Statement by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield on U.S. Participation in Events Related to the Anniversary of the Durban Declaration

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The United States will not participate in the United Nations 20th Anniversary Commemoration of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action (DDPA) consistent with longstanding U.S. policy going back multiple administrations. The United States remains opposed to the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic underpinnings of the Durban process, and has longstanding freedom of expression concerns with the DDPA.

We are deeply and profoundly committed to advancing racial justice and equity and the elimination of racial discrimination, xenophobia, and discrimination in all forms. It is a top priority for me, and it is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration.

Racism is a problem in every society. Every country has an obligation to address racial inequality and injustice, both internally and multilaterally. We very much look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with our fellow member states on these critical issues in more inclusive fora.