

Recommendations for the Draft Outcome Document of the Regional Meeting for Europe, Central Asia and North America on the International Decade for People of African Descent.

Care of Mr. Thomas Stevens, Government of Belgium.

Youth Against Racism (NGO, Canada) will be participating in this Meeting, in order to act as the last and final voice the Youth from the WCAR in Durban, in 2001. There, a momentous International Youth Summit brought together 350 young people and youth leaders from around the world.

Since Youth Against Racism has participated in the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (OHCHR, January 2008), the Prep-Comm for the Durban Review Conference (OHCHR, April 2008), the Durban Review Conference (OHCHR, April 2009).

We have been working with the OHCHR for the past several years in order to continue on the work of the International Youth Summit of Durban.

Also, since 2008 we have been actively lobbying the UN to approve, and organize the follow-up to the International Youth Summit of Durban. We believe that this is in accordance with DDPA Article 138, which dictates a dedication to the involvement of Young People and Youth Organizations in the UN fight against Racism.

Therefore, we strongly urge this Regional Meeting to include Youth Against Racism's objective to approve and organize a follow-up Youth Summit Against Racism in the Outcome Document.

It is worth noting that the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada fully endorses and supports such a Youth Summit, and that Former-High Commissioner Mary Robinson's office has stated that she would be happy to participate in such a Youth Summit.

Let it be included in the Outcome Document that any process of the UN Against Racism would be incomplete without continuing on the work began by the Youth and Youth Organizations of Durban.

It goes without saying that this is inherently relevant to all young people, including People of African Descent.

Thank you.

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