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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”

Algeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft decision

**2/... Global efforts for the total 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**

The Human Rights Council, recalling its resolution 1/5 of 30 June 2006, all resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Commission on Human Rights, in particular Assembly resolutions 57/195 of 18 December 2002 and 60/144 of 16 December 2005 and Commission resolution 2002/68 of 25 April 2002, on the subject, decides:

(a) To heed the decision and instruction of the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance by establishing an open-ended working group with the mandate to elaborate, as a matter of priority and necessity, complementary standards in the form of either a convention or additional protocol(s) to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, filling the existing gaps in the Convention and also providing new normative standards aimed at

combating all forms of contemporary racism, including racial and religious incitement, and that the working group on the elaboration of complementary standards shall convene annual sessions of ten working days and submit reports to the relevant successive sessions of the Human Rights Council;

(b) To appoint five experts, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographic representation and also ensuring a balanced representation of the different civilizations, religions, cultures and legal systems, to produce a document outlining the substantive gaps in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination for consideration by the working group on the elaboration of complementary standards, and also to serve as resource persons for the working group, through the development of relevant documents as well as conducting further research and studies, as may be required by the working group towards the achievement of its mandate;

(c) To recommend to the General Assembly that it decide, at its sixty-first session, in compliance with its resolution 60/144, to convene a five-year review of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action with clear, attainable objectives which would focus on the realities of present-day racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. To this end the Council also recommends that in the preparatory processes to the proposed review the Assembly should ensure that all States and regions demonstrate their resolve and determination to move significantly from rhetoric to reality in their actions against all the scourges of racism;

(d) To implement, through a structured process, all the recommendations of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/CN.4/2006/14) on a racial equality index and to apply this proposed tool as the only barometer, or scorecard, to assess the commitment of each State to combating racism;

(e) To request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to give visibility and a high profile to the Anti-Discrimination Unit within her Office and to provide it with all the necessary and additional resources to ensure its effectiveness, particularly in view of

the current global challenges of racial and religious discrimination. The Unit would ensure that the High Commissioner makes a positive contribution and place a leadership role in the global efforts to combat all the resurgent scourges of racism.

The Council also decides to recommend to the General Assembly the following draft decision for adoption:

“The General Assembly, taking note of decision 2/... of ... November 2006 of the Human Rights Council, in particular subparagraph (c) relating to the convening of a five-year review of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, decides to endorse the decision of the Council.”
