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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**

## **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 through transformative change for racial justice and equality**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Human Rights Council, in paragraph 15 of its resolution [47/21](#), adopted on 13 July 2021, requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare, on an annual basis, a written report 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 through transformative change for racial justice and equality; to present it to the Council starting from its fifty-first session; and to transmit it to the General Assembly.

2. The Secretariat has the honour to refer the General Assembly to the report of the High Commissioner contained in document [A/HRC/51/53](#). In the report, the High Commissioner sets out developments and initiatives by States and others to address manifestations of systemic racism against Africans and people of African descent, including in the area of law enforcement, and to advance accountability and redress for victims, including for the legacies of enslavement, the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and colonialism. The High Commissioner reiterates the call for States to step up the implementation of the 20 actions laid out in the agenda towards transformative change for racial justice and equality ([A/HRC/47/53](#), annex, and [A/HRC/47/CRP.1](#)), noting that greater political will is needed to accelerate action that delivers prompt and consequential results for Africans and people of African descent in every sphere of life.

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