28 April 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ammo Aziza Baroud, Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo A Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, the co-facilitators to lead consultations on the modalities, format and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent.

The co-facilitators, via the aforementioned letter, extend an invitation to the second informal consultation to discuss the compilation of proposals on the zero draft, which is enclosed. The meeting is scheduled to take place in person, on Friday, 30 April 2021 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

I encourage you to continue to extend your full cooperation throughout this process.

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

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
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Delegations are kindly invited to present their proposals and provide comments on the compilation text (Rev. 1), in order to shape, enrich and advance a new text revision. We intend to circulate a Rev. 2 of the draft resolution in the first week of May 2021. Written inputs will be received to the following email address: decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org by Tuesday, 5 May 2021.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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to the United Nations

Rodrigo A. Carazo, Ambassador
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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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UN GA RESOLUTION
Establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent

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³ A/RES/69/16 para 29 (h)
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(b) To provide expert advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and organs, programs, funds, and agencies of the United Nations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora and that impede the full and effective realization of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms;
(c) To contribute to elaborating a United Nations declaration, on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent;
(d) To identify and analyse best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the further implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent in the diaspora;
(e) To monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and to this end to gather relevant information from Governments, United Nations bodies and organs, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant sources;
(f) To mandate the preparation and dissemination of information on issues relating to people of African descent;

for People of African Descent, with the mandate:

(a) To seek full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of their rights;
(b) To provide expert advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Council and organs, programs, funds, and agencies of the United Nations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora and that impede the full and effective realization of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms;
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(h) To support the coordination of programmes aimed at human development indices among the communities of people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs, and,
(i) To offer advice and recommendations on urgent matters concerning the protection and promotion of human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.

Mexico: [ADD: (j) That the Forum can examine the urgent global need to establish adequate channels to obtain disaggregated data on the Afro-descendant population, conducive to the better execution of public policies by region, being part of the multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination faced by Afro-descendant people]

Argentina: … (d) To identify and [DEL: analyse] [ADD: promote] best practices … (g) To raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities [ADD: , agencies, funds and programmes] relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system; …

USA: Decides to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent in the diaspora and other interested stakeholders as a platform for improving the quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the
Human Rights Council, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, with the mandate:

(a) To seek full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of their rights;

(b) To provide expert advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and organs, programs, funds, and agencies of the United Nations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora and that impede the full and effective **enjoyment** of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) To monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and to this end to gather relevant information from Governments, United Nations
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**AG: 1. Decides** to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism [ADD: to be provided by one of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms such as the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent or the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action] for people of African descent [ADD: including] in the diaspora [DEL: and other interested stakeholders] as a platform for improving the [ADD: safety and] quality of life and livelihoods of [ADD: Africans and] people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in accordance with the recommendation contained in
paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, with the mandate:

(a) To seek full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of their rights;

(b) To provide expert advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and organs, programs, funds, and agencies of the United Nations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora and that impede the full and effective realization of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) To contribute to elaborating a United Nations declaration, on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent;

(d) To identify and analyse best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent in the diaspora;

(e) To monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and to this end to gather relevant information from Governments, United Nations bodies and organs, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental
organizations and other relevant sources;

(f) To mandate the preparation [ADD: , monitoring] and dissemination of information on issues relating to people of African descent [ADD: and promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies];

(g) To raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities relating to [ADD: Africans and] people of African descent within the United Nations system;

(h) To support the coordination of programmes aimed at human development indices among the communities of [ADD: Africans and] people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs, and,

(i) To offer advice and recommendations on urgent matters concerning the protection [DEL: and] promotion [ADD: and respect] of [ADD: all] human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.

EU: *Decides* to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent [DEL: in the diaspora] and other interested stakeholders as a platform for improving the quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, [DEL: in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 29 (i) of the
programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent] [ADD: in close coordination with existing mechanisms,] with the mandate:

(a) To [DEL: seek] [ADD: raise awareness and to promote the] full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of [DEL: their] rights;

(b) To provide, [ADD: in coordination with existing mechanisms,] expert advice and recommendations [DEL: to the Human Rights Council, the Main Committees of the General Assembly, and organs, programs, funds, and agencies of the United Nations] aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent [DEL: in the diaspora] and that impede the full and effective realization of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms [ADD: through the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action];

(c) [DEL: To contribute to elaborating a United Nations declaration, on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent];

(d) To identify and analyse best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the further implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent [DEL: in the diaspora];

(e) To monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for
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(f) To [DEL: mandate the preparation and dissemination of] [ADD: prepare and disseminate] information on issues relating to people of African descent; 

(g) To raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system; 

(h) To support the coordination of programmes aimed at human development indices among the communities of people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs, and, 

(i) To offer advice and recommendations on [DEL: urgent] matters concerning the protection and promotion of human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.

Holy See: …(c) To contribute to [DEL: elaborating] [ADD: the elaboration of] a [ADD: draft] United Nations declaration, on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent; … (f) To [DEL: mandate the preparation and dissemination of] [ADD: prepare and disseminate] information on issues relating to people of African descent; 

Canada: …(c) To contribute to elaborating a United Nations declaration, on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent [ADD: from an intersectional
Japan: Decides to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent in the diaspora and other interested stakeholders as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, with the mandate:

(a) seek full political, economic and social inclusion of people of African descent in the societies in which they live as equal citizens enjoying substantive equality in terms of their rights;

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(e) **[DEL: To]** monitor and review progress on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent, and to this end **[DEL: to]** gather relevant information from Governments, United Nations bodies and organs, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant sources;

(f) **[DEL: To mandate the preparation and dissemination of]** **[ADD: prepare and disseminate]** information on issues relating to people of African descent;

(g) **[DEL: To]** raise awareness and promote integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system;

(h) **[DEL: To]** support the coordination of programmes aimed at human development indices among the communities of people of African descent in the diaspora with indicators directly relevant to their development needs, and,

(i) **[DEL: To]** offer advice and recommendations on urgent matters concerning the protection and promotion of human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.

**Colombia:** (i) To offer advice and **[ADD: general]** recommendations on urgent matters concerning the protection and promotion of human rights of people of African descent, and to undertake any specific task as requested by the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly.
2. *Also decides* that the Permanent Forum shall consist of sixteen members, eight members to be nominated by Governments and elected by the General Assembly, and eight members to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council on the basis of broad consultations with people of African descent. Membership shall take into account the diversity and geographical distribution of people of African descent in the world, ensuring gender parity as well as the principles of transparency, representativity and equal opportunity for all people of African descent, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on people of African descent for a period of three years with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period.

**EU:** Also decides that the Permanent Forum shall consist of [DEL: sixteen members, eight members to be nominated by Governments and elected by the General Assembly, and eight members to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council on the basis of broad consultations with people of African descent] [ADD: five independent experts, appointed in accordance with the procedures established under the WGEPAD]. Membership shall take into account the diversity and geographical distribution of people of African descent in the world, ensuring gender parity as well as the principles of transparency, representativity and equal opportunity for all people of African descent, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on people of African descent for a period of three years with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period. [ADD: The current expert members of the WGEPAD should be appointed to serve as the five initial expert members of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent for a three-year term].

3. *Further decides that* States, United Nations mechanisms, bodies and specialized agencies, funds and programmes, intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations and mechanisms in the field of human rights, national human rights institutions and other relevant national bodies, academics and experts on issues related to people of African descent and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may participate as observers; other organizations of people of African descent, including grassroots and community-based organizations may equally participate as observers…

**EU:** …other organizations of people of African descent, including grassroots and community-based organizations [ADD: as well as human rights defenders], may equally participate as observers…
observers in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Human Rights Council, which will provide for the timely information on participation and consultations with States concerned;

4. **Decides** that the Permanent Forum shall submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on its activities, including recommendations for future thematic subjects; the report shall be distributed to the relevant United Nations organs, funds, programmes and agencies as a means, inter alia, of furthering the dialogue on issues affecting people of African descent within the United Nations system.

AG: **Decides** that the Permanent Forum shall submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on its activities, including [ADD: advice and recommendations for future thematic subjects [ADD: for approval]; the report shall be distributed to [ADD: all Member States] the relevant United Nations organs, funds, programmes and agencies as a means, inter alia, of furthering the dialogue [ADD: within the United Nations system] on issues affecting [DEL: of] people of African descent [DEL: within the United Nations system]

EU: **Decides** that the Permanent Forum shall submit an annual report to the [DEL: Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly] [ADD: Inter-Governmental Working Group on the Effective Follow up to the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action (IGWG-DDPA)] on its activities, including recommendations for future thematic subjects; the report shall be distributed to the relevant United Nations organs, funds, programmes and agencies as a means, inter alia, of furthering the dialogue on issues affecting people of African descent within the United Nations system.

5. **Also decides** that the President of the Human Rights Council shall appoint for each session, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups and organizations of people of African descent, a chairperson of the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent selected among members of the

AG: **Also decides** that the President of the Human Rights Council shall appoint for each session, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups [DEL: and organizations of people of African descent] a chairperson [ADD: vice chairperson and rapporteur] of the Permanent
Permanent Forum. Candidates should be nominated by regional groups, after being proposed by members and observers of the Council. The chairperson, serving in his/her personal capacity, shall be responsible for the preparation of a summary of the discussion of the Forum, to be made available to all participants of the Forum;

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6. Further decides that the Permanent Forum shall meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Headquarters or at such other place as the Permanent Forum may decide in accordance with existing financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, for three working days allocated to thematic discussions;

UK: 6. Further decides that the Permanent Forum shall meet annually [DEL: , rotating between] [ADD: at] the United Nations Office at Geneva [DEL: and the United Nations Headquarters or at such other place as the Permanent Forum may decide] in accordance with existing financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, for three working days allocated to thematic discussions;

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Forum and the IGWG-DDPA meeting be organized back-to-back.]

Japan: Further decides that the Permanent Forum shall meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Headquarters or at such other place as the Permanent Forum may decide in accordance with existing financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, [**ADD: including online format,**] for three working days allocated to thematic discussions;

Brazil: SUGGESTION: That its first session coincides with one of the annual sessions of the follow-up mechanisms of Durban.

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8. Requests that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights provides all the necessary support to facilitate, in a transparent manner, the convening of the Permanent Forum, the organization of its sessions and the participation of relevant stakeholders from every region in its meetings, giving particular attention to ensuring broadest possible and equitable participation, including, in particular, the representation of women;

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9. Also requests the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to contribute to the work of the Permanent Forum including in the substantive preparation of its annual meetings, based on consultations with organisations of people of African descent;

AG: Also requests the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent [ADD: and the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action] to contribute to the work of the Permanent Forum…

EU: Also requests [ADD: that the work of the Forum be closely linked to the work of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to ensure non-duplication and that the] Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to contribute to the work of the Permanent Forum including in the substantive preparation of its annual meetings,
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