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I'd like to start by establishing that complacency in the face of oppression is still a form of oppression.

Secondly, ignoring the parasitic nature of oppression and how even atrocities in the past can carry on through negative effects like generational trauma, and refusing to search for remedies is complacency.

Racism and colonialism are diseases and we must be working on a cure. This is why we recommend that a second decade be adopted, with an emphasis on using Intervention Mapping to search for a solution. Intervention mapping is a framework used in public health to measure solutions and their efficacy. It balances theoretical frameworks against empirical evidence. Intervention mapping in this context measures racial equity solutions.

Racism and oppression exist as a public health crisis, which is why we turned to Intervention mapping as a solution to this crisis. It is imperative that the UN adopt some form of measuring responses to racism and colonialism. Studying how effective solutions are will be a major step towards eradicating racial oppression and inequality.

A centralized force like the UN adopting this framework will streamline the fight against racial oppression and increase collaboration between people across the world doing amazing work like those in this room. Collaboration and connection paired with measuring solutions will mean that solutions can begin to be implemented across the world. A second decade is futile without a designated search for a cure to the disease of racism.

In conclusion, adopting a second decade with a focus on Intervention Mapping offers a tangible path forward in combating racism and colonialism. By leveraging this framework and the resources of the UN, we can systematically address the roots of oppression and strive towards a more equitable world. Let us not shy away from the challenge, but rather embrace it with determination and solidarity

