



## Human Rights Council

### Tenth Session

**Resolution 10/31. 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, 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,

*Noting with interest* the work of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent as set out in its mandate, 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 liaising with financial and developmental institutions with a view to contributing to developmental programmes for the benefit of people of African descent, as well as conducting country visits,

*Recognizing* the challenges that have impeded the Group of Five Independent Eminent Experts from fully discharging its mandate in following up on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

*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. *Takes note of* the work of the Five Independent Eminent Experts on the follow-up to the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in line with their mandate;

2. *Also takes note of* the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and welcomes its workplan for the period 2009-2011, stressing the need to ensure the availability of the necessary resources, and furthermore calls on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to avail the necessary resources and support to allow 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;

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

*45th meeting  
27 March 2009*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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