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

**Report of the independent eminent experts on the
implementation of the Durban Declaration and
Programme of Action**

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat has the honour to inform the members of the Commission on Human Rights that a third meeting of the independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action has not taken place during the intersessional period. Therefore, no report will be transmitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-second session.
2. In its resolution 56/266 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 191 (b) of the Durban Programme of Action, to appoint five independent eminent experts, one from each region, from among candidates proposed by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights, after consultation with the regional groups, to follow the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

3. On 16 June 2003, the Secretary-General appointed the following five independent eminent experts: Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan; Martti Oiva Kalevi Ahtisaari of Finland; Salim Ahmed Salim of the United Republic of Tanzania; Hanna Suchocka of Poland; and Edna Maria Santos Roland of Brazil.

4. Since their appointment, the independent eminent experts have held two meetings, respectively from 16 to 18 September 2003 (E/CN.4/2004/112) and from 21 to 23 February 2005 (E/CN.4/2005/125).
