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WORLD LEADERS RECOMMIT TO THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AT UN HIGH-LEVEL EVENT, 22 SEPTEMBER

“The High-Level Meeting is an opportunity for world leaders to demonstrate true leadership to galvanize their efforts in confronting one of the most critical global challenges of our time - the continuing scourge of racism and xenophobia worldwide”

– President of the UN General Assembly, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

WHO: More than 60 Heads of State and Foreign Ministers will be joined by representatives from civil society to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, convened by UN General Assembly President, Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar.

WHEN: Thursday, 22 September 2011, from 9AM to 7PM (see schedule below)

WHERE: United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue and 46th Street, New York

WHERE: The one-day High-Level Meeting will mark the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa in 2001.

The purpose of the High-Level Meeting is to mobilize political will for concrete action to prevent and combat racism. **A draft political declaration** calling on all Governments to make the fight against racism a priority in their countries is expected to be adopted.

The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, is the most comprehensive framework for fighting racism and related forms of intolerance and discrimination. It represents the firm commitment of the international community to tackle these issues, and serves as a basis for advocacy efforts worldwide. It highlights issues faced by victims of racial discrimination, including people of African and Asian descent, migrants, refugees, and specific vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples, the Roma and other minorities.

For more information on the High-Level Meeting, please visit www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011

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SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. OPENING PLENARY (General Assembly Hall)

- President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
- Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay
- President of the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Mr. Jacob Zuma
- Statements by the five regional groups:
 - Latin American and Caribbean Group: Jamaica
 - Asia Group: Indonesia
 - Western Europe and Other Group: Monaco
 - Eastern European Group: Romania
 - African Group: pending
- Statement by non-governmental representative:
 - Ms. Sarah White (United States), Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

ROUND TABLES I AND II:

“Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development” (ECOSOC, North Lawn Building)

Member State representatives will address the round tables as per a speaker list (to be finalized).

Round table participants will also include:

- Dr Edna Maria Santos Roland, member of the Eminent Expert's Group on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action →

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- Ms Verene Shepherd, Member of the Working Group on Peoples of African Descent
- Mr Anwar Kemal, Chair of Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- H.E. Mohamed Siad Douale, Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Representatives of civil society participating in the round tables are as follows:

ROUND TABLE 1

- Amnesty International - UK
- CIVICUS - South Africa
- Open Society Institute - USA
- Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM) - Peru
- International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations

ROUND TABLE 2

- Indigenous World Association - Canada
- International Trade Union Confederation - Belgium
- December Twelfth Movement International Secretariat (US)
- American Civil Liberties Union
- US Human Rights Network

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (General Assembly Hall)

Adoption of the draft political declaration

The plenary session and round tables will be webcast live at www.un.org/webcast

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