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Mr. President,

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 letter of 13 May 2011 to all Permanent Missions and Observers presenting the revised draft resolution, we have the honor to forward the proposals of the G77 and China for distribution to all delegations in view of the upcoming informal meeting to be held on 24 May 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 of the NLB.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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16 May 2011 – G77 and China’s proposals on the co-facilitators’ draft of May 13th.

“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,

PP 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”,

PP2 *Recalling* its resolution 64/148 of 26 March 2010, in which it, inter alia, called for the 10-year commemoration of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which represents an important opportunity for the international community to reaffirm its commitment to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including by mobilizing political will at the national, regional and international levels, with a view to achieving concrete results (A/65/454, PP2)

PP3 *Underlining* the primacy of political will, international cooperation and adequate funding at the national, regional and international levels needed to address all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; (A/65/454, PP7)

PP4 *Emphasizing* the critical importance of increasing public support for the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the involvement of relevant stakeholders in its realization; (A/65/454, OP54)

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 **11.30 a.m.**, two consecutive round tables/**thematic panels** from **11.30 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 **11.30 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 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;~~

OP2 Decides that the speakers at the opening plenary, with a limit of 5 minute statements, will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the High-Commissioner for Human Rights, the Head of State of South Africa, a representative of G77 and China, OIC, AU, CARICOM and EU, and, time permitting, Heads of State and Government who have indicated their wish to speak to the President of the 65th session of the General Assembly, as well as a selected representative of an NGO active in the implementation of the DDPA. Speaking order will be arranged in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice of the General Assembly. (based on Mauritius modalities resolution)

OP3 Decides that the organizational arrangements of the round tables/**thematic panels** will be as follows:

- (a) The round tables/**thematic panels** will address the overall theme of “Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development”;
- (b) Each round table /**thematic panels** 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;
- ~~(e) 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;~~

Participation in each roundtable/thematic panel will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, the chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group for the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, a member of the Independent Eminent Experts Group, a member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related forms of Intolerance; a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and selected representatives of civil society organizations and NGOs that are active in the implementation of the DDPA. The list of speakers for each round table/ thematic panel will be made available prior to the meeting.

- ~~(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;

- (e) **The proceedings of the round-tables/thematic panels shall be webcast to the general public and open to the media.**

~~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;~~

OP4 Invites the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the preparatory activities and in the high-level meeting; (from A/65/267 OP7 – youth modalities resolution)

~~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;~~

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, including those which are active in the implementation of the DDPA, and those that participated in the 2001 World Conference against Racism and the 2009 Durban Review Conference, 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; (based on A/65/267 OP10 – youth modalities resolution)

OP5 bis 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.

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 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. (A/65/454, OP51)