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Topic

**Item 6: Connecting the Past and the Future. Equality of
African Descent.**

Thank you, Madam Chair, for given me the floor.

Give thanks to the ancestors

Greetings Ubuntu Ma´ at Connected Families and all people of Good Will.

I speak on behalf of Tiye International, the Platform of the Dutch Slavery Past and the Global African Surinamese & Caribbean Families.

Madam Chair,

Over time, various terms have been used to describe the specific forms of multiple racism against African People and People of African Descent. The previous UN Commission on Human Rights in 1994 adopted the use of the term 'negrophobia'. However the n-word as we know became unacceptable and outdated to refer to African People and of African Descent. Therefore the Human Rights Council in 2012 like the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent adopted the modernized term Afrophobia as replacement of the term Anti Black Racism. It was understood that other terms as Anti Black Racism were not sufficient. This term was and still is used for racism against all kinds of nonwhite-groups while Afrophobia mainly refers to pseudo-scientific racist approaches that resulted from the reprehensible delusions about Africa and African People in general which has led to the legitimization for the kidnapping of Africans and the application of the reprehensible slavery systems.

Tiye International thanks the Intergovernmental Working Group that it has prominently included the term **Afrophobia in the Draft Declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of People of African Descent** in the understanding and the believe that its application creates a policy and action-oriented framework to tackle all forms of multiple racism against African people an People of African Descent.

The introduction of the term Afrophobia offers an important opening for the Anti-Discrimination mechanisms to effectively handle the complaints about manifestations of racism faced by African people and of African Descent.

Having follow the debates in the Intergovernmental working group and the position of the western group regarding the adoption we see here an important mission for the Forum to make sure that we do not miss this important opportunity.

Though our problem is old, we are in a new era now and it is time that our language reflect the reality of what is happening on the ground. I ask that at least your Forum adopt the term Afrophobia as a working document. This to begin with a start.

I thank you.