

## **Norwegian Center Against Racism's statement on a second decade for people of African descent**

Thank you madame Chair, distinguished members of the permanent forum. As I last year presented a petition for a second decade with more than 200 signatures I am very pleased to see that we are likely to achieve a second decade for people of African descent. However we are not there yet and we must work in cooperation as I have reiterated earlier to make sure a resolution for a second decade is not only passed in the General assembly but are funded and laden with strong recommendations.

UN activities that we suggest should be implemented are

- A Year of people of African descent
- Allocation of funds for 2 weeks sessions for the PFPAD and meetings in-between sessions internally, with stakeholders and member states
- Funding for NGO-activities
- Global-survey on situation of people of African descent
- Demand for statistics on people of African descent and actions taken in accordance with the recommendations of the decade of People of African Descent from all member states
- Demand for a review on people of African descent's contribution to the development of members states through colonization and involvement in the enslavement of people of African descent.
- Declare the permanent forum to be an oversight-body for the decade.
- A declaration on the rights of people of African descent- including cultural, political, social and economic rights

Concrete recommendations that should be included are: calls to action to member states

- allocation of funds & resources
- Historic review of the existence, contributions and impact of people of African descent in member states, and of involvement in colonization, enslavement and post-colonial injustices.
- Survey on the situation of people of African descent
- Statistics on the socio-economic situation of people of African descent
- Action plan for the betterment of people of African descent
- Annual national high level-event highlighting people of African descent and the decade
- Funding of cultural programs by people of African descent
- Funding of organizations by people of African descent
- a plan for implementation of the recommendations from all member states to the Human Rights Council, the PFPAD and WGPAD

A second decade must include concrete recommendations to member states and actions from the United Nations, or else it will be a waste of time and exist only on paper as this last decade have.

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