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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

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REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE  
ON ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

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## I. ORGANIZATION AND OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference held its organizational session in Geneva from 27 to 31 August 2007, as mandated by the General Assembly in paragraph 33 of its resolution 61/149. It held 9 meetings during the session.
2. The session was opened by His Excellency Mr. Doru Romulus Costea, President of the Human Rights Council.
3. At its first meeting, on 27 August 2007, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.
4. Also at its first meeting, the Preparatory Committee heard opening statements from the following States Members: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Cuba (on behalf of the non-aligned movement), Brazil, Indonesia, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Greece, Norway, India, China, Bangladesh, Chile, Ecuador as well as the observer, the Conference of non-governmental organizations in consultative relation with the United Nations (CONGO).
5. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee accepted the recommendation of its officers that:
  - (a) The speaking time-limits for the session would be 5 minutes per statement for States Member and 3 minutes for all observers;
  - (b) The speaking time for joint statements by States Member should not exceed 10 minutes;
  - (c) The speaking-time limits for joint statements by non-governmental organizations would be as follows: 1 to 2 non-governmental organizations: 3 minutes; 3 to 5 non-governmental organizations: 4 minutes; 6 to 10 non-governmental organizations: 5 minutes; more than 10 non-governmental organizations: 6 minutes.
6. At the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee agreed to dedicate a special segment of 15 minutes at the beginning of each agenda item and before the consideration of draft proposals so as to also enable observers to contribute to the substantive discussion.
7. For the list of documents issued for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee, see annex IV. For the statements delivered as part of the general debate, see annex II. For a list of the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee, see annex III.
8. The session was attended by representatives of the following States Members of the United Nations, non-member States and Palestine, specialized agencies, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, other entities, human rights bodies and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations. An attendance list is given in annex VI of the present report.

## II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

9. At its 1st meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Vice-Chairpersons: His Excellency Mr. Jean Simplicie Ndjemba Endezoumou (Cameroon)  
Her Excellency Mrs. Glaudine J. Mtshali (South Africa)  
His Excellency Mr. Moussa Bocar Ly (Senegal)  
His Excellency Mr. Swashpawan Singh (India)  
His Excellency Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia)  
His Excellency Mr. Alireza Moaiyeri (Islamic Republic of Iran)  
His Excellency Mr. Masood Khan (Pakistan)  
His Excellency Mr. Alberto J. Dumont (Argentina)  
His Excellency Mr. Clodoaldo Huguene (Brazil)  
His Excellency Mr. Juan Martabit (Chile)  
His Excellency Mr. Juan Antonio Fernández Palacios (Cuba)  
His Excellency Mr. Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanian (Armenia)  
His Excellency Mr. Gordan Markotic (Croatia)  
His Excellency Mr. Tõnis Nirk (Estonia)  
His Excellency Mr. Valery Loshchinin (Russian Federation)  
His Excellency Mr. Alex Van Meeuwen (Belgium)  
His Excellency Mr. Franciscos Verros (Greece)  
His Excellency Mr. Wegger Chr. Strømmen (Norway)  
His Excellency Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü (Turkey)

Vice-Chairperson-  
Rapporteur: Mr. Resfel Pino Álvarez (Cuba)

10. Statements in connection with the election of officers were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and Brazil.

## III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

11. Also at its 1st meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee had before it the provisional agenda for its first session (A/CONF.211/PC.1/1) and annotations thereto (A/CONF.211/PC.1/1/Add.1), prepared by the Secretary-General.

12. The Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda as well as its programme of work without a vote. For the text, see annex I.

#### IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

13. At its first meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee adopted without a vote decision PC.1/1 which states that the rules of procedure governing its meetings should be, insofar as applicable, those of Chapter XIII of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure. For the text of the decision, see annex III.
14. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 3 on the participation of, and consultation with, observers at the session of the Preparatory Committee as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).
15. An explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representatives of China and Bhutan who while joining the consensus on the decision expressed their desire to reserve their right to revisit the list of non-governmental organizations at a later stage.
16. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/2.

#### V. OBJECTIVES OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

17. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 27 August 2007 and at its 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007.
18. For the documents issued under agenda item 5, see annex IV of the present report.
19. In the general debate on agenda item 5, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II of the present report.
20. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August, a non-paper as requested by the Chair was prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to the Preparatory Committee which summarized the views expressed under agenda item 5 on the objectives of the Durban Review Conference. Interventions in connection with the non-paper were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the African group), Greece, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico and Portugal (also on behalf of the European Union).
21. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 28 August 2007, interventions on the non-paper were also made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), India, Mexico, Norway, New-Zealand, Portugal (EU), Uruguay as well as the observers of the Group of National Human Rights Institutions (on behalf of the National Human Rights Institutions of Venezuela, Mexico and Mexico) and the International Commission of Jurists.

**VI. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF  
PROCEDURE OF THE  
DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE**

22. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6 at its 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 28 August 2007.
23. For the documents issued under agenda item 6, see annex IV.
24. In the general debate on agenda item 6, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II of the present report.
25. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 28 August 2007, the Chairperson introduced draft decision 2 on the rules of procedure for the Durban Review Conference as contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2). Statements in connection with item 6 as well as draft decision 2 were made by the following representatives: Belgium, Ecuador, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa.
26. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, statements in connection with item 6 as well as draft decision 2 were also made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), Greece, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and South Africa.
27. At the same meeting, interventions on the contributions of non-governmental organizations on procedural issues were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), Greece, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa.
28. The representative of South Africa introduced a motion under rule 116 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly asking to adjourn the debate on the issue of contributions of non-governmental organizations on procedural issues and to focus the debate on item 6. The motion was supported by the representative of Egypt.
29. Interventions in connection with the motion were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Greece.
30. The motion was adopted without a vote and the Preparatory Committee continued its discussion on item 6 and draft decision 2.
31. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 August 2007, the Secretariat provided the Preparatory Committee with relevant information as requested with respect to rules of procedures of previous Conferences and review Conferences.

## VII. RELEVANT MODALITIES FOR THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

32. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 7 at its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on 29 August 2007.
33. For the documents issued under agenda item 7, see annex IV.
34. In the general debate on agenda item 7, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II of the present report.
35. At the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 5 entitled "Dates for the Durban Review Conference" as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).
36. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/3.
37. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 6 entitled "Level of participation" as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).
38. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/4.
39. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 9 entitled "Secretary-General of the Durban Review Conference" as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).
40. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/5.
41. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 12 entitled "Venue of the Preparatory Committee sessions and Durban review Conference" as recommended by the Bureau and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).
42. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/6.
43. At the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> meetings on 30 August 2007, the Secretariat provided the Preparatory Committee with relevant information as requested with respect to modalities that governed the Durban World Conference.



### **VIII. PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS**

44. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 8 at its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 29 August 2007 and at its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 August.

45. For the documents issued under agenda item 8, see annex IV.

46. In the general debate on agenda item 8, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II to the present report.

### **IX. REPORTS, STUDIES AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES AND MECHANISMS**

47. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 9 at its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 August 2007.

48. For the documents issued under agenda item 9, see annex IV.

49. In the general debate on agenda item 9, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II to the present report.

### **X. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK AND DATES OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND FORMULATION OF A CONCRETE PLAN FOR THE PREPARATORY PROCESS**

50. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 10 at its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 August 2007.

51. For the documents issued under agenda item 10, see annex IV.

52. In the general debate on agenda item 10, statements were made by States members and Observers. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex II to the present report.

53. At the 8th meeting, on 30 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee considered draft decision 4 entitled "Dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee" as recommended by the Chair and contained in document (A/CONF.211/PC.1/L.2).

54. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex III, decision PC.1/7.

## IX. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

55. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007, the Preparatory Committee considered the draft report on the work of its organizational session. The draft report, including its annexes, was adopted *ad referendum*, and the Preparatory Committee decided to entrust the Vice-Chairperson-Rapporteur with its finalization.

**ANNEX I**

**AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SESSION**

*AGENDA*

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters
5. Objectives of the Durban Review Conference
6. Adoption of rules of procedure of the Durban Review Conference
7. Relevant modalities for the Durban Review Conference
8. Preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels
9. Reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contribution by human rights bodies and mechanisms
10. Organization of the work and dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and formulation of a concrete plan for the preparatory process
11. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the General Assembly

*PROGRAMME OF WORK*

	<i>Monday 27 August 2007</i>	<i>Tuesday 28 August 2007</i>	<i>Wednesday 29 August 2007</i>	<i>Thursday 30 August 2007</i>	<i>Friday 31 August 2007</i>
<b>Morning</b> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<p>Item 1: Opening of the session</p> <p>Item 2: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 3: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Item 4. Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters.</p> <p>Opening statements</p>	<p>Item 5: continued</p>	<p>Item 7: Relevant modalities for the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>Item 9: Reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contribution by human rights bodies and mechanisms.</p>	<p>Finalization of the report by the secretariat</p>
<b>Afternoon</b> 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<p>Item 5: Objectives of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>Item 6: Adoption of provisional rules of procedure of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>Item 8: Preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels.</p> <p>Actions on draft decisions/resolutions</p>	<p>Item 10: Organization of work and dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and formulation of a concrete plan for the preparatory process.</p> <p>Actions on draft decisions/resolutions</p>	<p>Item 11: Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee</p>

ANNEX II

GENERAL DEBATE<sup>1</sup>

Agenda item	Meeting number	Speaker
<p>4 Organization of work: adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>States Members: Bhutan and China.</p>
<p>5 Objectives of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>States Members: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Norway, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Turkey.</p> <p><b>Observers:</b>  <i>National Human Rights Institutions:</i> Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme (France).  <i>Non-Governmental Organizations:</i> B'nai B'rith International and Coordination Board of Jewish Organizations (Joint statement); Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions; European Roma Rights Centre; Amnesty International; Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru and World Peace Council (Joint statement); World alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations and Pax Romana (Joint statement); International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Joint statement).</p>
	<p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>States Members: Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), France, Iceland, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation.</p> <p><b>Observers:</b>  <i>Non-Governmental Organizations:</i> Ligue Internationale contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme and Mouvement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie (Joint statement); Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru.</p>
<p>6 Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>Members: Belgium, Ecuador, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa.</p>
	<p>4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Members: Algeria, Argentina, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa.</p>

<sup>1</sup> / The general debate includes also the special segments.

<p>7 Relevant modalities for the Durban Review Conference</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Members:</b> Nigeria and South Africa. <b>Members:</b> Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, <b>Observers:</b> <i>Specialized agency:</i> UNESCO. <i>Non-governmental organizations:</i> International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (joint statement); Indian Movement « Tupaj Amaru » and World Peace Council (joint statement).</p>
<p>8 Preparatory meetings and activities at the international, regional and national levels</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Members:</b> Mexico, Nigeria and South Africa <b>Members:</b> Algeria, Brazil (on behalf of GRULAC), Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union). <b>Observers:</b> <i>Non-governmental organizations:</i> International Youth and Students Movement for the United Nations, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and North-South 21 (joint statement).</p>
<p>9 Reports, studies and other documentation for the Preparatory Committee and the Durban Review Conference and contribution by human rights bodies and mechanisms</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Members:</b> Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Djibouti, Egypt (on behalf of the African group), India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, South Africa, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic and Switzerland. <b>Observers:</b> <i>National Human Rights Institution:</i> National Human Rights Institution of the Kingdom of Morocco. <i>Non-governmental organizations:</i> The Lutheran World Federation; Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru and World Peace Council (joint statement).</p>
<p>10 Organization of the work and dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and formulation of a concrete plan for the preparatory process</p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Members:</b> Morocco, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa.</p>

## ANNEX III

### DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

#### PC.1/1. Rules of procedure for the Preparatory Committee

At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, to use as rules of procedure for the Preparatory Committee, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, section XIII, in so far as applicable.

#### PC.1/2. Participation of, and consultation with, observers at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee

At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 27 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided, without a vote, to apply the following criteria and practices for participation by non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee:

(a) The mechanism established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31 of 26 July 1996, and practices observed by the Commission on Human Rights, shall be the framework for participation of, consultations with, and accreditation of non-governmental organizations, while ensuring their most effective contribution;

(b) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate fully in all the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 of 26 July 1996;

(c) In the case of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but accredited to participate in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and its follow-up mechanisms:

- (i) The Secretariat will send to Member States an updated list of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status, but accredited to participate in the World Conference and its follow-up mechanisms;
- (ii) Non-governmental organizations in this category shall be invited to participate fully at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, unless there are observations made by Member States within 14 days from the date they receive the note

- verbale with the list of non-governmental organizations mentioned above. The standard process established in Council resolution 1996/31 will be applied;
- (iii) In the event that a Government raises questions, concerning the accreditation of a non-governmental organization, the final decision shall be taken by the Preparatory Committee, in accordance with the standard process established in Council resolution 1996/31;
- (d) In the case of non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and not accredited to participate in the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and its follow-up mechanisms:
- (i) Non-governmental organizations interested in the processes for the first time and wishing to participate in the sessions of the Preparatory Committee should submit applications to the Secretariat, in accordance with the criteria established in Council resolution 1996/31;
  - (ii) The Secretariat shall post on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the procedures and relevant forms regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations;
  - (iii) The Secretariat shall continue to review all applications received to ensure that they meet the requirements established in Council resolution 1996/31;
  - (iv) Where non-governmental organizations have had their consultative status withdrawn or suspended under paragraph 57 (a) or (b) of Council resolution 1996/31, the Secretariat shall include information as to the reasons for withdrawal or suspension including the date of the decision, in the list circulated to all Member States;
  - (v) The Secretariat shall send to Member States, on a periodic basis, the updated list of applications received. Member States may submit comments on any of the applications in the list within 14 days from receipt of the above-mentioned list. The comments of Member States shall be communicated to the non-governmental organization concerned, which will be offered the opportunity to respond;
  - (vi) In cases where the Secretariat believes, on the ground of the information provided, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31 that the non-



governmental organization has established its competence and relevance of its activities with regards to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it shall recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the non-governmental organization be accredited. In cases where the Secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it shall make available to the Preparatory Committee its justifications for not doing so;

(vii) In the event that a Member State raises questions concerning the accreditation of a non-governmental organization, the final decision on such cases shall be taken by the Preparatory Committee in accordance with the standard process established in Council resolution 1996/31;

(e) Indigenous Peoples' representatives that are accredited in accordance with the Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 of 25 July 1995, and who express willingness to participate, shall be accredited to the sessions of the Preparatory Committee. Other interested Indigenous Peoples' representatives can also be accredited, following standard procedures established under Council resolution 1996/31;

(f) Participation of national human rights institutions in the sessions of the Preparatory Committee shall be based on arrangements and practices agreed upon by the Commission on Human Rights, including resolution 2005/74 of 20 April 2005, while ensuring the most effective contribution of these institutions;

(g) The sessions of the Preparatory Committee are also open to participation by other observers such as:

- (i) Entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers at the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly;
- (ii) Intergovernmental organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers at the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly;
- (iii) Specialized agencies;
- (iv) Associate member of regional commissions;
- (v) United Nations organs, bodies, programmes and relevant mechanisms, including human rights bodies and mechanisms.

**PC.1/3. Dates for the Durban Review Conference**

At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote that the Durban Review Conference shall take place during the first half of 2009.

**PC.1/4. Level of participation**

At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote that participation in the Conference should be at the highest possible level.

**PC.1/5. Secretary-General of the Durban Review Conference**

At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to designate the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as Secretary-General of the Durban Review Conference, who, in this capacity, will assume the responsibility for the preparations of the Conference.

**PC.1/6. Venue of the Preparatory Committee Sessions and Durban Review Conference**

At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 29 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decided without a vote that:

- (a) The venue of the Preparatory Committee Sessions will be Geneva;
- (b) The venue of the Durban Review Conference will be decided by the Preparatory Committee at a later date.

**PC.1/7. Dates of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee**

At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 30 August 2007, the Preparatory Committee decides without a vote that its first substantive session shall be held in Geneva from 21 April to 2 May 2008 and that its second substantive session shall be held from 6 to 17 October 2008. (Pending confirmation from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights that it would not clash with the Third Committee of the General Assembly.)

**[The other decisions as adopted will be reflected in the draft report]**

**ANNEX IV**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION  
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE**

**[to be added]**

**ANNEX V**  
**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE**

**[to be added]**

ANNEX VI  
ATTENDANCE

[to be added]