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forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation  
of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **Discrimination and racism against Foreigners (The United States of America - Model)**

### **Introduction**

Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights (Egypt) strongly condemns the discrimination practiced by the United States of America, which permeates all aspects of life, extending to all non-white races, as well as the bias of US President Trump and the US police against blacks, resulting in the emergence of extremist groups. In addition to hateful speeches by US President Trump, offensive tweets, which are full of hatred and racist judgments.

Some of the American society continued to suffer from high levels of racism and discrimination during the early years of the third millennium. This racism coincided with the rise of the Alt-right movement, a national coalition of whites seeking to expel ethnic minorities from the United States. The Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have considered that white racial violence is the main domestic terrorist threat in the United States. This movement and fanaticism of the extreme right by the US president and his government has resulted in many human rights violations in the United States.

### **Actions and laws supporting racism in the United States of America**

The United States became more racist, especially with the arrival of President Donald Trump in power. This racism became prominent by the presenting of a draft resolution by the Republican Party aimed at providing funding for building a wall between the United States and Mexico, in order to prevent the entry of Mexican citizens into the United States. The Senate rejected the draft resolution on January 24, 2019, however, the US president declared war on the US Congress, by declaring a state of national emergency, an exceptional measure to fund the building of the wall on the border with Mexico, costing \$ 5 billion. It is no more than an apartheid wall that is in total contradiction to the US Constitution and all international human rights instruments, especially the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.<sup>1</sup>

In December 2017, as an example of the actions issued by the US government that support racism, the US State Department announced that it had begun to fully implement President Donald Trump's travel ban targeting six Muslim-majority countries, which are: the Syria Arab Republic, Libya, Yemen, Islamic Republic of Iran, Somalia and Chad, as well as some individuals from Venezuela (Bolivian republic of) and North Korea. Despite the refusal of the American judiciary to the order, Trump's government has insisted on the amendment of the law several times, until finally approved by the Supreme Court, although it is considered by lower courts.<sup>2</sup>

In early 2017, the US administration issued strict directives to expand the repatriation of illegal migrants, in order to place restrictions on migrants. The US Department of Homeland Security laid the groundwork for mass deportations of Illegal migrants in the United States. The Department of Homeland Security announced that it would not exclude any classes or categories of deportations of foreigners. According to observers these decisions come in successive series aimed at the elimination of the Immigration and

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<sup>1</sup> مجلس الشيوخ الأمريكي يصوت ضد مشروع قرار لإنهاء الإغلاق الحكومي، م منشور على موقع مصرأوى، بتاريخ 24 يناير 2019، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي: <http://cutt.us/Cw4IK>

<sup>2</sup> واشنطن تبدأ التنفيذ الكامل لأمر حظر سفر مواطني 6 دول مسلمة، م منشور على موقع قناة المنار، بتاريخ 9 ديسمبر 2017، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي: <http://cutt.us/Cqe2e>

Naturalization Act of 1965, which is another form of hatred and racism of US President Trump against migrants.<sup>3</sup>

## Trump's racist policies and incitement against Foreigners

The US president's policy is to consolidate white nationalism and constantly defends anti-Muslim ideas and policies. His campaign speeches were full of hatred, which began with irony and racism towards Barack Obama. In a 2015 ABC interview, he commented on the September 11 attacks saying "There were people that were cheering on the other side of New Jersey, where you have large Arab populations. They were cheering as the World Trade Center came down." It never happened. In the same year, he said, swearing Mexicans and Americans of Mexican origin, that "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best...They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists." Trump's racism has culminated in his promise to build a border wall and "make Mexico pay for it." In March 2016, Trump said on CNN: "I think Islam hates us." And later: "We're having problems with the Muslims, and we're having problems with Muslims coming into the country."<sup>4</sup>

In August 2017, a group of the alt-right organized a march in Charlottesville, Virginia, aimed at unifying the various white nationalist factions against ethnic minorities. During that march, a white racist demonstrator drove his car in the direction of a group of counter-demonstrators, killing one person and injuring 19 others. Trump first committed silence to the incident, and then stated that "there was hatred and violence on both sides" without mentioning the extremists and neo-Nazis by name; as he is known to be a strong supporter of right-wing groups. After sharp criticism, Trump has made a statement of the quality of "Racism is evil, and those who cause violence in its name are criminals."<sup>5</sup>

In the same vein, Trump's xenophobic tweets have not stopped. for instance, on August 25, 2017, following a visit to a former Arizona police chief named Joey Arbawi, who is accused of discriminating against blacks, Trump published on his Twitter account that "He made Arizona Safe", Which sparked a wave of accusations against him of discriminating against blacks. In November 2017, his official Twitter account re-published three inflammatory videos against Muslims from the British far-right group Britain First.<sup>6</sup>

## Racist violations and violence against Blacks in the United States

The US Constitution states that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." However, the racist outlook of blacks of African descent in the United States still exists. Discrimination remains strong in the US police violence against blacks. It has become worse when Trump arrived in power, who is known for his racist attitudes and his strong support for white extremists. The media has contributed to the deepening of the bad stereotype of blacks among migrants to the USA, which has Led to the fear of people of housing in areas of African Americans. In addition to ethnic disparities throughout the US justice system, whereas blacks account for

<sup>3</sup> الإدارة الأمريكية تفتح الباب "لترحيل جماعي" للمهاجرين، م منشور على موقع البي بي سي، بتاريخ 22 فبراير 2017 <http://cutt.us/sXf4D>، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي:

<sup>4</sup> ترابم والعنصرية - مواقف وتصريحات تثير الغضب العالمي، م منشور على موقع دوتش فيله الألماني، بتاريخ 17 أغسطس 2017 <http://cutt.us/kd61k>، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي:

<sup>5</sup> "سنة ثانية ترامب" .. تكرر عنصرية "نازي أميركا" الجدد، م منشور على موقع الجزيرة، بتاريخ 12 أغسطس 2018 <http://cutt.us/jkjqS>، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي:

<sup>6</sup> مغردون: #ترابم "يكره الإسلام ويروج للكرهية"، م منشور على موقع "بي بي سي" نيوز، بتاريخ 30 نوفمبر 2017 <http://cutt.us/hHqE7>، ويمكن قراءة المقال كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي:

13% of the population, but account for 40% of the prisoners. Blacks prison rate is five times the prison rate of whites.<sup>7</sup>

According to press reports, police killed 876 people until the beginning of October 2018. Blacks accounted for 22% of those killed, whose ethnicity was known, and 39% of those killed, were unarmed. The Ministry of Justice has abolished efforts to investigate local police services following credible reports of systematic constitutional violations, and the governments of some states are currently exercising this oversight role. Ethnic disparities against blacks persist in the use of force by police, arrests, indictments and suspension while driving. Furthermore, the rate of imprisonment of black children is higher than that of whites in 37 US states. Violations, apartheid and inciting practices against African Americans continue to occur in courts, streets, schools, residences and various places in the United States of America.

## **Recommendations**

Believing in the important role that civil society organizations play in the utilizing of human rights approaches and the utilizing of its mechanisms and tools to promote human rights, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights recommends:

To develop a federal strategy and policy to combat racism and the resulting armed violence.

To amend the judicial system to allow all Americans, especially non-indigenous and Afro-descendants, to fair trials and obtain all their rights.

To improve policies and amend internal immigration laws in line with international standards to ensure that migrants and their children are not displaced.

To take federal action to monitor any policies, laws or speeches that support incitement to racial hatred and to take all necessary measures to combat this, such as the development of national action plans and commitment to national integration strategies.

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<sup>7</sup> منظمة العفو الدولية، التقرير السنوي لمنظمة العفو الدولية، تقرير الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية 2018، ويمكن قراءة منظمة العفو الدولية، التقرير كاملاً من خلال الرابط التالي: <http://cutt.us/TBpHq>