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Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related form of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Cuba, South Africa* (on behalf of the African Group), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* : draft resolution

18/... 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, in which the Assembly endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 57/195 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly assigned responsibilities to the relevant United Nations institutions to ensure the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action at the international level,

Recalling further Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2002/68 of 25 April 2002 and 2003/30 of 23 April 2003, and Council resolution 9/14 of 24 September 2008,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 65/36 of 6 December 2010, containing the programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent,

Underlining the fact that the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action represents an important opportunity for the world community to reaffirm its political will and commitment to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and that maximum efforts should be made to celebrate the tenth anniversary in all regions through a wide range of activities,

Underlining also the imperative need of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to accomplish its mandate,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in its

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constructive work aimed at the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, including by increasing efforts to complement the work of other Durban follow-up mechanisms with a view to achieving better coordination and synergy with other human rights mechanisms, thereby avoiding duplication of initiatives;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;¹

3. *Welcomes and acknowledges* the importance and significance of the work of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent in examining the current situation and conditions and the extent of racism against Africans and people of African descent and, in this regard, takes note of the report of the Working Group;

4. *Decides* that the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action should convene its tenth session from 8 to 19 October 2012;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Human Rights Council at its twentieth session his progress report submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 65/36;

6. *Urges* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to take measures within the framework of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, including by highlighting the plight of victims and initiating consultations with various international sporting and other organizations, enabling them to contribute to the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

7. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent with the necessary resources and support to enable it to discharge its mandate fully;

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

¹ A/HRC/16/64.