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This includes over 450 African Diaspora; Women & Youth  
Organizations:

- The National Platform Dutch Slavery Past (LPS) (Divisions: The Netherlands; Curacao & Republic Suriname);
- Federation of Black, Migrant & Refugee Women's Organizations & Youth Department "Tiye International" (The Netherlands);
- African European Women's Movement "Sophiedela" (The Netherlands);
- Network/Experts & Civil Society African (Diaspora) Non State Actors (The Netherlands);
- African World Studies Institute (STAWSI) (The Netherlands);
- African Union African Diaspora 6<sup>th</sup> Region Facilitators (Europe Region);
- Pan African Strategic & Policy Group (PanAFSTRAG Europe/NL);
- Pan African Diaspora Union (PADU);
- Sub Regional Diaspora Council Coalition (SRDC) (WHS/Europe);
- Federation of African Diaspora Organizations "Un Bondru" (Republic Suriname);
- United Nations Association (UNA) Suriname\_ focal point of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Global Watch;
- M.I.R. Mouvement International pour les Réparations (Martinique);
- C.I.P.N. Comité International des Peuples Noirs (Guadeloupe);
- The International NGO Congress Inc. (Coalition Barbados/Israel/Spain/UK);
- The IYPAD Barbados NGO Chapter Inc;
- Defensa di Interes di mucha i hende muhe "DeDiMa" (Curacao)

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1. We fully and completely support the UNGA reaffirmation of the DDPA and its affiliated documents.
2. We fully support the official statement submitted by the CERD (Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) to the UNGA regarding the DDPA, August 8-September 2, 2011, to reaffirm the DDPA (2001) & the Final Resolution Durban Review, 2009.
3. We fully support the conclusions & recommendations made by the Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent (WGEPAD) during the Tenth session, March, 28 – April 1, 2011.
4. In respect to 3, we fully support the recommendation of the WGEPAD to introduce the use of the term “Afrophobia” in its work in order to highlight the special and unique discrimination faced by people of African descent, as analogous terms are used to address the stigmatization and prejudice against ethnic, religious and other vulnerable groups and other category of groups for instance in Europe, as defined in Article 13 in the Treaty of Amsterdam.
5. We fully support all necessary actions to ending the relentlessly negative and false characterization by some nation states including the media and organizations that the Anti Racism UN World Conference (WCAR 2001) and the Review conference of 2009 were gatherings which promoted racism or anti-Semitism. This is a false characterization of the conferences.
6. We fully support re-energizing the drive to select, elect, and appoint more women into positions of decision making authority and analytical influence in the UN in general and the implementation of the DDPA in particular. We congratulate and support the efforts already made in that regard.

7. We fully support the conclusion that after ten years, the world needs more than mere re-affirmation of the DDPA and a re-commitment to its principles. We believe that there must be the political will for a re-commitment to its principles and the continuous effort to implement the Programme of Action.
8. We believe that the world needs implementation of the DDPA and its affiliated documents taking into account the eight UN Millennium Development Goals as one of the most important Instruments to achieve Sustainable Human Development. Thereby stressing important values as freedom, responsibility and peace, in general respect for and promotion / implementation of human rights for all. These values should also be defined in the framework of the contribution of the People in Diaspora to the development of their Countries of Origin, which contributions should be made available and used for the achievement of afore mentioned UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
9. The world needs the Durban Declaration and the implementation of the Programme of Action for an equitable world.
10. The UN and Regional Originations needs a thorough evaluation of the progress of implementing the DDPA, including a publication of the names of the nation states in all the Regions that have done little or nothing to relieve, neutralize or eradicate racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance from the daily lives of its people, and a listing of those nation states—and examples of their successes—that have made progress for lessons learnt and replication.
11. In line with 6-9, we fully support the strong recommendation to the UN HRC Regional Human Rights Bodies, and UNGA to support African and African descendant NGOs and institutions in their efforts during the next five years in working with them to monitor and evaluate their Regions, States, Districts and Territories with respect to the current state of DDPA.

12. Therefore we seek support to utilize the attached Survey of Current Compliance. Such support will provide the resources required by Civil Society organizations and research institutions in the various member states and Regions to evaluate investigate research and compile data to regularly update data collected by the 4-year Human Rights Evaluation teams that already visited some member states. The SURVEY will continue to provide a simple, straightforward and uniform method for gathering and reporting data. Based on the SURVEY results and other information, we request that the OHCHR and regional organization publish a report of “*The Most Egregious Current Examples of Racism, Intolerance and Xenophobia in World Countries, and The Most Inspiring Examples of Eradication of Racism, Intolerance and Xenophobia*” so as to enhance the program of action against racism and intolerance, assist in identifying the areas of our focus, then act and fundamentally make a change. There are symbolic violence situations in different countries in the context of institutional racism. Whether Zwarte Piet is just a problem in the Netherlands because of the revival of stereotype of African (black) people or interlinked to similar historical cultural traditions, stereotypical language & racist situations in other parts of Europe and the world can then be understood by comparing all of the data in one place. A collective and integrated effort by the UN and regional organizations working with CSOs and member states make a viable strategy in realizing the objective of DDPA within the next decade of this Century.
13. We fully support the permanent recommendation to establish a UN “Permanent Forum for the Africans and Peoples of African Descent,” similar to the Forum which has already been established for “Indigenous People”.
14. We strongly recommend an UNGA High Level Panel on the issue of “Reparations” for Repairing of the Damage & the correction of the Historical wrongs done to Africans globally. This includes the issuing of formal apologies as a means of achieving healings & reconciliation in societies and the addressing the impact of the injustices. This as one of the consequences

of the Declaration of Trans Atlantic Slave trade, Slavery & Colonialism as a crime against humanity.

15. For the Preparation of the High Level Panel we recommend the establishing of a special “UN Commission of Experts” on “Reparations”.
16. And finally, we fully support the recommendation that the next major Durban Review of the DDPA should convene within five years to be exactly in 2016.

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