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Agenda item 10

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT AND THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

Report of the Main Committee

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Draft programme of action

1. At its meeting, on 7 September 2001, the Main Committee considered the draft programme of action submitted to it by the working group as contained in the present document and addenda. The principal document contains paragraphs adopted by the Preparatory Committee, and the addenda contain paragraphs adopted by the working group at the World Conference.
2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft programme of action, as amended, and recommended it to the Conference for adoption.

**Adopted paragraphs at the meeting of the working group held on
7 September 2001 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

49. Urges States to ensure that persons belonging to [racial] national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities can exercise fully and effectively all human rights and fundamental freedoms without any discrimination and in full equality before the law, and also urges States and the international community to promote and protect the rights of such persons [within the framework of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations]./[Persons belonging to such minorities shall exercise their rights within the framework of the principles of the United Nations, including sovereign equality, territorial integrity and political independence of States in which they live.]; (ONGOING WG 7/9)

48.ter Encourages States to address the problems of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against people of Asian descent and urges States to take all necessary measures to eliminate the barriers that such persons face in participating in economic, social, cultural and political life. (ADOPTED WG 7/9)

65. Encourages the business sector, in particular the tourist industry and Internet providers, to develop codes of conduct, with a view to preventing trafficking in persons and protecting the victims of such traffic, especially those in prostitution, against gender-based and racial discrimination and promoting their rights, dignity and security. (ADOPTED by WG on 7/9)

66. Urges States to devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures at the national, regional and international levels to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in women and children, in particular girls, through comprehensive anti-trafficking strategies which include legislative measures, prevention campaigns and information exchange. It also urges States to allocate resources, as appropriate, to provide comprehensive programmes designed to provide assistance to, protection for, healing, reintegration into society and rehabilitation of victims. States shall provide or strengthen training for law enforcement, immigration and other relevant officials who deal with victims of trafficking in this regard; (ADOPTED by WG on 7/9)

205. Urges States to recognize the challenges that people of different socially constructed races, colours, descent, national or ethnic origins, religions and languages experience in seeking to live together and to develop harmonious multi-racial and multi-cultural societies; also urges States to recognize that the positive examples of relatively successful multi-racial and multi-cultural societies, such as some of those in the Caribbean region, need to be examined and analysed, and that techniques, mechanisms, policies and programmes for reconciling conflicts based on factors related to race, colour, descent, language, religion, national or ethnic origin, and for developing harmonious multi-racial and multi cultural societies need to be systematically considered and developed, and therefore requests the United Nations and its relevant specialized agencies to consider establishing an international centre for multi-racial and multi-cultural studies and policy development to undertake this critical work for the benefit of the international community; (ADOPTED by WG on 7/9).