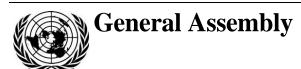
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Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/79/L.25)]

79/193. Proclamation of the Second International Decade for People of African Descent

The General Assembly,

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 52/111 of 12 December 1997, by which it decided to convene the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and its resolutions 56/266 of 27 March 2002, 57/195 of 18 December 2002, 58/160 of 22 December 2003, 59/177 of 20 December 2004 and 60/144 of 16 December 2005, which guided the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,²

Reiterating that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies, and that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races,

² See A/CONF.189/12 and A/CONF.189/12/Corr.1, chap. I.





¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 660, No. 9464.

Acknowledging the efforts and initiatives undertaken by States to prohibit discrimination, systemic and structural racism, and segregation and to engender the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural as well as civil and political rights,

Emphasizing that, despite efforts in this regard, millions of human beings continue to be victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their contemporary manifestations, some of which take violent forms.

Recalling the commitments under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action that recognize the importance of enhancing national action and international cooperation and the calls contained in the Declaration urging the participation of people of African descent in all political, civil, economic, social and cultural aspects of society,

Recalling with appreciation its resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for People of African Descent, and the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted in its resolution 69/16 of 18 November 2014,

Emphasizing its resolution 64/169 of 18 December 2009, by which it proclaimed 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 38/14 of 22 November 1983 and 48/91 of 20 December 1993, by which it proclaimed the three Decades to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and conscious of the fact that their objectives are yet to be attained,

Considering that the International Decade for People of African Descent has provided a framework that fostered action by States, international and regional organizations, civil society, people of African descent and other stakeholders and contributed to the progressive consolidation of an international agenda for people of African descent, while noting that much remains to be done to ensure that all people of African descent can fully and effectively enjoy the benefits of sustainable development and all their human rights,

Recalling its resolution 75/170 of 16 December 2020, by which it proclaimed 31 August as the International Day for People of African Descent, and its resolution 78/323 of 13 August 2024, by which it proclaimed 25 July as the International Day of Women and Girls of African Descent,

Underlining its resolution 78/234 of 22 December 2023, in which it requested the President of the General Assembly to take into consideration the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, drafted by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and adopted in resolution 69/16, and the theme of the International Decade for People of African Descent, "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development", with a view to proclaiming the decade starting in 2025 the Second International Decade for People of African Descent,

Reaffirming its resolution 75/314 of 2 August 2021, by which it established the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in line with paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and noting the convening of the first three sessions of the

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Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, in which there was large participation of civil society and people of African descent from around the world,

- 1. Proclaims the Second International Decade for People of African Descent, commencing on 1 January 2025 and ending on 31 December 2034, with the theme "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development", to be officially launched immediately following the adoption of the present resolution by the General Assembly;
- 2. Decides to extend the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted in resolution 69/16, with a view to ensuring continuing efforts in promoting the respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people of African descent, and requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the necessary support in this regard;
- 3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States and other relevant stakeholders regarding a possible update of the programme of activities as contained in resolution 69/16, for consideration by the General Assembly during its eightieth session;
- 4. Requests the continued allocation of predictable funding from the regular budget of the United Nations for the effective and efficient implementation of the programme of activities and ongoing activities under the International Decade contained in resolution 69/16, and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose;
- 5. Requests the President of the General Assembly to convene a midterm review to take stock of the progress made and decide on further necessary actions before the eighty-fourth session of the Assembly;
- 6. Also requests the President of the General Assembly to convene a final assessment of the Second International Decade, to take place within the framework of a high-level international event at the eighty-eighth session of the Assembly, one year before the closure of the Decade in 2034.

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