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**Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 17 December 2024

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/79/L.25](#))]

### 79/193. Proclamation of the Second International Decade for People of African Descent

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the paramount importance of universal adherence to and the full and effective implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>1</sup> adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution [2106 A \(XX\)](#) of 21 December 1965, in addressing the scourges of racism and racial discrimination,

*Recalling* its resolution [52/111](#) of 12 December 1997, by which it decided to convene the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and its resolutions [56/266](#) of 27 March 2002, [57/195](#) of 18 December 2002, [58/160](#) of 22 December 2003, [59/177](#) of 20 December 2004 and [60/144](#) of 16 December 2005, which guided the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,<sup>2</sup>

*Reiterating* that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies, and that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

<sup>2</sup> See [A/CONF.189/12](#) and [A/CONF.189/12/Corr.1](#), chap. I.



*Acknowledging* the efforts and initiatives undertaken by States to prohibit discrimination, systemic and structural racism, and segregation and to engender the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural as well as civil and political rights,

*Emphasizing* that, despite efforts in this regard, millions of human beings continue to be victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their contemporary manifestations, some of which take violent forms,

*Recalling* the commitments under the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action that recognize the importance of enhancing national action and international cooperation and the calls contained in the Declaration urging the participation of people of African descent in all political, civil, economic, social and cultural aspects of society,

*Recalling with appreciation* its resolution [68/237](#) of 23 December 2013, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for People of African Descent, and the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted in its resolution [69/16](#) of 18 November 2014,

*Emphasizing* its resolution [64/169](#) of 18 December 2009, by which it proclaimed 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent,

*Recalling* its resolutions [3057 \(XXVIII\)](#) of 2 November 1973, [38/14](#) of 22 November 1983 and [48/91](#) of 20 December 1993, by which it proclaimed the three Decades to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and conscious of the fact that their objectives are yet to be attained,

*Considering* that the International Decade for People of African Descent has provided a framework that fostered action by States, international and regional organizations, civil society, people of African descent and other stakeholders and contributed to the progressive consolidation of an international agenda for people of African descent, while noting that much remains to be done to ensure that all people of African descent can fully and effectively enjoy the benefits of sustainable development and all their human rights,

*Recalling* its resolution [75/170](#) of 16 December 2020, by which it proclaimed 31 August as the International Day for People of African Descent, and its resolution [78/323](#) of 13 August 2024, by which it proclaimed 25 July as the International Day of Women and Girls of African Descent,

*Underlining* its resolution [78/234](#) of 22 December 2023, in which it requested the President of the General Assembly to take into consideration the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, drafted by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and adopted in resolution [69/16](#), and the theme of the International Decade for People of African Descent, “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development”, with a view to proclaiming the decade starting in 2025 the Second International Decade for People of African Descent,

*Reaffirming* its resolution [75/314](#) of 2 August 2021, by which it established the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in line with paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and noting the convening of the first three sessions of the

Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, in which there was large participation of civil society and people of African descent from around the world,

1. *Proclaims* the Second International Decade for People of African Descent, commencing on 1 January 2025 and ending on 31 December 2034, with the theme “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development”, to be officially launched immediately following the adoption of the present resolution by the General Assembly;

2. *Decides* to extend the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent adopted in resolution [69/16](#), with a view to ensuring continuing efforts in promoting the respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people of African descent, and requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the necessary support in this regard;

3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States and other relevant stakeholders regarding a possible update of the programme of activities as contained in resolution [69/16](#), for consideration by the General Assembly during its eightieth session;

4. *Requests* the continued allocation of predictable funding from the regular budget of the United Nations for the effective and efficient implementation of the programme of activities and ongoing activities under the International Decade contained in resolution [69/16](#), and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene a midterm review to take stock of the progress made and decide on further necessary actions before the eighty-fourth session of the Assembly;

6. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene a final assessment of the Second International Decade, to take place within the framework of a high-level international event at the eighty-eighth session of the Assembly, one year before the closure of the Decade in 2034.

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