

Protection of Children

Fourth draft of conclusions and recommendations as of 2 September 2010

1. The Working Group calls upon States to fulfill their obligations and commitments related to the protection of children as contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
2. The Working Group further calls upon all relevant bodies, such as the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Protection on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, to take into consideration the respective paragraphs on protection of children in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
3. The Working Group invites Member States to include in their periodic reports to CRC information on measures undertaken to implement the respective paragraphs on protection of children from the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
4. The Working Group invites Member States and other stakeholders, including relevant human rights bodies and international organizations, in particular UNICEF and the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to submit to OHCHR all pertinent information, *inter alia*, relevant legislation, good practices and reports related to child protection against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, which will be placed on the website of OHCHR.
5. The Working Group encourages Member States to ensure registration of children at birth in accordance with paragraph 56 of the Durban Programme of Action [and article 7 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child].
6. The Working Group invites Member States to intensify awareness raising activities, in partnership with children, national human rights institutions, regional organizations, civil society organizations and other stakeholders, to combat the pernicious effects that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance have upon children.
7. The Working Group encourages Member States to prohibit violence against children, in accordance with the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.
8. The Working Group invites Member States to ensure that children in vulnerable situations have appropriate access to child protection systems, including healthcare, education, social services and housing, in accordance with relevant international obligations.
9. [The Working Group recognizes that the success of these conclusions and recommendations will require political will and adequate funding at the national, regional and international levels, and international cooperation.]

10. The Working Group further recommends that the following issues, pertinent to the subject of the protection of children against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance form the basis, among others, for further discussions by this body during its future sessions:

a) Assessment of the implementation by all stakeholders, including Member States, of relevant provisions from the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference and the submissions to OHCHR foreseen in para. 4, with a view for the Working Group to formulate recommendations, if necessary, on how implementation could be bolstered.

b) In-depth discussion on the situation of children who suffer racism and intolerance with the participation of relevant special procedures and treaty monitoring bodies with the aim of defining adequate approaches and specific policy responses.
