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Excerpts from the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference on its second substantive session*

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* The final report of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference on its second substantive session will be issued as document A/CONF.211/PC.3/11. Excerpts from the narrative account of the proceedings, as adopted *ad referendum* by the Preparatory Committee, are reproduced in section II of the present document.



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I. Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference at its second substantive session

A. Resolutions

PC.3/1 Organization of work of the second substantive session

The Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference,

Recalling its decision PC.1/13 on the objectives of the Durban Review Conference and recalling also its decision PC.2/8 on the structure of the draft outcome document of the Durban Review Conference,

Recognizing the work of its intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group mandated in its decisions PC.1/10 and PC.2/4, and noting that further written contributions will be made,

Taking note of the recommendation made by the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group (A/CONF.211/PC.3/2, annex V),

Acknowledging that the issues and the text contained in the working document submitted by the Chairperson of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group, entitled “Certain indicative elements in relation to the outcome document”, are not negotiated and that attribution should be given,

1. *Decides* to commence immediately the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference;
2. *Decides* that the working document entitled “Certain indicative elements in relation to the outcome document” shall constitute a basis for discussion and negotiations at the present session of the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the possibility of other stakeholders making further proposals;
3. *Decides* that the drafting of the declaratory part of the outcome document shall be undertaken after the first reading of the five sections of the action-oriented part of the draft outcome document by the Preparatory Committee is completed.

1st meeting

5 October 2008

[Adopted without a vote. See sect. II.B below.]

B. Decisions

PC.3/2 Accreditation of two non-governmental organizations

At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit the following new non-governmental organizations to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process: Gherush92 Committee for Human Rights and Bexley Council for Racial Equality,

PC.3/3 Accreditation of three non-governmental organizations accredited to Durban in 2001

At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling that in its decision PC.2/5, adopted at its first substantive session, it had decided to provisionally invite to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process the non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Rural Development Centre, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights and Buddha Smriti Sanathan, which are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but which participated in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of 2001, pending the reception of further information that would demonstrate that they fully satisfied the criteria for accreditation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 and that they were in accordance with Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/2, but noting that no further information had been received from the non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Rural Development Centre and Buddha Smriti Sanathan, decided not to accredit these three organizations to the Durban Review Conference.

PC.3/4 Invitation addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, bearing in mind the objectives of the Durban Review Conference as well as the important role that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has been playing in the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, decided to invite the High Commissioner to make a contribution to the Durban Review Conference through a report on the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action¹ and proposals to enhance its implementation and on the implementation of relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council.

PC.3/5 Accreditation of five new non-governmental organizations

At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit the following new non-governmental organizations to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process: Humanrights.ch/MERS, People for Peace and Defence of Rights, Terre Nouvelle, Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organisation and Bilaal Justice Center.

PC.3/6 Accreditation of the non-governmental organization International Dalit Solidarity Network

At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having considered the application of the non-governmental organization International Dalit Solidarity Network for participation in the preparatory process to the Durban Review Conference, noting that the areas of the activity of this organization relate to caste-based discrimination and other forms of discrimination based on work and descent, and underlining that the participation of the International Dalit Solidarity

¹ See A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.

Network in the preparatory process of the Durban Review Conference would cover discrimination based on descent in line with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, decided on that basis to grant it accreditation.

PC.3/7 Accreditation of the three non-governmental organizations National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Swadhikar and People's Education for Action and Liberation

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At its 9th meeting, on 10 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having received further information from the non-governmental organizations in question, decided to accredit the following organizations which had been provisionally accredited at its first substantive session pending the reception of further information: Swadhikar and National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights.

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At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee, having received further information from the non-governmental organization in question, also decided to accredit the following organization, which had not been invited to participate at its first substantive session as it had not provided further information: People's Education for Action and Liberation.

PC.3/8 Accreditation of the Brazilian non-governmental organization ABGLT

At its 17th meeting, on 16 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, having considered the application of the Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transvestites and Transsexuals (ABGLT) for participation in the Durban Review Conference, to be held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009, and stressing that the participation of this organization in the Durban Review Conference would be based on addressing discrimination in conformity with the contents of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and that the organization should strictly raise issues mentioned in the Declaration and Programme of Action and in accordance with paragraph 5 of Human Rights Council resolution 3/2, decided on that basis to grant accreditation to ABGLT.

PC.3/9 Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolution 61/149 of 19 December 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 19 December 2006 and bearing in mind the need to continue and conclude the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in advance of the Conference, decided:

(a) To convene a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva for up to three working days, from 15 to 17 April 2009;

(b) To establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference on the basis of the compilation of proposals resulting from the work of the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and any further contributions, and to report thereon to its third substantive session. The Preparatory Committee further decided

that the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group should meet for a total of up to 10 working days in advance of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, including a meeting on 27 November 2008, the first session to be held from 19 to 23 January 2009, and the second session from 6 to 9 April 2009 or at any other date agreed on by the working group.

PC.3/10 Participation in the Durban Review Conference

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/149 of 19 December 2006 and 62/220 of 22 December 2007 and Human Rights Council resolution 3/2 of 19 December 2006, as well as its own decision PC.1/12, decided to request the General Assembly to allocate adequate resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to facilitate the participation in the Review Conference of the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

II. Narrative account of proceedings

A. Excerpts from chapter III of the draft report of the Preparatory Committee

“III. Organization of work

“9. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft resolution entitled ‘Organization of work of the second substantive session’, as proposed by the Bureau. The decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, resolution PC.3/1.

“10. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision proposed by the Bureau which would give members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference 48 hours to make comments on the accreditation of the following six non-governmental organizations: Humanrights.ch/MERS, Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transvestites and Transsexuals, People for Peace and Defence of Human Rights, Terre Nouvelle, Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organisation and the Bilaal Justice Center. The Preparatory Committee decided to defer the taking of a decision on the accreditation of these organizations by 48 hours.

“11. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee also considered the issue of the accreditation of the non-governmental organization International Dalit Solidarity Network. Interventions were made by India, France (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan, Algeria, Sweden, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Germany, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), Cuba (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Nigeria, Denmark, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Egypt. The Preparatory Committee decided to defer the taking of a decision on the accreditation of this non-governmental organization for 48 hours.

“12. At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision to accredit this non-governmental organization, without a

vote. France (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/6.

“13. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered the issue of the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations Gherush92 Committee for Human Rights and Bexley Council for Racial Equality. The Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, to accredit these two organizations. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/2.

“14. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered the granting of additional time to the Governments of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia to make comments on the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Swadhikar and People’s Education for Action and Liberation (see A/CONF.211/PC.3/7/Add.1). Upon the recommendation of the Bureau, the Preparatory Committee decided to extend until Friday 10 October 2008 the taking of a decision on the accreditation of these organizations.

“15. At its 9th meeting, on 10 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit the non-governmental organizations National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Swadhikar and People’s Education for Action and Liberation. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/7.

“16. At its 6th meeting, on 8 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee noted the request of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to receive further information from the Brazilian non-governmental organization ABGLT. The Preparatory Committee decided to defer for five days the taking of a decision on the accreditation of this organization. France (on behalf of the European Union) and Brazil made statements. The Preparatory Committee then decided, without a vote, to accredit the five following non-governmental organizations: Humanrights.ch/MERS, People for Peace and Defence of Rights, Terre Nouvelle, Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organisation and Bilaal Justice Center. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/5.

“17. At its 17th meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered the accreditation of the Brazilian non-governmental organization ABGLT. A decision was adopted, without a vote, to accredit this organization. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/8. The Islamic Republic of Iran expressed reservations with regard to this decision. Statements in explanation of vote were made by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and France (on behalf of the European Union).

“18. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered the issue of the accreditation of the provisionally accredited non-governmental organizations Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Rural Development Centre and Buddha Smriti Sanathan, which had failed to provide the information requested of them by the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session. The Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, not to accredit these organizations. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/3.”

B. Excerpts from chapter VIII of the draft report of the Preparatory Committee

“VIII. Organization of the work of the Durban Review Conference and other matters

“40. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision proposed by the Bureau, entitled ‘Invitation addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights’. Algeria, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), Belgium, Egypt and Ireland made statements on the matter. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended, without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/4.

“41. At its 19th meeting, on 7 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision on the continuation of the preparatory process proposed by the Bureau. The following Member States made statements: Egypt, Pakistan, Singapore and France (on behalf of the European Union). The decision was then adopted without a vote. Statements were also made by Singapore and Japan. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/9.

“42. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered a draft decision on a panel discussion at the Durban Review Conference proposed by the Bureau. The draft decision read as follows:

At its 19th meeting, on 17 October 2008, the Preparatory Committee, bearing in mind the objectives of the Durban Review Conference, decided to organize a panel discussion, following the high-level segment of the Review Conference, with the participation of four world-renowned personalities and a moderator to be identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in consultation with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee further decided that any costs associated with the panel discussion will be financed from extrabudgetary resources.

“43. The following Member States made statements: France (on behalf of the European Union), Singapore, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and South Africa. The draft decision was subsequently withdrawn.

“44. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee also had before it a draft decision on participation in the Durban Review Conference proposed by the Bureau. The following Member States made statements: Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ethiopia, France (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The draft decision, as amended, was then adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I, decision PC.3/10.”

III. Administrative and programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference at its second substantive session

At its second substantive session, the Preparatory Committee adopted one resolution and nine decisions.

Before action was taken on those decisions involving programme budget implications, in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Preparatory Committee was informed through oral statements of the estimated costs relating to implementation of the requests contained in the decisions.
