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## **I. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. The Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference held its second substantive session in Geneva from 6 to 17 October 2008, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 61/149 and Human Rights Council resolutions 3/2 and 6/23. It held 19 plenary meetings during the session.
2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee, Najat Al-Hajjaji (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).
3. At the 1st meeting, on 6 October, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.
4. At the same meeting, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement.
5. The session was attended by representatives of States Members of the United Nations, non-member States and Palestine, United Nations funds, agencies and programmes, intergovernmental organizations, human rights bodies and mechanisms, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (see annex III).
6. For the resolution and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee, see annex I. For the list of documents issued for the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, see annex V.<sup>1</sup>

## **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

7. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October, the Preparatory Committee had before it the provisional agenda of its second substantive session (A/CONF.211/PC.3/1) and the annotations to the provisional agenda, prepared by the Secretary-General (A/CONF.211/PC.3/1/Add.1).
8. The Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda without a vote (for the text as adopted, see annex II).

## **III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

9. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Organization of work of the second substantive session", as proposed by the Bureau. The resolution was adopted without a vote (annex I, resolution PC.3/1).
10. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision proposed by



18. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October, the Preparatory Committee considered the issue of the accreditation of the provisionally accredited non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, the Rural Development Centre and Buddha Smriti Sanathan, which had failed to provide information requested of them by the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session. The Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, not to accredit them (annex I, decision PC.3/102).
19. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered and adopted the draft timetable proposed by the Bureau. The Preparatory Committee then considered the rules applicable to speaking time limits and decided as follows:
- (a) The speaking-time limits would be 5 minutes per statement for States Members of the United Nations and 3 minutes for all observers;
  - (b) The speaking time for joint statements by Member States should not exceed 10 minutes;
  - (c) The speaking time limits for joint statements by non-governmental organizations would be as follows: one to two non-governmental organizations, 3 minutes; three to five non-governmental organizations, 4 minutes; 6 to 10 non-governmental organizations, 5 minutes; more than 10 non-governmental organizations, 6 minutes.
20. At its 5th meeting, on 8 October, the Preparatory Committee decided that, with regard to the process of negotiations and drafting under agenda item 6, a facilitator from each regional group would be identified and a section of the outcome document would be attributed to each. South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), the Russian Federation, Denmark, Argentina and China (on behalf of the Asian Group) made interventions. It was decided that observers would participate in the discussions under item 6 by making interventions after Governments had made their interventions, but not during the drafting process itself.
21. At its 7th meeting, on 9 October, the Preparatory Committee decided that non-governmental organizations and other observers would be given the possibility to make oral statements with regard to the drafting process after each reading of each section of the draft outcome document was completed.
22. At the 10th meeting, on 10 October, a discussion was held on organizational issues related to agenda item 6. The following Member States took the floor: Honduras, Egypt, France (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Nigeria, Switzerland, Singapore, Egypt, New Zealand, the Syrian Arab Republic and Nigeria.

#### **IV. REPORT OF THE INTERSESSIONAL OPEN-ENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO FOLLOW UP THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE**

23. At its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 6 and 7 October, the Preparatory Committee considered items 3, 4 and 5 of the agenda jointly. Statements were made by South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), France (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan, China (on behalf of the Asian Group), Nigeria, Brazil, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Argentina, Mauritius, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Turkey, Egypt, Switzerland, Indonesia and Italy. The following observers also took the floor: the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief. The Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, the Hudson Institute and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists made a joint statement. The Canadian Arab Federation and the African Canadian Legal Clinic also made a joint statement. The International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, the Lutheran World Federation, Forum Asia and the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development also made a joint statement. B'nai B'rith International, UN Watch, the Afro-Swedish National Association, Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et toutes formes de violences sexuelles et discriminations sexistes, the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations and the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network also made statements.

#### **V. DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE**

24. At its 3rd to 17th meetings, from 7 to 17 October, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6, on the draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, interventions were made by Argentina, France (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Egypt, Cuba, Greece, Belgium, Bangladesh and Nigeria. Interventions were also made by South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China (on behalf of the Asian Group), Denmark (on behalf of the Western Europe and Others Group) and Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European Group). Other interventions were made by the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece, Bangladesh, Norway, Singapore, Egypt, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, France (on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom of

national, regional and international levels, including assessing contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”), with the facilitation of Osita Anaedu of Nigeria. Pakistan, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), France (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, China (on behalf of the Asian Group), India, Algeria, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Colombia, Angola, Brazil, the Philippines, Argentina, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Indonesia, Mexico, Bangladesh, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Senegal made statements.

26. At its 7th and 8th meetings, on 9 October, the Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of item 6, focusing on section 1 of the outcome document. France (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Rwanda, India, Morocco, Algeria, Ireland, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Belgium, the Syrian Arab Republic, Denmark, Angola, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Egypt, Benin, Brazil, China (on behalf of the Asian Group),







36. At the same meeting, discussion was continued on section 4 of the outcome document. The following Member States made interventions: Nigeria, the Russian Federation, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Benin, France (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia, Ethiopia, the Sudan, India, Switzerland, Algeria, Thailand, Bangladesh, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Argentina, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Singapore, Brazil, Nigeria, New Zealand, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and



**VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE  
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE**

45. At its 19th meeting, on 17 October, the Preparatory Committee had before it the draft report of its second substantive session. The draft report was adopted ad referendum, and the Preparatory Committee decided to entrust th

**Annex I**

**RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PREPARATORY  
COMMITTEE ON ITS SECOND SUBSTANTIVE SESSION**

**A. Resolution**

**PC.3/1. Organization of work of the second substantive session**

*The Preparatory Committee,*

*Recalling* its decisions PC.1/13 on the objectives of the Durban Review Conference and PC.2/8 on the structure of the draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference,

*Recognizing* the work of its intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group,

## **B. Decisions**

### **PC.3/101. Accreditation of two new non-governmental organizations**

At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit the following new non-governmental organizations to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process:

1. Gherush92 Committee for Human Rights;
2. Bexley Council for Racial Equality.

### **PC.3/102. Accreditation of three Durban 2001 non-governmental organizations**

At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalled that, in its decision PC.2/5 A, adopted at its first substantive session, it had decided to provisionally invite to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process the non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, the Rural Development Centre, the National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights and the Buddha Smriti Sanathan, which are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but participated in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of 2001, pending the reception of further information that demonstrates that they fully satisfy the criteria for accreditation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and in accordance with Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/2.

Noting that no further information was received from the non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Rural Development Centre and Buddha Smriti Sanathan, the Preparatory Committee decided not to accredit those three organizations to the Durban Review Conference.

### **PC.3/103. Invitation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

At its 1st meeting, on 7 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, bearing in mind the objectives of the Durban Review Conference a

**PC.3/104. Accreditation of five new non-governmental organizations**

At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit the following new non-governmental organizations to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process:

1. Humanrights.ch/MERS;
2. People for Peace and Defence of Rights;
3. Terre Nouvelle;
4. Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization;
5. Bilaal Justice Center.

**PC.3/105. Accreditation of the non-governmental organization  
International Dalit Solidarity Network**

At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Dalit Solidarity Network, for participation in the preparatory process to the Durban Review Conference, noting that the areas of activities of that organization relate to caste-based discrimination and other forms of discrimination based on work and descent, and underlining that its participation in the preparatory process of the Durban Review Conference would cover discrimination based on the grounds of descent in line with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, decided to grant accreditation to the International Dalit Solidarity Network.

**PC.3/106. Accreditation of the non-governmental organizations National  
Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Swadhikar and People's  
Education for Action and Liberation**

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At its 9th meeting, on 10 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having received further information from the non-governmental orga

### **PC.3/107. Accreditation of the non-governmental organization ABGLT**

At its 17th meeting, on 16 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having considered the application of the Brazilian non-governmental organization ABGLT for participation in the Durban Review Conference to be held from 20 to 24 April in Geneva, stressing that the participation of ABGLT in the Durban Review Conference would be based on addressing discrimination in conformity with the contents of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and shall strictly raise issues mentioned in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 3/2 of the Human Rights Council, decided to grant accreditation to ABGLT.

### **PC.3/108. Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference**

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolution 61/149 of 19 December 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006, and bearing in mind the need to continue and conclude the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in advance of the Conference, decided:

(a) To convene a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva for up to three working days, from 15 to 17 April 2009;

(b) To establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to continue and finalize the process of negotiation on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference on the basis of the compilation of proposals resulting from the work of the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and any further contributions, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its third substantive session. The Preparatory Committee further decided that the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group 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 from 6 to 9 April 2009 or at any other date agreed by the working group.

### **PC.3/109. Participation in the Durban Review Conference**

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/149 of 19 December 2006 and 62/220 of 22 December 2007 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006 as well as its own decision PC.1/12, decided to request the General Assembly to allocate adequate resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to facilitate the participation in the Review Conference of the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.



## **Annex II**

### **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Organization of work
3. Reports of preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels
4. Review of reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contributions of human rights bodies and mechanisms
5. Report of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group to follow up the work of the Preparatory Committee
6. Draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference
7. Organization of the work of the Durban Review Conference and other matters
8. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

### **Annex III**

#### **LIST OF ATTENDANCE**

##### **States Members of the United Nations**

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Kuwait, Italy, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

##### **Non-member State represented by observers**

Holy See

##### **National human rights institutions**

Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

International Coordinating Council of National Human Rights Institutions

##### **Other observer**

Palestine

##### **United Nations specialized agencies**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

International Labour Organization

##### **Non-governmental organizations**

###### ***General consultative status***

International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations

###### ***Special consultative status***

African Canadian Legal Clinic

African Peace Network

Afro-Swedish National Association

African Commission on Health and Human Rights Promoters

Arab Commission for Human Rights

Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network  
Asociación de Mujeres Afrocolombianas  
Association for Community Development and Human Technology

**PROROM/PRORNAKO**

Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora

Save the Children

Simon Wiesenthal Center

Tinhinan

Touru Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust

UN Watch

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

***Roster status***

Association of World Citizens

***Others***

Commission fédérale contre le racisme

**Annex IV**

**GENERAL DEBATE\***

Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
1. Adoption of the agenda	1st	Member States Observers
2. Organization of work	1st	Member States: Algeria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Denmark, Egypt, France (on behalf of the European Union), Germany, India, Ireland, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Sweden, Zimbabwe.
	5th	Member States: Argentina, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China (on behalf of

Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
5. Report of the		

Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
	9th	<p>Islander Research Action, ILO, Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition, Mouvement contre le racismisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.</p> <p>Joint statements: Interfaith International, MBORORO and Al-Hakim Foundation; Human Rights First and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund.</p> <p>Member States: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China (on behalf of the Asian Group), Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Egypt, France (on behalf of the European Union), India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conference), Senegal, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, Thailand.</p> <p>Observers: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition, Interfaith International, Mouvement contre le racismisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.</p> <p>Joint statements: Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora, Colectiva Mujer y Salud, Geledés Instituto da Mulher Negra, Afrolider and Enlace de Mujeres Negras de Honduras; Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora, Colectiva Mujer y Salud, Geledés Instituto da Mulher Negra, Afrolider, Enlace de Mujeres Negras de Honduras, Color Cubano (UNEAC) and Voces Caribeñas.</p>
	10th	<p>Member States: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China (on behalf of the Asian Group), Egypt, France (on behalf of the European Union), India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Observers: Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, UN Watch.</p> <p>Joint statement: Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora, Colectiva Mujer y Salud, Geledés - Instituto da Mulher Negra, Afrolider, Enlace de Mujeres Negras de Honduras, Color Cubano (UNEAC) and Voces Caribeñas; Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition and Interfaith International.</p>

Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
	11th-12th	Member States: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Cuba,



Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
	16th	<p>Joint statements: Asian Forum for Human Rights, International Dalit Solidarity Network, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, Lutheran World Federation, National Campaign of Dalit Human Rights; Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, the Hudson Institute and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.</p> <p>Member States: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, India, Iran, (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Romania, Singapore, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.</p>
	17th	<p>Member States: Angola, Bangladesh, Belgium, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, France (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Observers: African Commission on Health Promoters and Human Rights, Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, European Network against Racism, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, International Campaign for Tibet, Migrants' Rights International.</p> <p>Joint statements: Habitat International Coalition and Badil, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, National Coordinator for Human Rights, Geledés - Instituto da Mulher Negra, Red de Mujeres Afrocaribeñas, Afrolatinoamericanas y de la Diaspora, Color Cubano (UNEAC) Afrolider, Enlace de Mujeres Negras de Honduras, Colectiva Mujer y Salud, Voces Caribeñas, Instituto de la Mujer Negra y Criolla.</p>

Agenda item	Meeting	Speaker
7. Organization of the work of the Durban Review Conference and other matters  8. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee	18th	Observers: B'nai B'rith International Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition, Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et la pornographie et toutes les formes de violence contre les femmes, Simon Wiesenthal Center.  Joint statement: International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism and Asian Legal Resource Centre.
	19th	Member States: Bangladesh, Denmark, France (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
	19th	Member States: Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), France (on behalf of the European Union), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group).

**Annex V**