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**Human Rights Council**

**Twenty-fifth session**

Agenda item 9

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

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council

25/33.   
International Decade for People of African Descent

*The Human Rights Council*,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013 on the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent,

1. *Takes note* *with appreciation* of the proclamation by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/237 of the International Decade for People of African Descent, effective from 1 January 2015 and ending on 31 December 2024;

2. *Emphasizes* the need to urgently heed the instruction of the General Assembly contained in operative paragraph 2 of its aforementioned resolution and in this regard *requests* the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to dedicate its Programme of Work during its forthcoming twelfth session, scheduled for 7 – 17 April 2014, for purposes of elaborating a Programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent drawing from the already developed and existing Draft Programme of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent (A/HRC/21/60/Add.2) as already elaborated by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and also welcomed by the Council in its resolution 21/33 of 28 September 2012, and the report of the Secretary-General on how to make the International Decade for People of African Descent effective (A/67/879);

3. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly and his appointed facilitator for this purpose to participate in the forthcoming twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group, as appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to present its final report in this regard to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-sixth session for its adoption and transmission to the General Assembly.

*56th meeting*

*28 March 2014*

[Adopted without a vote.]