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**RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED FORMS
OF INTOLERANCE, FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DURBAN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

South Africa (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

**10/... From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action
against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and
related intolerance**

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002, by which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2002/68 of 25 April 2002 and 2003/30 of 23 April 2003,

Recalling also its resolutions 1/5 of 30 June 2006, 3/2 of 8 December 2006 and 9/14 of 24 September 2008,

Urging the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to continue to find ways and means to fulfil its mandate optimally, particularly in the areas of directly linking and consulting with the affected communities of people of African descent living in the diaspora, including mobilizing funds with international financial institutions for projects beneficial to people of African descent, as well as to conduct country visits,

Reiterating the need for the five eminent experts to continue to investigate critical areas of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in particular, their contemporary forms and manifestations, in accordance with their mandate,

Appreciating all efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its constructive work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, in accordance with its mandate,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the challenges that have impeded the work of the Group of Five Independent Eminent Experts with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of this mechanism in order for it to discharge its mandate fully in following up on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and, in this regard, requests that the Council take appropriate action in accordance with its process of review, rationalization and improvement of mandates;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, in particular its work plan for the period 2009-2011, and furthermore calls on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to avail the necessary resources and support to enable the Working Group to discharge its mandate fully, in particular the undertaking of country visits and holding of public meetings with people of African descent living in the diaspora;

3. *Welcomes* the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its sixth session, and requests that the Group continue its important work of focusing on other critical areas and ensuring the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action as mandated by Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2002/68 of 25 April 2002;

4. *Decides* to remain seized of this important issue.
