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## Human Rights Council

### Twentieth session

Agenda item 9

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

#### **Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council\***

#### **20/18.**

#### **Nelson Mandela International Day panel**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009 and Human Rights Council decision 15/117 of 1 October 2010,

*Recognizing* Nelson Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity, as a humanitarian, in the fields of conflict resolution, race relations, the promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups, as well as the upliftment of poor and underdeveloped communities,

*Underlining the importance* of urgently eliminating continuing and violent trends involving racism and racial discrimination, and conscious that any form of impunity for crimes motivated by racist and xenophobic attitudes plays a role in weakening the rule of law and democracy, tends to encourage the recurrence of such crimes and requires resolute action and cooperation for its eradication,

1. *Decides* to hold, at its twenty-first session, a high-level panel discussion on how the values of reconciliation, peace, freedom and racial equality can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to take the measures necessary to observe Nelson Mandela International Day;

3. *Encourages* all States Members of the United Nations and relevant stakeholders to engage fully in the panel discussion with a view to guarantee an appropriate balance and diversity of views on the issue;

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twentieth session (A/HRC/20/2), chap. I.

4. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to compile a summary of the outcome of the discussion and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session;

5. *Decides* to remain seized of this issue.

*33rd meeting*

*6 July 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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