

**STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE
CHAIRPERSON-RAPPORTEUR OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF
ACTION, H.E AMBASSADOR DOUALE**

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Madame President,

The South African delegation aligns itself with the statement presented by Senegal on behalf of the African Group.

The South African delegation welcomes the report of the IGWG. South Africa is greatly indebted to Ambassador Doaule, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the DDPA for his passion, drive and his commitment to the struggle for the restoration of the human dignity of all peoples everywhere, in particular Africans and people of African descent.

As South Africa we stand ready to support the genuine vision of this IGWG, and by extension, the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee as these two are inextricably linked and are directed at the total eradication of the residual and subtle manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance which continue to the present day, to afflict many around the globe.

The on-going hatred in different parts of the world is ample proof that there are those who still incite hatred to persons belonging national, ethnic, religious and linguistic origins. It is precisely for this reason that this delegation has been the leading voice for the last 11 years in advocacy for the elaboration of additional protocols to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination defining, criminalizing and punishing by law the scourges of Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism.

Going forward, the South African delegation will continue to work with serious minded countries with full commitment to eradicating these scourges in their jurisdictions, and also by ensuring that the DDPA is fully implemented at all levels.

In this regard, South Africa and the African Group will present a substantive resolution during the 21st Session of the Council focusing among others, on concrete tangible implementation of the DDPA.

Finally Madame President, we have noticed, and it has also been brought to our attention that paragraphs 95 and 99 of the Conclusions and Recommendations in the report of the IGWG have been altered. We would like to request the Secretariat to clarify this discrepancy in their capacity as the custodians of United Nations records.

I thank you