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Situation regarding racial equality in the world

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The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 72/157 of 19 December 2017 and 73/262 of 22 December 2018, in which the Assembly requested the Human Rights Council to continue to pay attention to the situation regarding racial equality in the world, and in that regard requested the Council, through the Advisory Committee, to prepare a study on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation, while identifying possible gaps and overlaps,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 74/137, in which the Assembly welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Human Rights Council, through its Advisory Committee, in preparing a study on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation regarding racial equality, while identifying possible gaps and overlaps,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 75/237, in which the Assembly requested the Human Rights Council to consider, at its forty-sixth session, the question of developing a multi-year programme of activities to provide for the renewed and strengthened outreach activities needed to inform and mobilize the global public in support of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and to strengthen awareness of the contribution that they have made in the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in consultation with Member States, national human rights institutions, relevant civil society organizations and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Human Rights Council, through its Advisory Committee, in preparing a study on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation regarding racial equality, while identifying possible gaps and overlaps,

Bearing in mind the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action commemorated in 2021,

Recalling that at its twenty-first session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, currently composed of Buhm-Suk Baek, Milena Costas Trascasas (Rapporteur), Iurii Alexandrovich Kolesnikov, José Augusto Lindgren Alves, Ajai



Malhotra, Itsuko Nakai, Mona Omar, Elizabeth Salmón, Patrycja Sasnal, Dheerujall Seetulsingh (Chair) and Catherine Van de Heyning;

1. *Notes* that the drafting group designated Ms. Costas Trascasas to act as Rapporteur following the resignation from the Advisory Committee of the previous Rapporteur, Ludovic Hennebel in July 2020;

2. *Also notes* that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Advisory Committee was unable to hold its regular session in August 2020;

3. *Takes note* that the draft preliminary outline of the study submitted by the drafting group to the Advisory Committee at its twenty-fifth session introduces important structural and substantive changes that require further thorough discussions;¹

4. *Notes* that the drafting group and the full Advisory Committee held meetings to discuss the topic;

5. *Requests* the drafting group to finalize its study on the situation regarding racial equality in the world in the light of the discussion held by the Advisory Committee at its current session and after circulating it to all members of the Advisory Committee for approval electronically;

6. *Decides* to submit the final study on the situation regarding racial equality in the world to the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session, to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

¹ A/HRC/AC/25/CRP.3.