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**Code:** RES 2/1

**Committee:** Human Rights Council

**Topic:** Combatting Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations (1945) that proclaims the importance of promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,*

*Emphasizing the principles set by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1948),*

*Highlighting the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989),*

*Committed to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) (1965), and uniting behind the goal of eradicating racial hatred and incitement to hatred, combatting prejudices that lead to racial discrimination, and guaranteeing the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights without discrimination on grounds of race, color, or national or ethnic origin,*

*Emphasizing the objectives proclaimed within General Assembly resolution 68/237 (2013) on the "Proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent",*

*Deeply concerned that alongside the rise of the World Wide Web, worldwide racism occupies an increasingly large amount of space on the internet, where its combat is difficult for all Member States,*

*Convinced that the aforementioned situation has become even more important due to growing internet usage during the COVID-19 pandemic,*

*Severely concerned that especially racist incidents discriminating persons of Asian descent all around the globe have increased in the course of the COVID-19 pandemic,*

*Acknowledging that combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance is necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) introduced with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015), as adopted by General Assembly resolution 70/1 (2015) on "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", namely reducing inequalities and achieving peace, justice, and strong institutions,*

*Welcoming the report by the High Commissioner for Human Rights titled "Agenda towards transformative change for racial justice and equality", highlighting, in particular, the focus on systemic racism in police enforcement,*

1. *Invites* Member States to create comprehensive national action plans (NAPs) that encompass:

- a. An implementation of the topic of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance in education and inter alia, putting an emphasis on amending school curricula focusing on textbooks created in consultative cooperation with national experts, especially in primary education, in order to educate in an age-appropriate way on:
  - i. The dangers of hate speech, cyber-bullying, and the spread of racist ideologies on social media platforms;
  - ii. The usage of social media;
- b. Creating online campaigns sponsored by national governments to raise awareness within general society on issues concerning the mistreatment of minorities and other stigmatized groups;

- c. Increasing the exchange of knowledge through the implementation of national monitoring committees, which cooperate with non-governmental organizations and human rights organizations;
2. *Encourages* Member States to combat hate crimes against vulnerable groups;
3. *Urges* Member States to create international city's initiatives (ICI) to Member States, by:
  - a. Focusing on People of African and Asian descent, indigenous people, and migrants, which are among the most vulnerable to discrimination;
  - b. Building on the pillars of support and education through decentralized cities collaborations;
4. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council assigns a Working Group for Combating Racial Discrimination in Law Enforcement (WGCRL) in each of the five geographical regions of the United Nations, consisting of experts nominated by each Member State of the region, to submit annual reports to the council regarding how to tackle racial discrimination in national law enforcement,
5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance to:
  - a. Collect and analyze data provided by national governments concerning acts of racism and racial discrimination by national law enforcement officials;
  - b. Support the WGCRL by providing nationally collected data;
6. *Strongly recommends* a re-launch of the TOGETHER campaign, established during the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants (2016), to Member States that have launched the campaign at that time, using the campaign's already established and highly-effective communication networks to take on the problems that have arisen with the COVID-19 pandemic, especially concentrating on being universal and reaching all different target groups irrespective of their state of development or their already implemented measures to fight racism;
7. *Advises* Member States participate in the aforementioned re-launch to add a branch to the TOGETHER campaign dealing with anti-Asian racism;
8. *Recommends* for Member States to take determined action regarding content promoting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance on online platforms, especially social media platforms;
9. *Proposes* for Member States to address harmful content, as determined in clause 8 above, with the following actions:
  - a. Implementing national laws directly addressing such issues;
  - b. Analyze how digital content creators might propagate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance;
  - c. Deleting such harmful content in extreme cases.