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Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

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61/35. Mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolution 7/34 of 28 March 2008 and all its resolutions on the mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and also those of the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling also its resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Recalling further its resolution 52/36 on the renewal of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Reaffirming the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and recalling the importance of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Sustainable Development Goals 10 and 16, to advancing racial equality, ensuring equal opportunities for all, guaranteeing equality before the law and promoting social, economic and political inclusion without distinction based on race, age, sex, disability, descent, national or ethnic origin, religion or economic or other status,

Noting the opportunity presented by the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action to stress the important role played by the struggle against racial discrimination in the development of United Nations human rights norms and practices,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance for a further period of three years, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Human Rights Council resolution 7/34;



2. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on all activities relating to the mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process;

3. *Also requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue to participate in relevant international dialogues and policy forums relating to the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to undertake thematic research with a view to advising States and relevant State institutions on the elimination of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including with reference to Sustainable Development Goal targets 10.2 and 10.3;

4. *Requests* all States to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in the discharge of his or her mandate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the human resources and the technical and financial assistance necessary for the effective implementation of the mandate;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority matter.

*55th meeting
31 March 2026*

[Adopted without a vote.]
