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A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference,[1] in particular its resolutions 66/144 of 19 December 2011, 67/155 of 20 December 2012, 76/226 of 24 December 2021, 77/205 of 15 December 2022, 78/234 of 22 December 2023, 79/161 of 17 December 2024 and 80/193 of 15 December 2025, as well as its resolutions 75/314 of 2 August 2021 and 76/1 of 22 September 2021, and in this regard underlining the imperative need for their full and effective implementation,

Recalling also the suffering of the victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the need to honour their memory,

Recognizing that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as apartheid, have deep negative impacts on the enjoyment of human rights, and therefore require a united and comprehensive response from States,

Recognizing also that apartheid in terms of international law constitutes a crime against humanity and it, as well as genocide, are major sources and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and acknowledging the untold evil and suffering caused by these acts and affirming that, wherever and whenever they occurred, they must be condemned and their recurrence prevented,

* On behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution ES-10/23 of 10 May 2024.

[1] See A/CONF.189/12 and A/CONF.189/12/Corr.1, chap. I.

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Calling upon States to honour the memory of victims of the historical injustices of slavery, the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, colonialism and apartheid,

Stressing that the outcome of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance has the same status as the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences, summits and special sessions in the human rights and social fields, and that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action is a milestone in the common fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the only instructive outcome of the World Conference, which prescribes comprehensive measures for combating all the scourges of racism and adequate remedies for victims, and noting with concern the lack of effective implementation thereof,

Underlining the need to promote tolerance, inclusion, equity and respect for diversity and the need to seek common ground among and within civilizations in order to address common challenges to humanity that threaten shared values, universal human rights and the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, through cooperation, partnership and inclusion,

Reiterating that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies, and that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races,

Stressing in this respect the need to also address negative stereotypes, stigmatization and the assigning of identity based on race as essential in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Alarmed at the global rise in hate speech, constituting incitement to racial discrimination, hostility and violence, stressing the importance of addressing it, in accordance with international law, and in this regard welcoming the observance of 18 June as the International Day for Countering Hate Speech,[2]

Expressing deep concern at emerging obstacles to the enjoyment of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief[3] and at instances of intolerance, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons based on religion or belief, inter alia, the increasing number of related acts of violence, and recalling that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action calls upon States, in opposing all forms of racism, to recognize the need to counter antisemitism, anti-Arabism and Islamophobia worldwide and to take effective action, including through education, awareness-raising and protection measures, to prevent and combat such alarming trends,

Alarmed at the spread in many parts of the world of various racist extremist movements based on ideologies that seek to promote nationalist, right-wing agendas and racial superiority, and stressing that these practices fuel racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Condemning political platforms and organizations based on racism, xenophobia or doctrines of racial superiority and related discrimination, and legislation and practices based on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as incompatible with democracy and transparent and accountable governance,

[2] Resolution 75/309.

[3] Universal Declaration of Human Rights, art. 18 (see resolution 217 A (III)).

Acknowledging the linkage and complementarity of the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance with the long-term construction of a democratic, non-discriminatory and multicultural society based on the recognition, respect and promotion of cultural, ethnic and religious diversity,

Deploring the ongoing and resurgent scourges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in many regions of the world, often targeting migrants and refugees, as well as people of African descent, expressing concern that some political leaders and parties have supported such an environment, and in this context expressing its support for migrants and refugees in the context of the severe discrimination that they may face,

Recognizing that victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular women and girls and persons with disabilities, may experience multiple forms of discrimination, including on ethnic, religious and linguistic grounds, which violates their human rights, and reaffirming the need for comprehensive measures to address these challenges,

Reaffirming the necessity of eliminating racial discrimination against migrants, including migrant workers, in relation to issues such as employment, social services, including education and health, and access to justice, and that their treatment must be in accordance with international human rights instruments and free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Deploring the recurrent incidents of excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers against peaceful demonstrators defending the rights of Africans and of people of African descent, and recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 44/20 of 17 July 2020,[4] 47/21 of 13 July 2021,[5] 48/18 of 11 October 2021,[6] 51/32 of 7 October 2022,[7] 54/27 of 12 October 2023,[8] 57/25 of 10 October 2024,[9] 60/16 of 7 October 2025[10] and 63/29 of 7 October 2026,[11]

Stressing that law enforcement officials, in the performance of their duties, shall respect and protect human dignity and maintain and uphold the human rights of all persons,

Recognizing the multiple or aggravated forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which may exacerbate individuals' experiences of racial injustice and inequality in law enforcement, including in the form of police violence,

Expressing concern at the disruption to economies and societies caused by pandemics and other health emergencies and the negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights, disproportionately affecting certain individuals, including those facing racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which has highlighted and exposed underlying deep and long-standing structural inequalities and fundamental problems in various areas of social, economic, civil and political life, and the exacerbation of existing inequalities within our societies, and regretting that, in that context, persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic

[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/75/53), chap. V, sect. A.
[5] Ibid., *Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/76/53), chap. VII, sect. A.
[6] Ibid., *Supplement No. 53A* (A/76/53/Add.1), chap. IV, sect. A.
[7] Ibid., *Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/77/53/Add.1), chap. II.
[8] Ibid., *Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/78/53/Add.1), chap. III, sect. A.
[9] Ibid., *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/79/53/Add.1), chap. II.
[10] Ibid., *Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/80/53/Add.1), chap. II.
[11] Ibid., *Eighty-first Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/81/53/Add.1), chap. II.

minorities and to other groups, especially women and girls, have been victims of racist violence, threats of violence, discrimination and stigmatization,

Recalling that systemic and structural racism and racial discrimination further exacerbate inequality in access to healthcare and treatment, leading to racial disparities in health outcomes and a higher rate of mortality and morbidity among individuals and groups facing racial discrimination,

Recalling also the three Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination previously declared by the General Assembly, and regretting that the Programmes of Action for those Decades were not fully implemented and that their objectives have yet to be attained,

Underlining the intensity, magnitude and organized nature of slavery and the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, and the associated historical injustices, as well as the untold suffering caused by colonialism and apartheid, and that Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent and Indigenous Peoples continue to be victims, and acknowledging that the ongoing effects must be remedied,

Welcoming the call upon all the former colonial Powers for remedies, consistent with paragraphs 157 and 158 of the Durban Programme of Action, to redress the historical injustices of slavery and the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, apartheid, colonialism and genocide,

Recalling the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, recognizing that Indigenous Peoples have been victims of discrimination for centuries, affirming that they are free and equal in dignity and rights and should not suffer any discrimination in the exercise of their rights, particularly on the basis of their Indigenous origin and identity, and stressing the continuing need for action to overcome the persistent racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance that affect them,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 43/1 of 19 June 2020[12] and 47/21, and recalling further the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers and the annex thereto, entitled “Four-point Agenda towards Transformative Change for Racial Justice and Equality”, submitted pursuant to resolution 43/1,[13]

Acknowledging the ongoing work of the International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement, aimed at furthering transformative change for racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement globally, especially where relating to the legacies of colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade in enslaved Africans, to investigate the responses of Governments to peaceful anti-racism protests and all violations of international human rights law and to contribute to accountability and redress for victims, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 47/21 and 56/13 of 11 July 2024,[14] and taking note of the latest report of the Expert Mechanism, on systemic racism against Africans and people of African descent in the enforcement of drug laws and policies,[15]

[12] Ibid., *Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/75/53), chap. IV, sect. A.
[13] A/HRC/47/53.
[14] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/79/53), chap. V, sect. A.
[15] See A/81/190.

Acknowledging also the efforts and initiatives undertaken by States to prohibit racial discrimination and racial segregation and to engender the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights,

Emphasizing that, despite efforts in this regard, millions of human beings continue to be victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their contemporary forms and manifestations, some of which manifest in violent forms,

Underlining the primacy of the political will, international cooperation and adequate funding at the national, regional and international levels needed to address all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance for the successful implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Welcoming the efforts made by civil society in support of the follow-up mechanisms in the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling its resolutions 2142 (XXI) of 26 October 1966, in which it proclaimed 21 March as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 62/122 of 17 December 2007, in which it designated 25 March as the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 75/170 of 16 December 2020, in which it proclaimed 31 August as the International Day for People of African Descent, and 78/323 of 13 August 2024, in which it proclaimed 25 July as the International Day of Women and Girls of African Descent and recognized their significant contribution to the development of societies and the importance of ensuring their full, equal and meaningful participation in all aspects of life,

Recalling also, in the above context, the erection of the permanent memorial for the victims of slavery and the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, the *Ark of Return*, based on the theme "Acknowledge the tragedy, consider the legacy, lest we forget",

Recognizing and affirming that the global fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their abhorrent and contemporary forms and manifestations is a matter of priority for the international community,

I
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

1. *Reaffirms* the paramount importance of universal adherence to and the full and effective implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[16] adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, in addressing the scourges of racism and racial discrimination;

2. *Calls upon* States that have not done so to accede to and/or ratify the Convention, and States Parties to consider making the declaration under article 14 of the Convention;

3. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so, and consistent with paragraph 75 of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to consider

[16] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

withdrawing their reservations to article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

4. *Expresses concern* at the underreporting by States Parties on measures they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and in line with their obligations under its article 9;

5. *Notes* the work undertaken by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to recommend legal and policy measures, through its general recommendations, to address racism and racial discrimination, in particular on the follow-up on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [17] and, recently, the Committee's general recommendation No. 40 (2026) on reparatory justice for the harms and continuing consequences of colonialism, the trafficking in enslaved Africans across the Atlantic and other routes, and racialized chattel slavery;[18]

6. *Urges* States to prevent discrimination, protect individuals against harm and promote dignity and equality for all members of society by combating structural inequalities through comprehensive strategies that address the root causes of health inequities and promote social justice, equality and inclusion;

7. *Underlines* that certain provisions of the Convention do not respond effectively to contemporary manifestations of racial discrimination, in particular in relation to xenophobia and related intolerance, which is recognized as the rationale behind the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in 2001;

8. *Takes note* of the acknowledgement by the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary structures of the existence of both procedural and substantive gaps in the Convention, which must be filled as a matter of urgency, necessity and priority;

9. *Also takes note* of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which, at its sixteenth session, continued discussions on the elaboration of a draft additional protocol to the Convention to fill existing gaps through the development of new normative standards aimed at combating all forms of contemporary and resurgent scourges of racism, and further takes note of the report on the sixteenth session of the Committee[19] in this regard;

10. *Decides* that the Chair-Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee may request that the annual session of the Ad Hoc Committee be split into two full one-week segments;

11. *Requests* the Chair-Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee to present a progress report to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session and carry out consultations with New York-based delegations and stakeholders in order to continue progress in the elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

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[17] General recommendation No. 28 (2002) on the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/57/18), chap. XI, sect. E).

[18] CERD/C/GC/40.

[19] A/HRC/63/73; see also A/81/320.

II
Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

12. *Reiterates* that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination provide a comprehensive United Nations framework and solid foundation for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

13. *Calls upon* States to strengthen independent national human rights institutions, where they exist, and ensure that they are mandated to address racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, have the capacity to address complaints and are provided with adequate financial, technical and human resources to enable the effective fulfilment of their mandate;

14. *Stresses* the need to promote an integrated approach to eliminating all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, inter alia, by adopting and enforcing comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, adopting and implementing national action plans, ensuring access to justice and effective remedies, promoting education and awareness-raising, and combating racial stereotypes, combating hate speech and incitement to racial hatred, promoting international cooperation and implementing targeted special measures in line with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

15. *Encourages* the collection of data disaggregated, in accordance with national legislation, by race, national or ethnic origin, sex, age and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, to inform laws, policies and practices and to monitor their impact;

16. *Acknowledges and profoundly regrets* the untold suffering and evils inflicted on millions of men and women and children as a result of the historical injustices of slavery, the slave trade, the transatlantic slave trade, colonialism, apartheid, genocide and past tragedies, noting that some States have taken the initiative to apologize and have paid reparations, where appropriate, for grave and massive violations committed, further calls upon those that have not yet expressed remorse or presented apologies to find some way to contribute to the restoration of the dignity of victims, and calls upon all the relevant States that have not already done so to dispense reparatory justice, including finding ways to remedy historical racial injustices, contributing to the development and recognition of the dignity of the affected States and their people;

17. *Encourages* States to challenge biases and address contemporary manifestations of racism, and historical racial injustices, through quality education and the development of relevant educational materials at school to reinforce anti-discrimination and anti-racism components, based on the principles of non-discrimination, mutual respect and tolerance;

18. *Takes note* that the African Union extended the theme for the year 2025, “Justice for Africans and people of African descent through reparations”, to a decade (2026–2035) and, building on this theme, proclaimed a decade for reparations;

19. *Takes note with appreciation* of the initiatives taken by the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and anti-racism human rights mechanisms calling for effective remedies and reparatory justice for Africans and people of African descent;

20. *Encourages* States and regional formations to engage with and support the plans, strategies, programmes and initiatives of the African Union and of the Caribbean Community relating to reparatory justice for Africans and people of

African descent, with a view to identifying and fulfilling their responsibilities concerning reparations for the historical injustices of slavery, the slave trade, the transatlantic slave trade, apartheid, colonialism and genocide in Africa and throughout the African diaspora, and notes the Caribbean Community Ten Point Plan for Reparatory Justice: A Manifesto for the Coming Enlightenment, as revised in July 2026;

21. *Encourages* States to place victims, survivors, their descendants and communities of the historic and contemporary racial injustice associated with colonialism and slavery at the centre of processes designed to seek remedies and to address historical injustices;

22. *Urges* Member States and the international community to honour the memory of the victims of the past tragedies of slavery, the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, colonialism, apartheid and genocide, by considering a structural and comprehensive approach to restore the dignity of the victims, and calls upon those States to take appropriate and effective measures to halt and reverse the lasting consequences of those practices, including the persistent structures and inequalities of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

III
International Decade for People of African Descent

23. *Recalls* that the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, as contained in its resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013, was a milestone in the common fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

24. *Welcomes* the proclamation of the Second International Decade for People of African Descent as contained in its resolution 79/193 of 17 December 2024, focusing on consolidating past gains, expanding the reach and scope of contemporary opportunities for development, inclusion and peace, and anticipating emerging risks and threats;

25. *Also welcomes* the ongoing work of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, established through its resolution 75/314 of 2 August 2021, which determines its mandate and composition, as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders and as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council;

26. *Further welcomes* the convening of the fifth session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent and the large participation of civil society and people of African descent from around the world;

27. *Takes note* of the submission of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights transmitting the outcome of the Office's evaluation of the modalities of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 60/16;[20]

28. *Notes* Human Rights Council resolution 63/29, by which the Council requested the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to consider the evaluation of the modalities of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent and report thereon

[20] A/81/383.

to the Council at its sixty-sixth session, and requested the General Assembly to take up the matter upon completion of the Council's evaluation, bearing in mind the respective roles of the different Durban follow-up mechanisms;

29. *Notes* the ongoing work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on the elaboration of the draft United Nations declaration on the respect, protection and fulfilment of the human rights of people of African descent, requests the Working Group to continue to devote at least half of its annual session to this process and to present a status report on the elaboration of the draft declaration to the General Assembly for its consideration at its eighty-second session, and invites the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in accordance with their respective mandates, to contribute to the elaboration of the draft declaration;

30. *Recalls* the programme of activities for the International Decade for People of African Descent as an instructive framework in which all the initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of people of African descent are anchored, also recalls that the Second International Decade presents a vital opportunity for States and the international community to accelerate progress in the areas of recognition, justice and development for people of African descent, and reaffirms the extension of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 69/16 of 18 November 2014, during the Second International Decade;

31. *Welcomes* the consultations with Member States and other relevant stakeholders regarding a possible update of the programme of activities contained in resolution 69/16, convened pursuant to resolution 79/193, and the findings that the programme of activities remains relevant and presents a strategic opportunity to consolidate the gains achieved during the first International Decade and retain the foundational pillars of recognition, justice and development;

32. *Takes note* of the report on the consultations and, drawing on its recommendations, encourages States and relevant stakeholders to take into account the priority areas in strengthening the implementation of the programme of activities during the Second International Decade, including reparatory justice, environmental sustainability and digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, reinforcing the development pillar, participation and representation in decision-making processes, predictable and sustainable financing, ensuring an intersectional approach, strengthened implementation mechanisms through measurable targets, reporting requirements, indicators and accountability frameworks, stronger monitoring mechanisms, strengthened coordination among stakeholders and improved disaggregated data collection;

33. *Also takes note* of the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent,[21] invites the Human Rights Council, through the Chair of the Working Group, to continue to submit a report on the work of the Working Group to the General Assembly in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 63/26 of 6 October 2026,[22] and in this regard invites the Chair of the Working Group to engage in an interactive dialogue with the Assembly under the item entitled "Elimination of

[21] See A/81/279.

[22] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighty-first Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/81/53/Add.1), chap. III, sect. A.

racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" at its eighty-second session;

34. *Stresses* that everyone, including people and communities of African descent, should be able to participate in an inclusive manner and guide the design and implementation of processes that contribute to halting, reversing and repairing the lasting consequences and ongoing manifestations of systemic racism, and notably acknowledges the important role that young people have played and should continue to play in these processes;

35. *Encourages* States to examine the extent and impact of systemic racism and to adopt effective legal, policy and institutional measures that address racism beyond a summation of individualized acts, recommends that progress be measured according to indicators grounded in impact rather than intent, and further calls for the recognition of the impact of racial discrimination and inequality experienced by children and youth of African descent in all areas of life, including the administration of justice, law enforcement, education, health, family life and development;[23]

36. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat to continue awareness-raising efforts and public information campaigns in support of racial justice and equality and the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, notably with regard to the effective promotion of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Second International Decade for People of African Descent and other relevant instruments, processes and mechanisms through the use of social networks and digital media, including the wide distribution of user-friendly, concise and accessible versions of material in this regard, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources in this regard;

IV
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

37. *Notes* the limited resources available in support of the United Nations human rights mechanisms addressing racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and encourages further enhancement of the operational and programmatic support to be provided to fully support the respective mandates;

38. *Acknowledges* the role of the United Nations human rights mechanisms of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on actions to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and reaffirms the interconnected value of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards, the International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement and the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent in addressing the multiple forms of discrimination and systemic racism and racial discrimination;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the resources necessary for the effective

[23] See A/77/294.

fulfilment of the mandates of the United Nations human rights mechanisms of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on actions to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including by ensuring the participation of experts in each session of those follow-up mechanisms in order to provide advice on the specific issues under discussion and assist the mechanisms in their deliberations and the adoption of action-oriented recommendations in relation to the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action;

40. *Proposes* that particular attention be given by all relevant actors to enhancing the contribution of the treaty bodies monitoring the implementation of the core human rights conventions to the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including through a systemic approach leading to more intensive cooperation among them;

41. *Stresses* the importance of consolidating all efforts aimed at combating racism under a single anti-racial discrimination unit, including on the issues of racial equality and justice;

V
Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

42. *Takes note* of the report of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its twelfth session,[24] held from 5 to 8 May 2026;

43. *Recalls* its resolution 77/205 and the recommendations contained therein with regard to the Group of Independent Eminent Experts, and welcomes the appointment by the Secretary-General of the remaining Eminent Experts, noting that each region is represented, as requested by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 51/32 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 77/205, thereby ensuring that the Group can fulfil its mandate;

44. *Recalls* the comprehensive study of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;[25]

45. *Requests* the Group of Independent Eminent Experts to prepare an annual input for the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution, on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action so as to provide thematic analysis and guidance in the global fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

VI
Trust fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

46. *Recalls* the establishment by the Secretary-General, in 1973, of the trust fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination as a funding mechanism that has been utilized for the implementation of the activities of the three Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination declared by the General Assembly, and in this regard appreciates the fact that the trust fund has also been utilized for the subsequent programmes and operational activities transcending the three Decades;

[24] See A/81/210.
[25] See A/80/230.

47. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session, a section outlining the progress in the implementation of paragraph 18 of its resolution 68/151 of 18 December 2013 regarding the revitalization of the trust fund for the purpose of ensuring the successful implementation of the activities of the Second International Decade for People of African Descent and enhancing the effectiveness of the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

48. *Strongly appeals* to 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, and to that end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions;

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

49. *Takes note of* the reports of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,[26] and encourages the Special Rapporteur, within her mandate, to continue to focus on the issues of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and incitement to hatred, which impede peaceful coexistence and harmony within societies, and to submit reports in this regard to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly;

50. *Also takes note of* the reports of the Special Rapporteur that address issues relating to the measurement and monitoring of racial equality, and encourages States to share information on the same for inclusion in forthcoming reports;

VIII
Commemoration of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

51. *Emphasizes* the critical importance of increasing public support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the participation of civil society and other relevant stakeholders in its realization, and requests the United Nations system to strengthen its awareness-raising campaigns to increase the visibility of the message of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, its follow-up mechanisms and the work of the United Nations in the fight against racism;[27]

52. *Underlines* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action represents an important opportunity for States to reaffirm their strong commitment to combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including with a view to mobilizing global public support for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

53. *Welcomes* the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 81/4 of 12 October 2026, urges Member States to utilize it to mobilize political will at the

[26] A/81/343 and A/81/457.

[27] See Human Rights Council resolution 63/29; see also A/81/337.

national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and encourages relevant United Nations bodies and mechanisms, within their respective mandates, to take into account, as appropriate, the commitments contained therein in their efforts towards the full and effective implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

54. *Invites* Member States, United Nations entities, international and regional organizations, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to organize and support various high-visibility initiatives, aimed at effectively increasing awareness at all levels, to commemorate the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

55. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach, with the involvement of Member States and United Nations funds and programmes, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to appropriately commemorate the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

56. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations system to intensify efforts to widely distribute copies of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and encourages efforts to ensure its translation and wide dissemination;

57. *Expresses* its appreciation for the continuing work of the mechanisms mandated to follow up on the World Conference and the Durban Review Conference;

IX
Follow-up and implementation activities

58. *Acknowledges* the guidance and leadership role of the Human Rights Council, including through its resolution 63/29, and encourages it to continue to oversee the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome documents of the Durban Review Conferences;

59. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide the Human Rights Council with all the support necessary for it to achieve its objectives in this regard;

60. *Welcomes* the decision by the Human Rights Council, in its resolution 60/16, to extend, until the end of 2027, the two-year comprehensive communications strategy to continue to raise awareness about and mobilize global public support for racial justice and equality and the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, notably with regard to the effective promotion of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Second International Decade for People of African Descent and other relevant instruments, processes and mechanisms, and also welcomes in this regard the report of the Office of the High Commissioner on the communications strategy;[28]

61. *Also welcomes* the commemorative event held on 23 March 2026 to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

62. *Takes note with appreciation* of the commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly held on 25 March 2026 to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, on the theme “Justice in action: confronting history, advancing dignity, empowering futures”;

[28] A/HRC/60/71.

63. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

64. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Human Rights Council to continue to convene annual commemorative meetings of the Assembly and the Council during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, with the appropriate focus and themes, and in this context encourages the participation of Member States, eminent personalities active in the struggle against racial discrimination, and civil society organizations in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly and the Council, respectively;

65. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority matter at its eighty-second session under the item entitled “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”.