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Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of 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

Reaffirming 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, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution [2106 A \(XX\)](#) of 21 December 1965, in addressing the scourges of racism and racial discrimination,

Recalling its resolution [80/193](#) of 15 December 2025, in which it decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting during the general debate of the General Assembly at its eighty-first session, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on the theme “Mobilizing global public support for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”, and to adopt a succinct political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will at the national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. *Decides* that the one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration

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



and Programme of Action will be held on Monday, 28 September 2026, and shall consist of:

(a) An opening plenary meeting from 10 to 10.30 a.m. with statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Head of State of South Africa or a representative, a representative of a non-governmental organization and a youth representative, both of whom are actively engaged in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and who are to be selected in a transparent manner by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States;

(b) A general debate from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. with statements by Member States, observer States and observers of the General Assembly;

(c) An interactive panel discussion from 3 to 4 p.m. consisting of a discussion between a preselected list of invited panellists, who are to be determined in a transparent manner by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States;

(d) The meetings will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and that this arrangement does not constitute a precedent;

2. *Also decides* that a succinct political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will at the national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and its follow-up processes shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the opening plenary meeting;

3. *Invites* Member States, observer States and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level, including at the level of Heads of State and Government, in the high-level meeting;

4. *Invites* non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, people of African descent and Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions, who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its interactive panel discussion, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender balance, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis² and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

6. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting, namely, the opening meeting and the general debate, will be webcast, and encourages Member States, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General and all relevant United Nations entities to give the highest visibility possible to the meeting;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting.

² The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.