

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.3/80/L.55/Rev.1 entitled "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"

1. The present oral statement is made in the context of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The present statement will also be distributed to Member States.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 54 and 55 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Decide to hold a one-day high-level meeting 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 and at the level of Heads of State and Government, by no later than the last day of the general debate of the Assembly at its eighty-first session, 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.
 - (b) Recommend that the President of the General Assembly appoint two co facilitators to present options and modalities for the high-level meeting, as well as the political declaration.
3. With regard to the one-day high-level meeting contained in operative paragraphs 54 and 55 of the draft resolution, in the absence of modalities for the meeting, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential costs implications of the requirements of the meeting. When the format, scope and modalities of the meeting are determined, the Secretary-General would assess the budgetary implications and advise the General Assembly in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly. Furthermore, once modalities are known, in accordance with established practice, the date of the meeting would be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

4. In this regard, reference is made to operative paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 69/250 and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 79/248 of 24 December 2024, in which the Assembly invited Member States to include in new legislative mandates adequate information on the modalities for the organization of conferences or meetings.
5. Reference is also made to operative paragraph 24 of the General Assembly resolution 79/327, in which the Assembly decided, starting from the eighty-first session, to limit the number of high-level meetings mandated by the General Assembly to be convened during high-level week to a maximum of three, with a view to allowing adequate space and time for delegations to focus on the general debate of the Assembly. It should be recalled that currently there are already three such high-level meetings for the eighty-first session.