism/DurbanReview/session1-repliesfromMemberStates.htm>

7. The working group may wish to recall that the following reports, issued as documents of the Human Rights Council, were also circulated during the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee:

A/HRC/2/3

Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on incitement to racial and religious hatred and the promotion of tolerance

A/HRC/6/5

Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

A/HRC/7/19

Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

A/HRC/7/36

Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its seventh session

**Item 5. Implementation of the mandate of the working group as contained in Preparatory Committee decision PC.3/9 of 17 October 2008 entitled “Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference”.**

8. The working group may recall that 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 Declaration and Programme of Action, General Assembly resolution 61/149 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2, the objectives of the Durban Review Conference will read as follows:

1. To review progress and assess implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by all stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels, including assessing contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, through an inclusive, transparent and collaborative process and identify concrete measures and initiatives for combating and eliminating all manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in order to foster the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

2. To assess the effectiveness of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms and other relevant United Nations mechanisms dealing with the issue collaborative order to fostering with order (it

- 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

