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**RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND
RELATED FORMS OF INTOLERANCE: FOLLOW-UP TO
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION
AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

**Note verbale dated 28 September 2007 from the Permanent Mission
of Bhutan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the
President of the Human Rights Council**

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the President of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to refer to Council resolution 6/23 entitled “Preparations for the Durban Review Conference”, adopted on 28 September 2007, as orally revised by the sponsors. The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan wishes to state that, with regard to the fourth preambular paragraph of the resolution, as well as the newly introduced fifth preambular paragraph referring to the participation of NGOs in the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference, it is the interpretation of the delegation of Bhutan that these refer only to NGOs duly accredited to participate in the preparatory process of the Review Conference. This is in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, held from 27 to 31 August 2007, and is reflected in the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.3) of 31 August 2007.

The Permanent Mission of Bhutan requests the President of the Human Rights Council to circulate the present note verbale as an official document of the sixth session of the Council under item 9 of the agenda.
