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***43/ …The promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of People of African descent against police brutality and other violations of human rights.***

*The Human Rights Council,*

*PP 1 Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,*

*PP 2 Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment and bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,*

*PP 3 Recalling all its previous resolutions on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and the International Decade for People of African Descent as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013,*

*PP 4 Recalling further the General Assembly resolutions in this regard, in particular Assembly resolution 73/262 of 22 December 2018, and the imperative need for their full and effective implementation,*

*PP 5 Alarmed at the resurgence of violence, racial hatred, hate speech, hate crimes, neo-Nazism, neo-Fascism and violent nationalist ideologies based on racial or national prejudice, including the resurgence of racial superiority ideologies that incite hatred and violence against Africans and of People of African Descent.*

 *PP6 Recalling its resolution 7/34 of 28 March 2008 and all subsequent resolutions on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including those of the Commission on Human Rights,*

*PP7 Noting the historic OAU Resolution on Racial Discrimination in the United States of America adopted by African Heads of State at the OAU’s 1st Assembly in Cairo, Egypt from 17-24 July 1964, and the statement of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission following the murder of George Floyd in the USA on 29 May 2020, [ new]*

*PP8 Recalling the statement by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on 8 June 2020 expressing strong condemnation of George Floyd’s murder and repudiating structural racism, systemic violence against Afro-Americans, impunity and the disproportionate use of police force,*

*PP9 Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour or national origin,*

*PP10 Recognizing**the critical role being played by the law enforcement personnel in realizing a safer world and stressing the essential need to build trust with the public they serve,*

*PP11 Encouraging States to look into their system regarding the manuals and guidelines used for training of law enforcement personnel with a view to identifying the proportionality of measures in the handling of suspects and people under custody,*

*PP 12 Reaffirming the importance of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA), in advancing racial equality, ensuring equal opportunities for all, guaranteeing equality before the law and promoting social, economic and political inclusion without distinctions based on race, age, sex, disability, descent, national or ethnic origin, religion or economic or other status, [from A/HRC/42/L.28/Rev.1]*

*PP13 Welcoming all Special Procedures statements regarding the killing of George Floyd and in particular the joint statement of 5 June 2020; and the statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 3 June 2020,*

*OP.1 Strongly Condemning the continuing racial discriminatory and violent practices perpetrated by law enforcement agencies against Africans and of People of African Descent and structural racism endemic to the criminal justice system, in the United States of America and other parts of the world recently affected,*

*OP.2 Alarmed by recent incidents of police brutality against peaceful demonstrators defending the rights of Africans and of People of African Descent,*

*O.p3 Decides to establish an independent international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council to establish facts and circumstances related to the systemic racism, alleged violations of International Human Rights Law and abuses against Africans and of People of African Descent in the United States of America and other parts of the world recently affected, by law enforcement agencies, especially those incidents that resulted in the deaths of Africans and of People of African Descent; with a view to bringing perpetrators to justice,*

*OP.4: Requests the independent international commission of inquiry to examine the federal, state and local government responses to peaceful protests, including the alleged use of excessive force against protesters, bystanders and journalists;*

*OP 5: Calls upon the Government of the United States of America and other parts of the world recently affected, and all relevant parties to cooperate fully with the commission of inquiry, and to facilitate its access, requests the cooperation of other relevant United Nations bodies with the commission of inquiry to carry out its mission, and requests the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in this regard, including in the provision of all administrative, technical and logistical assistance required to enable the commission of inquiry to fulfill their mandates promptly and efficiently.*

*OP. 6 Requests the independent commission of inquiry to provide an oral update at the 45th and 46th sessions of the Council; and to present a final report at the 47th session of the Council*

*OP.7 Request the Commission of Inquiry to remain seized to the situation of Africans and People of African Descent and to bring to the attention of the Human Rights Council cases of racial discrimination and violence against them*

*OP.8 Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to include updates on police brutality against Africans and of People of African Descent in the United States of America and other parts of the world recently affected, in all future Oral Updates of the Council*