



Permanent Mission of Cameroon
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Monaco
to the United Nations

29 March 2011

Excellency,

It is our honor to refer to the letter of the President of the General Assembly of 2 February 2011 appointing us as co-facilitators for the consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

We will convene the first informal meeting on 5 April 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 of the NLB.

Please find attached the draft resolution pursuant to resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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29 March 2011

“Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010, by which it decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-sixth session, under the theme “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2011, consisting of an opening plenary meeting from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., two consecutive round tables from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a closing plenary meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
2. *Decides* that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the High-Commissioner for Human Rights as well as one speaker from each regional group;
3. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:
 - (a) The round tables will address the overall theme of “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”;
 - (b) Each round table will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government to be invited by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the regional groups;
 - (c) Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system;
 - (d) The round tables will be closed to the media and the general public.
4. *Decides* that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the adoption of a short and concise political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will at the national, regional and international levels for the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and its follow-up processes.



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13 May 2011

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and following the first informal meeting of 5 April 2011, we have the honor to forward the revised draft resolution pursuant to resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010.

We will convene the second informal meeting on 24 May 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 of the NLB.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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13 May 2011

“Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”

The General Assembly,

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OP1 Decides that the high-level meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2011, consisting of an opening plenary meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., two consecutive round tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a closing plenary meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The morning meeting of the General Debate on that day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the understanding that these arrangements shall in no way create a precedent;

OP2 Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the High-Commissioner for Human Rights as well as one speaker from each regional group, a representative of South Africa and a selected representative of a non-governmental organization active in the field of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

OP3 Decides that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:

- (a) The round tables will address the overall theme of “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”;
- (b) Each round table will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government to be invited by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the regional groups;
- (c) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each roundtable will be limited to Member States, observers, entities of the United Nations system and selected non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that are active in the field of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(d) Accredited delegates, observers and selected non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that are active in the field of the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance will be able to follow the proceedings of the round table sessions via a closed-circuit television in the overflow room;

OP4 *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State and Palestine and the European Union in their respective capacity as observer, to participate in the high-level meeting;

OP5 *Invites* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to draw up a list of x representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation for their participation at the high level meeting; one of which will be selected to speak in the opening plenary, y to participate in the round tables and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis;

OP6 *Decides* that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the discussions by the Co-Chairs of the roundtables and the adoption of a short and concise political declaration.



Permanent Mission of Cameroon
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Permanent Mission of Monaco
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27 May 2011

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and following our meetings of 24 and 25 May 2011, we have the honour to forward the revised draft resolution pursuant to resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010.

We will convene our next consultation on 3 June 2011 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 of the NLB.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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27 May 2011

“Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”

The General Assembly,

PP1 *Recalling* its resolution 64/148 of 26 March 2010, which, inter alia, called for the tenth year commemoration of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;

PP2 *Recalling also* its resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010, by which it decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly at the level of Heads of State and Government on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-sixth session, on the theme “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”;

OP1 Decides that the high-level meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2011, consisting of an opening plenary meeting from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., two consecutive round tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a closing plenary meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The morning meeting of the General Debate on that day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. That arrangement does not constitute a precedent;

OP2 Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the High-Commissioner for Human Rights, the Head of State of South Africa, one speaker from each regional group, as well as a selected representative of a non-governmental organization active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

OP3 Decides that the organizational arrangements of the round-tables will be as follows:

- (a) The round-tables will address the overall theme of “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”;
- (b) Each round-table will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government to be invited by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the regional groups;

- (c) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each round-table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, the experts as indicated in document A/C.5/65/12, section IV paragraph 8b, a member of the Working Group of experts on people of African Descent, as well as selected representatives of civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- (d) Accredited delegates, observers and selected non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance will be able to follow the proceedings of the round-table sessions in the overflow room;
- (e) The proceedings of the round-tables shall be webcast to the general public;

OP4 *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, as well as the European Union in its capacity as observer, to participate in the preparatory activities and in the high-level meeting;

OP 5 *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related forms of intolerances and taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis, for participation in the high-level meeting;

OP6 *Reiterates* its call for States to be represented at the high-level meeting, at the highest possible political level, including at the level of Heads of State and Government;

OP7 *Decides* that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the discussions by the Co-Chairs of the round-tables and the adoption of a short and concise political declaration.



Permanent Mission of Cameroon
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Permanent Mission of Monaco
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3rd June 2011

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators for the consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, we have the honor to forward the revised draft resolution as it was agreed *ad referendum* at the informal consultation held this morning.

The revised text is under silent procedure until June 7th, 2011, at 6:00 pm. Thereafter, it will be issued as a L. document for adoption by the General Assembly as soon as possible.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all delegations for their flexibility and spirit of cooperation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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3 JUNE 2011

“Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”

The General Assembly,

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- (c) In order to promote a substantive and constructive dialogue, participation in each round-table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, the experts as indicated in document A/C.5/65/12, section IV paragraph 8b, as well as selected representatives of civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
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OP6 *Reiterates* its call for States to be represented at the high-level meeting, at the highest possible political level, including at the level of Heads of State and Government;

OP7 *Decides* that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the discussions by the Co-Chairs of the round-tables and the adoption of a short and concise political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will.



Permanent Mission of Cameroon
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Permanent Mission of Monaco
to the United Nations

20th June 2011

Excellencies,

It is our honor to refer to the letter of the President of the General Assembly of 14 June 2011 extending our mandate as co-facilitators to continue the consultations on the political declaration to be adopted at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to be held on 22 September 2011.

We will hold a first informal meeting on Friday 24th June 2011 at 3 p.m. in Conference room 2 in the NLB to proceed to an exchange of views on the possible elements of the declaration.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Ambassador TOMMO MONTHE
Co-facilitator
Permanent Representative
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Isabelle Picco".

Ambassador Isabelle PICCO
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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 July 2011

Excellency,

As we move towards the summer break, I would like to share with you information on the organizational arrangements of the three High-level Meetings that will take place during the high-level week of the 66th session in September.

- By its resolution 65/238, the General Assembly decided that a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases shall be held on **19 and 20 September 2011**.
- By its resolution 65/160, the General Assembly decided that a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the theme “Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” shall be held on **20 September 2011**.
- By its resolution 65/240, the General Assembly decided that a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action shall be held on **22 September 2011**.

Further information on the organizational arrangements of aforementioned High-level Meetings will be provided by the Secretariat in its information note to delegations. Provisional programmes for the meetings will also be conveyed at a later date.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deiss'.

Joseph Deiss

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York

**Organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases
(Monday 19 – Tuesday 20 September 2011, New York)**

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 64/265 of 13 May 2010, decided to convene a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly in September 2011, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. In its resolution of 65/238 of 24 December 2010, the General Assembly further decided that this High-level Meeting shall be held on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York.

2. By paragraph 5 of resolution 65/238, the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements of the meeting.

Plenary meetings

3. Pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of resolution 65/238, formal plenary meetings will be held on 19 September 2011 (see Annex) and will feature opening statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and a representative of civil society who will be chosen from non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and in consultation with Member States. The President of the General Assembly is currently considering recommendations for the civil society speaker, in consultation with Member States and the Civil Society Task Force established by the President.

4. To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in plenary meetings should not exceed five minutes when speaking in the national capacity and eight minutes when speaking on behalf of a group. It is anticipated that within the time constraints, there will be time for a maximum of 65 interventions. A list of speakers, maintained in accordance with the level of participation and on a first come, first served basis, will be open for inscription with a contact point at the Secretariat (to be announced in the Journal) from 1 - 30 August 2011. Delegations are asked to kindly indicate the level of representation when inscribing on the speakers list.

5. A closing plenary meeting will be held on 20 September 2011 from 15:00 – 16:00, comprising the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise action-oriented outcome document.

Round tables

6. Pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of resolution 65/238, the thematic round tables will address the following themes:

Round table 1: The rising incidence, developmental and other challenges and

the social and economic impact of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors.

Round table 2: Strengthening national capacities, as well as appropriate policies, to address prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

Round table 3: Fostering international cooperation, as well as coordination, to address non-communicable diseases.

Round tables 1 and 2 will take place concurrently with the plenary meetings on 19 September 2011, as indicated in paragraph 4(b) of resolution 65/238. Round table 3 will take place on the morning of 20 September.

7. Participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, and representatives of entities of the United Nations system, civil society and the private sector.

8. Each round table will be chaired by two Co-Chairs, selected by the President of the General Assembly and taking full account of the level of representation as well as equitable geographical distribution. Member States are requested to indicate to the Office of the President of the General Assembly by 15 August 2011 if their Head of State is interested to participate as a Co-Chair.

9. Pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of resolution 65/238, a list of speakers will not be maintained. However, Member States and General Assembly Observers are encouraged to inform a contact point at the Secretariat (to be announced in the Journal) from 1 - 30 August 2011 which round table they wish to intervene in and at what level of representation. Up to fifty Member States and observers should be able to intervene in each round table, and the Office of the President of the General Assembly will do its utmost to accommodate all preferences, taking into account the level of representation as well as equitable geographical distribution.

10. To promote interactive, free-flowing discussions, participants in the round tables will be invited to make brief remarks that do not exceed five minutes, raise questions and respond to other speakers. Written statements are strongly discouraged.

11. Five civil society organizations and three representatives of UN funds and programmes and the specialised agencies will be invited to take the floor in each round table, time permitting.

12. Pursuant to paragraph 15 of resolution 65/238, the General Assembly will have to approve a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia for participation in the High-level Meeting, including the round tables. A decision will be submitted to the Assembly shortly.

Further information

13. Further general information on the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting will be provided by the Secretariat in its information note to delegations.

ANNEX: High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

<u>Monday, 19 September 2011</u>	
9:00 - 10:00 Opening plenary	
10:00 - 13:00 Plenary meeting	10:00 - 13:00 Round table 1: The rising incidence, developmental and other challenges and the social and economic impact of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors.
15:00 - 18:00 Plenary meeting	15: 00 -18:00 Round table 2: Strengthening national capacities, as well as appropriate policies, to address prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.
<u>Tuesday, 20 September 2011</u>	
	10:00 - 13:00 Round table 3: Fostering international cooperation, as well as coordination, to address non-communicable diseases.
15:00 – 16:00 Closing plenary	

**Organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting on
“Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of
sustainable development and poverty eradication”
(Tuesday, 20 September 2011, New York)**

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 65/160, decided to convene a High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the theme “Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” on 20 September 2011.
2. The General Assembly also decided that “the preparations for the meeting will be undertaken under the authority of the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session” (para. 11(d)).
3. Pursuant to paragraph 11(a) of the said resolution, which decided that “the meeting will be organized within existing resources”, the high-level meeting will take the following format:

10 – 10:45 am	<p>Opening plenary meeting (General Assembly Hall)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President of the General Assembly 2. Secretary-General 3. Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 4. President of the 9th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD 5. President of the 10th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD 6. Group of 77 and China 7. European Union 8. Group of African States
11 am – 1 pm	<p>Morning interactive panel on the same theme as the meeting (Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chaired by Heads of State or Government, one from the North and one from the South
3 – 5:30 pm	<p>Afternoon interactive panel on the same theme as the meeting (Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chaired by Heads of State or Government, one from the North and one from the South
5:45 – 6 pm	<p>Closing plenary meeting (General Assembly Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of the General Assembly will present a summary of the discussions based on the report of the co-chairs

** Speakers in the opening plenary meeting will be limited to the eight mentioned above, as the interactive panel will take place from 11 am to 1 pm.*

4. To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings and the interactive panels should not exceed five minutes when speaking in the national capacity and eight minutes when speaking on behalf of a group. It is anticipated that in the morning panel, there will be time for approximately 20 speakers, followed by approximately 30 speakers in the afternoon panel.
5. A list of speakers, maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first-come, first-served basis, will be open for inscription with a contact point at the Secretariat (to be announced in the Journal) from 1 - 30 August 2011. Delegations are asked to kindly indicate the level of representation and the preferred interactive panel (morning or afternoon) when inscribing on the speakers' list.
6. The panels will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government, one from the North and one from the South, "to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, with due regard for geographical balance, in consultation with regional groups" (para. 11(b)).
7. Each regional group is requested to indicate to the Office of the President of the General Assembly by 2 September 2011, which Head of State or Government will be available to co-chair.
8. Representatives of two non-governmental organizations, one from the North and one from the South, will be invited to take the floor during the interactive panels, time permitting.
9. Further general information on the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting will be provided by the Secretariat in its information note to delegations.

**Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
(Thursday, 22 September 2011, New York)**

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010, decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. The high-level meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2011, and its theme will be “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”. The General Assembly, by its resolution 65/279 of 13 June 2011, further specified the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting.

Plenary meetings

2. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 65/279, the General Assembly decided that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Head of State of South Africa, one speaker from each regional group and a representative of a non-governmental organization active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

3. The current Chair of each regional group has been asked to recommend to the President of the General Assembly one speaker on behalf of their group to participate in the opening plenary.

4. Regarding the selection of the NGO representative for the opening plenary, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, by paragraph 5 of resolution 65/279, to draw up a list of representatives of civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related forms of intolerance and, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis, for participation in the high-level meeting. The deadline for NGO pre-registration was 15 July and the NGOs that have registered are currently being reviewed. The list will be circulated shortly to Member States for consideration on a non-objection basis. Thereafter, the President will select an NGO representative to participate in the opening plenary.

5. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 65/279, the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the discussions by the Co-Chairs of the round tables and the adoption of a short and concise political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will. Consultations are currently ongoing on the content of this political declaration.

Round tables

6. Following the opening plenary, two consecutive round tables will take place (see Annex). As decided in paragraph 3(a) of resolution 65/279, the round tables will address the overall theme of “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3(c) of resolution 65/279, participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system and experts as well as selected representatives of civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

8. The following experts have been invited to participate in the round tables: The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; the Chairperson of the Working Group on People of African Descent; the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action; as well as one of the Independent Eminent Experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

9. The round tables will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government to be invited by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the regional groups. In selecting the Co-Chairs, the President of the General Assembly will take full account of the level of representation as well as equitable geographical distribution. Member States are requested to indicate to the Office of the President of the General Assembly by 15 August if their Head of State or Government is interested to participate as a Co-Chair.

10. To promote interactive, free-flowing discussions, participants in the round tables will be invited to make brief remarks that do not to exceed five minutes, raise questions and respond to other speakers. Written statements are strongly discouraged.

11. A list of speakers for the round tables, maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first come, first served basis, will be open for inscription with a contact point in the Secretariat (to be announced in the Journal) from 1 - 30 August 2011. Delegations are asked to kindly indicate the level of representation when inscribing on the speakers list.

12. As noted in paragraph 4 above, the deadline for NGO pre-registration for participation in the high-level meeting was 15 July and the NGOs that have registered are currently being reviewed. This list will be circulated shortly to Member States on a non-objection basis. Thereafter, the President will select NGO representatives to participate in the round tables.

Further information

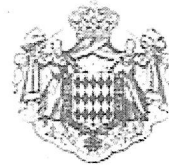
13. Further general information on the organizational arrangements of the High-level Meeting will be provided by the Secretariat in its information note to delegations.

Annex: High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

<u>Thursday, 22 September 2011</u>	
9:00 – 11:00	Opening plenary
11:00 – 13:00	Round table on “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”
15:00 – 18:00	Round table on “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”
18:00 – 19:00	Closing plenary



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Excellencies,

We have the honor to forward herewith the co-facilitators' draft of the short and concise political declaration to be adopted at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to be held on 22 September 2011.

In order to present the draft political declaration, we are pleased to convene an informal meeting on Thursday 28th July 2011 at 10 am in Conference room 2 in the NLB.

We are looking forward to working with you on this important issue.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Political Declaration:

United against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

We, heads of State and Government and representatives of States and Governments, gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 September 2011, on the occasion of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. Welcome the progress achieved in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance since 2001;
2. Acknowledge that in spite of concerted efforts by the international community in the past ten years, building on efforts of the past decades, the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance still persists in all countries and that countless human beings continue to the present day to be victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
3. Reaffirm that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance constitute a negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that equality and non-discrimination are fundamental principles of international law;
4. Resolve to pursue our common goal of ensuring the effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including victims of racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance in all societies;
5. Renew our political will towards building a world free from all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and, in this regard, we commit to:
 - a) intensify our efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels aimed at the full and effective implementation of all relevant international instruments, declarations and outcomes related to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including through the universal ratification of International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
 - b) adopt effective, tangible and comprehensive measures and share best practices at all levels with the participation of stakeholders, including civil society, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, aimed at preventing, combating and eradicating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

c) accelerate progress to eradicate poverty which, together with underdevelopment, marginalization, social exclusion and economic disparities, is closely associated with racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

d) promote the respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law and good governance in order to prevent and fight effectively against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

e) combat impunity for acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance through appropriate legislation and access to a fair and equitable justice system;

f) promote human rights education and training as well as awareness-raising activities in cooperation with stakeholders by engaging all members of society to fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to foster cultural diversity, solidarity and harmony;

6. Call upon the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and all stakeholders to fully commit themselves and to intensify their efforts in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and welcome the continued engagement of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to incorporate the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action into the human rights mainstreaming in the UN system;

7. Proclaim together our strong determination to make the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the victims thereof a high priority for our countries.