9th session of IGWG

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Item 4 (a) Sharing of experience and examples of best and good practices related to the implementation of the ICERD, the DDPA and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference (A/HRC/13/60, para, 94)

1. The Working Group commends steps, undertaken by Governments, regional organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which include, *inter alia*, institutional, legislative and policy measures, awareness raising campaigns, trainings and scholarships. In this regard, the Working Group invites stakeholders to continue implementing action oriented measures that bring changes to people's lives.

Item 4 (b) Review of progress on implementation of recommendations adopted at the 8th session

- 2. The Working Group welcomes progress made with regard to the implementation of the recommendations, adopted by this Working Group, and invites Governments, regional and international organizations, NHRIs and other stakeholders to continue providing information in this regard to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Working Group invites stakeholders to submit updated information, in a timely manner, focusing on the implementation of the respective recommendations.
- 3. The Working Group welcomes the convening of regional and national workshops on development and implementation of national action plans against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with other partners, and encourages the Office to continue organizing such workshops. The Working Group also reiterates its call on States to draft, revise as necessary and fully and effectively implement national action plans against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular as a follow-up to the convened regional workshops and invites OHCHR to continue assisting States in this regard.

Item 4 (c): Discussion on good/best practices

- 4. The Working Group commends the practically-oriented actions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and her Office, ensuring the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Review Conference, including the recommendations of this Working Group.
- 5. The Working Group welcomes the information note on documenting good/best practices, prepared by the Anti-Discrimination Section. The Working Group encourages Member States to identify further criteria to evaluate effectiveness of their own practices for combating and preventing racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
- 6. The Working Group reiterates its support to the efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to establish a database that is widely-accessible, user-friendly and includes, inter alia, information on local, national, regional and international practices for combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
- 7. With regard to the creation of the database, the Working Group encourages Governments, regional and international organizations, and other stakeholders to submit, upon request, to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights information on measures undertaken to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. The Working Group notes that such sharing of practical information may facilitate cooperation, enhance progress and inspire replication.