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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Implementation of the mandate of the Working Group, as established in Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/68 and approved by Economic and Social Council decision 2002/270 and amended by Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/30:

“(a) To study the problems of racial discrimination faced by people of African descent living in the diaspora and to this end gather all relevant information from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other relevant sources, including through holding public meetings with them;

“(i) To make proposals on the elimination of racial discrimination against people of African descent in all parts of the world;

“(ii) To address all the issues concerning the well-being of Africans and people of African descent contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

“(b) To propose measures to ensure full and effective access to the justice system by people of African descent;

“(c) To submit recommendations on the design, implementation and enforcement of effective measures to eliminate racial profiling of people of African descent;

“(d) To elaborate short-, medium- and long-term proposals for the elimination of racial discrimination against people of African descent bearing in mind the need for close collaboration with international and development institutions and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to promote the human rights of people of African descent, inter alia through:

- “(i) Improving the human rights situation of people of African descent by devoting special attention to their needs, inter alia through the preparation of specific programmes of action;
- “(ii) Designing special projects, in collaboration with people of African descent, to support their initiatives at the community level and to facilitate the exchange of information and technical know-how between these populations and experts in these areas;
- “(iii) Developing programmes intended for people of African descent allocating additional investments to health systems, education, housing, electricity, drinking water and environmental control measures and promoting equal opportunities in employment, as well as other affirmative or positive action initiatives, within the human rights framework.”

5. Adoption of recommendations.

6. Closing of the session.