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General debate Item 9: Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Racism is the pandemic that we have yet to find a cure for. It has been rife for centuries and in 2020 we saw millions from all corners of the globe stand up to systematic racism and demand a change- something they should not have to do; human rights are a simple expectation from the state but we have seen mass internment and cold-blooded murder by people who are meant to enforce the law.

We at Sikh Human Rights Group recognise the need, and plea for a complimentary approach from the UN. The past 18 months have demonstrated the urgency for reform in the way we tackle systematic racism in countries that pride themselves on being accepting of all and the leaders of the free world.

We refer to our written statement A/HRC/46/NGO/104. SHRG believes measures to improve and create a positive approach towards diversity is through the United Nations. We propose that a Declaration on Diversity will take the Durban Declaration agenda forward with positive action plans. We think this will strengthen the rights-based approach by complimenting it with an inclusive approach to diversity within the State.

In 2021 people from certain demographics still feel the need to protest in order to be tolerated. The UN has people from all walks of life and should represent mutual coexistence between people of different backgrounds. We strongly believe a Declaration on Diversity is long overdue