

Greetings distinguished Mission of China and like-minded States,

The International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM) and the Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition (IPNC) is sending its recommendations:

pp3 *Recalling also* all relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, **the International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and other relevant treaty bodies**

pp4 *Recalling further* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, **and the Declaration on the Right to Development**

pp8 *Recognizing with concern* that legacies of colonialism, in all their manifestations, inter alia, economic exploitation, inequality within and among States, systemic racism, violations of indigenous peoples' rights, contemporary form of slavery, damage to cultural heritage, have negative impact on the effective enjoyment of all human rights, **and international humanitarian law**

3. *Invites* the United Nations human rights **treaty bodies**, mechanisms and procedures, in fulfilling their mandate, to continue to pay attention to the negative impact of legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights;

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**Requests the treaty bodies give full effect and implementation to the conventions as called for in the Durban Declaration and Program of Action, the Durban Review Conference, the Twentieth Anniversary Adoption of the DDPA resolution in accordance with its mandates and procedures, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in particular, to enable all treaty bodies to receive, address and to transmit petitions in connection with the Declaration on the Granting of**

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the appropriate bodies of the United Nations, with calls for admissibility of such petitions to the appropriate bodies. Calls upon the treaty bodies to address the petitions in accordance with each mandate and procedure, accepting the recommendations from the special procedures, mechanisms and intergovernmental bodies of the Human Rights Council or other bodies of the United Nations.

**To support this action, here are supporting articles from the DDPA and the 2009 Durban Review Conference Outcome document and the Twentieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action resolution:**

**Paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of the Durban Review Conference Outcome Document:**

4. Expresses concern that challenges and obstacles identified in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action remain to be addressed and overcome in order to effectively prevent, combat and eradicate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and that there are still many areas where achievements have not been gained or further improvements have to be attained;

5. Emphasizes the need to address with greater resolve and political will all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world, including all those under foreign occupation;

6. Reaffirms that all peoples and individuals constitute one human family, rich in diversity, and that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and strongly rejects any doctrine of racial superiority along with theories which attempt to determine the existence of so-called distinct human races;

**The following are from the Twentieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action resolution:**

**II. Increase regional and international engagement and actions, including actions to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the DDPA**

71. Encourages the mobilization of political will at the national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference and the political declaration of the General Assembly to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and their follow up processes.

#### **IV. Measures to enhance the effectiveness of the follow-up mechanisms to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and to ensure better synergy and complementarities in the work of those mechanisms**

75. The Working Group recognizes the importance of continued efforts aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Durban follow-up mechanisms and commits to increasing efforts aimed at avoiding overlapping and/or the duplication of initiatives. It reiterates its request for more cooperation between the Durban follow-up mechanisms and relevant human rights bodies, including treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders, with the aim of developing synergy and complementarities between those mechanisms, bearing in mind their respective mandates and invites the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent:

d) Commits to demonstrate the political will to address the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, while acknowledging that no derogation from the prohibition of racial discrimination, genocide, the crime of apartheid and slavery is permitted, as defined in the obligations under the relevant human rights instruments

Thank you kindly,

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