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**Subject: A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, has the honour to refer to resolution 72/157 of the General Assembly entitled “A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

 In paragraph 23 of the resolution, the General Assembly requests the Human Rights Council “to continue to pay attention to the situation regarding racial equality in the world, and in this regard requests the Council, through its Advisory Committee, to prepare a study on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation, while identifying possible gaps and overlaps”.

 In this regard, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee welcomes inputs from relevant bodies and mechanisms on the use of the concept of “racial equality” and “elimination of racial discrimination” in their practice, reports and work, including definitions, norms of reference, concrete data, statistics, best practices and major challenges regarding the implementation and assessment of “racial equality”, as well as the use of human rights indicators in their practice, in order to integrate the information in the study thereof.

 We would be grateful if any information you wish to provide could be sent to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee by **30 November 2018** to the following address:

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 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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