

Draft of Conclusions and Recommendations
on the Effectiveness of IGWG
15 October 2009, morning meeting

1. The Working Group commits to improve its methods of work, aiming to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency. The Working Groups decides that procedural issues, including ones related to agenda, programme of work and themes for deliberations will be addressed at least 3 months in advance, before the beginning of its respective session. The Working Group requests that the Secretariat circulates all relevant documentation at least six weeks before the respective session starts.
2. The Working Group commits to increase efforts to complement the work of other human rights mechanisms, aiming to avoid overlapping and/or duplication of initiatives.
3. The Working Group invites the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination xenophobia and related intolerance to have interactive discussions with the Working Group during its respective sessions, in accordance with the availability of the Special Rapporteur.
4. The Working Group decides to increase efforts to remain focused throughout its work on and to address one major theme per session, enabling the Group to analyze its complex nature and adopt action-oriented recommendations.
5. The Working Group decides to achieve better coordination and ensure synergy with other human rights mechanisms, in particular the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGPAD). In this regard it invites the Chairpersons of IGWG and WGPAD to identify common themes for the respective sessions of both working groups. It requests that, in coordination with Conference Services, the sessions of the IGWG are held immediately after the sessions of the WGPAD, enabling improved dialogue and collaboration between these two mechanisms. The Working Group encourages its members to participate in the last day of the sessions of the WGPAD in order to promote dialogue and exchange of ideas between the two mechanisms, as well as to take stock of the conclusions and recommendations of the WGPAD.
6. The Working Group decides to convene its sessions in the last two weeks of October.