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## **STATEMENT ON THE UN RESOLUTION ON THE PERMANENT FORUM ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

1. The General Committee of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) welcomes with profound appreciation the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ [75/314](#) that formally operationalizes the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism and a dialogue platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent. The Forum also serves as an advisory body to the UN Human Rights Council in line with the program of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015 – 2024).
2. Unfortunately, People of African descent continue to face racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerances. Africans have for centuries been victims of enslavement, racism, racial discrimination and brutal colonialism including apartheid. Their dignity continues to be violated even in contemporary age. This must stop. It is our hope that this Resolution will address unjust structures and systems that perpetuate all forms of injustices against people of African descent.
3. We are always reminded that humanity is created in God's own image. We are all equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of all creation. Any notion of racial supremacy is morally wrong and socially unfair, and we reject it unreservedly.
4. During the commencement of COVID – 19, we noticed how African inhabitants were handled inhumanely abroad, with some being tossed out onto the streets with little or no protection. Hate speech has been directed at them, and their lives have been threatened.
5. The AACC, a fellowship of 204 Member Churches and Councils in 43 nations across Africa, continue to stand up and speak out against acts that undermine the respect and dignity of all people, whilst acknowledging the suffering that peoples of African descent have endured.
6. The General Committee detests xenophobic acts against people of African descent wherever they occur on this planet, including where people of color have vented the same against each other.
7. We continue to do our part in speaking up, and trust God with renewed belief in the spirit and letter of the Resolution for a just society where people of diverse races live with dignity and in peace.

***Genesis 1: 27 “So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”***

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