

**Statements from Brazil (national capacity)**

**Item 7: DDPA +20 and the Mid-term review of the International Decade for people of African Descent**

The Brazilian commitments in the fight against racism and related contemporary forms of racial discrimination are reflected not only at the national, but also at the international level.

(2) As we approach the 20th anniversary of the adoption of Durban Declaration and Plan of Action, we reiterate our support to the WG on People of African Descent as well as to the other follow-up mechanisms of the DDPA. We welcome once again the initiatives taken to mainstream the topic in the HRC discussions next year and would be interested to know more about the plans of the WGEPAD on this matter.

(3) Brazil has been a staunch supporter of the launching of negotiations of a UN Declaration on the Rights of People of African Descent.

(4) This topic remains very dear to Brazil. our country was among the penholders of HRC resolution 35/30, adopted in June 2017, on the «consideration of the elaboration of a draft declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent».

(5) On a related topic, Brazil regrets that the discussions on the modalities of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent have taken so long, even though the General Assembly was mandated to define them during its 74th session. We have taken all opportunities to extend our full support for the establishment of the Permanent Forum at the earliest possible.

(6) We regret that the initiative has not been able to gather a wide range of support among UN members. We hope that more voices may join in our collective effort of advocating for the timely and complete establishment of the Permanent Forum as a key output of the International Decade. We would welcome to hear the views of other delegations and stakeholders on this matter.

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