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Presentation of the Draft Resolution on the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action.

**By the Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Algeria in the name of the African Group**

Geneva, 29 June 2006

Mr. President,

Algeria on behalf of the African Group has the pleasure to present draft resolution A/HRC/I/L.8 on " The Intergovernmental working group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action ", to the HRC for adoption.

Essentially, the draft endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group E/CN.4/2006/18.

To this end, the resolution requests the OHCHR in consultation with regional groups to select 5 highly qualified experts to undertake a study on the issue of gaps to the existing international instruments to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to produce a base document to bridge these substantive gaps.

The resolution also calls on the Council to extend the mandate of the intergovernmental working group on the Durban Declaration and Program of Action for a period of 3 years, and for the Council to remain seized with the issue of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the September session.

The resolution also requests the CERD to conduct a further study on the implementation of ICERD.

Mr. President,

The resolution is co-sponsored by the African Group and 10 other countries. We request the Council to adopt the resolution by consensus.

Thank you