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**ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE  
AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Proposals of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee and proposals of the  
Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for consideration and action by the  
Preparatory Committee\***

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\* The present document contains the draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee of the Durban Review Conference and proposals by the Chairperson. The objective is to facilitate the deliberations of the Preparatory Committee during its first substantive session.

*Draft decision 5***Accreditation of thirty-three non-governmental organizations**

According to Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/2 , para. (a) (ii) of 27 August 2007, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but accredited to participate in the 2001 Durban World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance shall be invited to participate fully at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, unless there are observations made by Member States within 14 days from the date they receive the note verbale with the list of these NGOs. The standard process established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 26 July 1996 will be applied. Observations were made by the Government of India, seeking basic information with regard to the 33 NGOs below. These NGOs having failed to provide required information demonstrating their compliance with Council resolution 1996/31, the Preparatory Committee decides not to invite them to participate in the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference.

List of thirty-three non-governmental organizations.

- Catholic Bishops Conference of India/Commission for scheduled Caste;
- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative;
- Dalit Resource Centre;
- Dalit Solidarity Peoples;
- Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples;
- National Federation of Dalit Women;
- New Entity for Social Action;
- Peoples Watch – Tamil Nadu;
- Tamil Nadu Women’s Forum;
- All India Women’s Conference;
- Breakthrough Trust;
- Centre for Organisation Research and Education (CORE);
- Centre for Promotion of Social Concerns;
- Krushi Samstha;
- People’s Action for Rural Awakening (PARA);
- People’s Education for Action and Liberation (PEAL);
- People’s Movement for Self-Reliance (PMSR);
- Prajwala Sangham;
- Prayas Gramin Vikas Samity;
- Rural Education for Development Society;
- Rural Health Education, Agriculture and Development Society;
- Sahanivasa;
- Andhra Pradesh Vyavasa Vruthidarula Union;
- Dalit Women Movement;
- Dalit Liberation Education Trust;
- National Alliance of Women (NAW);
- Society for Integrated Development in Urban & Rural Areas (SIDUR);
- Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM Sisters) – Trichy;

- Sulabh International Social Service Organisation;
- Ambedkar Education Society;
- PRERANA;
- Sarvangin Vikas Sanstha;
- Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy.

### **Draft decision proposed by the Chairperson**

#### **Participation of observers in the Durban Review Conference**

Recalling its decision PC.1/2 of 27 August 2007 on the participation of, and consultation with, observers at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, the Preparatory Committee decides that the same criteria, practices and arrangements should also apply to the participation of all observers in the Durban Review Conference.

### **Draft decision proposed by the Chairperson**

#### **Modalities of the Durban Review Conference**

1. Recalling its decision PC.1/3 of 29 August 2007 according to which the Durban Review Conference should take place during the first half of 2009, the Preparatory Committee further decides that the duration of the Conference shall be between three to five working days.
2. Recalling its decision PC.1/6 (b) of 29 August 2007 on the issue of the venue of the Durban Review Conference, the Preparatory Committee decides that in case no formal proposal for hosting the Conference is received by the end of its first substantive session, the venue of the Durban Review Conference will be Geneva or New York.
3. Recalling its decision PC.1/9 of 31 August 2007 in which it recommended the provisional rules of procedure for the Durban Review Conference, and referring in particular to its rules 4, 10 and 12 according to which the Review Conference will have the Credentials Committee, the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee (with the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee constituting the General Committee), the Preparatory Committee further decides that the finalization of the draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, as may be needed, shall be entrusted to the Drafting Committee and the Main Committee which will be working in parallel to the plenary of the Conference.

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