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ITEM 9 GENERAL DEBATE .

RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED FORMS OF INTOLERANCE, FOLLOW UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION

The reports of endemic racism that is emerging from United States is shocking and should concern all those who had great hopes in the 2001 Durban World Conference.

We feel that one drawback with anti racism efforts may be that the issue of racism is dealt from an adversarial approach. Those who face prejudice are having to fight to be free from it. Equality is a struggle rather than an accepted social order.

We have been proposing an additional approach that could compliment and strengthen the vision of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

We feel a UN Declaration on Diversity will encourage States to proactively introduce policies and practices to make nations comfortable with diversity and promote it.

The Sikh Human Rights Group is committed to campaigning for diversity to become appreciated, celebrated and enjoyed around the world.

We request you to consider document NGO 188 (A/HRC/43/NGO/188).

We would like to work with some countries to develop this idea further.