

## *Intervention by the Delegation of Azerbaijan*

WG on follow up to Durban Ad Hoc Committee on Complementary Standards  
(oral report)

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Azerbaijan attaches great importance to the work of the Ad Hoc committee of the Human Rights Council on elaboration of complementary standards. We support the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee and highly appreciate the efforts of the Chairperson-Rapporteur Ambassador Idris Jazairy of Algeria and commend the way he steers the deliberations.

Numerous manifestations of racism that were witnessed since the adoption of the UN Convention on elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, in particular those manifestations that took place in the most recent past, have made the elaboration of complementary standards a requirement of today.

Azerbaijan is encouraged by the deliberations of the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee that took place last month and were aimed at searching for existing gaps in the Convention with the eventual goal of elaborating new normative standards to combat all contemporary forms of racism, including incitement to racial and religious hatred. We welcome the proper use of the background material and reference points in accordance with the HRC Decision 3/103.

We do believe that the work of the committee should be for each and every delegation a “matter of priority and necessity”.

Azerbaijani delegation will continue to closely participate in the work of the committee during the second part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with the adopted program of work.

Thank you.