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"UP YOU MIGHTY RACE ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WILL"

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Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA)

The Universal Negro Improvement Association congratulates the United Nations on its First Session of the Permanent Permanent Forum for People of African Descent from December 5th to 8th. This session makes real the August 2021 General Assembly Resolution 75/314, which operationalized the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism and platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent. All forms of discrimination violate fundamental human rights. Globally, governmental policies based on the theory of racial superiority, exclusiveness or hatred jeopardize international peace and security.

One hundred and two years ago Marcus Mosiah Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association convened an international convention that saw greater than twenty thousand Africans and people of African ancestry from more than twenty nations participate in a meaningful way to create and ratify an African redemption exercise known as "The Declaration of Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World." A follow up to the efforts of the United Negro Improvement Association was made known to the United Nations in 1942 following the Ninth International Assembly of the UNIA and a reconfirmation of the 1920 UNIA declaration.

The United Nations recognition, inclusion and development of people of African descent is critical to African redemption, liberation and self sustained independence. The sacred mandate places all on guard to foster, into perpetuity, the notion in principle and practice that all human beings are born equal in dignity and rights.

The UNIA pledges its continuing active engagement, begun more than a century ago, in efforts and initiatives and in partnership with the United Nations and other relevant partners to promote in principle and in practice mutual understanding and development of people of African descent, among other ethnicities of the human race while promoting racial equity and the value of cultural diversity with a view to invalidating the constructed race theories, practices and attitudes that gave birth to the Western Hemisphere.

One God, One Aim, One Destiny.

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