

Draft decision 10

Sources of funding and financial and technical assistance

The Preparatory Committee decides on the following provisions regarding Sources of funding and financial and technical assistance:

(a) To request the United Nations Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for the preparations for the Durban Review Conference and to consider providing, as appropriate, the necessary financial and technical assistance for the convening of the regional preparatory meetings, according to established practices;

(b) To request the High Commissioner for Human Rights to revitalize the voluntary fund for the Durban Review Conference. This voluntary fund would cover expenses, other than those covered by the Regular Budget, related to the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference, including for the needs of the intersessional working group, the participation of the representatives of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially those from developing countries, as well as human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures;

(c) To appeal to all Governments, international organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private sector and individuals, to contribute generously to the voluntary fund, and, to this end, requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to undertake initiatives to encourage contributions;

(d) To encourage the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to assist, States and regional organizations, which convene international, regional and national meetings and/or undertake other relevant initiatives, including at expert level, in the framework of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference; and also urges the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and particularly the United Nations regional economic commissions, in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner, to provide assistance to the organization of

the above-mentioned preparatory activities and stresses that such assistance should be supplemented by voluntary contributions;

(e) To recommend to the General Assembly to appeal for contributions from extrabudgetary resources to cover the cost of participation of representatives of least developed countries in the preparatory processes, including the first and second substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, the relevant regional preparatory meetings and in the Durban Review Conference.
