

31 August 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, and H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, the co-facilitators to lead consultations on the political declaration and the modalities 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.

The co-facilitators, via the aforementioned letter forward herewith, transmit the second revised text of the political declaration (Rev2) and extend an invitation to an informal consultation on the compiled text, to be held on **Friday, 3 September 2021**,

We kindly request all delegations to submit eventual additional comments in writing, by close of business on Friday, 3 September 2021 to our focal points: Mr Paulo Graça ([paulo.graca@mne.pt](mailto:paulo.graca@mne.pt)) and Mr Teboho Babedi ([babedit@dirco.gov.za](mailto:babedit@dirco.gov.za)).

Thank you in advance for your forward to your engagement in this important process.

With respect, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Ms. M...  
Permanent Representative of South Africa  
to the United Nations

Deputy Secretary-General and Permanent  
Representative of South Africa to the United Nations





12. Reiterate that the primary responsibility for effectively combating acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance lies with States and affirm that, whenever they occur, they must be condemned and their reoccurrence prevented and urge them to take appropriate preventive measures, including legislative measures, in this regard; (based on DDPA, para 15)

13. Note with appreciation the adoption of legislative measures and the establishment of specialized national mechanisms to combat racism, and all forms of racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and recognize the need to integrate a gender perspective into relevant policies, strategies and programmes of action in order to address multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination; (based on DDPA, para 69)

14. Aim to ensure that people of African descent have full access to effective protection and remedies through the competent national 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)

15. Recall Human Rights Council resolutions 43/1 of 19 June 2020 and 47/21 of 13 July 2021, and take note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights<sup>3</sup> and the annex thereto entitled “Four-point Agenda towards Transformative Change for Racial Justice and Equality”, submitted pursuant to resolution 43/1, and of the establishment of a new independent expert mechanism in order to further transformative change for racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement globally;

16. Firmly believe that sustainable development and the respect, promotion, protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, as well as the implementation of international human rights, obligations and commitments

18. Proclaim together our strong determination to mobilize political will at the national, regional and international levels and to accelerate momentum to make the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the protection of the victims thereof, a high priority for our countries. (A/RES/66/3, OP12)