



Human Rights Council

Resolution 1/5. Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/266 of 27 March 2002 by which it endorsed the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action) adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I), held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolutions 2001/5 of 18 April 2001, 2002/68 of 25 April 2002, 2003/30 of 23 April 2003, 2005/64 of 20 April 2005 and all relevant resolutions of the Commission,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its fourth session (E/CN.4/2006/18);

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to select, in close consultations with the regional groups, five highly qualified experts to study the content and scope of the substantive gaps in the existing international instruments to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including but not limited to the areas identified in the conclusions of the Chair of the high-level seminar that took place during the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group; the group of experts, in consultation with human rights treaty bodies, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and other relevant mandate holders should produce a base document that contains concrete recommendations on the means or avenues to bridge these gaps, including but not limited to the drafting of a new optional protocol to the International Convention on the Elimination of All

Forms of Racial Discrimination or the adoption of new instruments such as conventions or declarations;

3. *Requests* the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to conduct a further study on possible measures to strengthen the implementation of the Convention through additional recommendations or the update of its monitoring procedures;

4. *Decides* that both documents should be presented to the Intergovernmental Working Group at its fifth session;

5. *Decides also* to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group for a further period of three years;

6. *Decides further* to remain seized of the issue of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at its second session in September 2006.

*Adopted without a vote
24th meeting
30 June 2006*