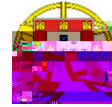


6 July 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations,



6 July 2021

We have the honour to addressing you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the processes related to the intergovernmental consultations on the Political Declaration of the High-Level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

We have the honour to submit herewith the zero draft of the Political Declaration for the High-Level meeting.

We take the opportunity to once again thank all delegations for providing their preliminary comments to the content of the Political Declaration, which are in essence reflected on the draft.

*Florencia Susana López*





12. Aim to ensure that people of African descent have full access to effective protection and remedies through the competent international tribunals and other State institutions against any acts of racial discrimination, and the right to seek from such tribunals just and adequate reparation or satisfaction for any damage suffered as a result of such discrimination; (A/RES/69/16, OP 17 d))

13. Welcome with appreciation the pursuant report of the Human Rights Commission (E/CN.4/1993/12) and its Annex entitled "Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers" of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

14. Firmly believe that sustainable development and the faithful implementation of all international human rights and obligations are crucial to prevent acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and commit to promote measures to combat those acts especially through formal and non-formal education of young people, the media and sports (based on DDPA, para 80 and 86)

15. Call upon the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to continue to work for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (based on DDPA, para 80 and 86)