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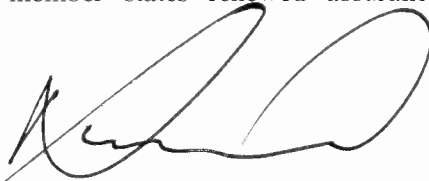
The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance has honor of addressing your Excellency in reference to the urgent methodological consultations that this Working Group is undertaking.

Resolution AG/RES. 2606 (XL-O/10) "Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance" reaffirmed the "the will and the resolute commitment" to "continue making efforts to conclude negotiations on the Draft Inter-American Convention." At the same time it instructed the Working Group to continue those negotiations, taking into account the progress set forth, in particular, in the "Consolidated Document: Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance" document (CAJP/GT/RDI-57/07 rev. 13). This resolution also takes note of the proposals made by the member states on this matter and it instructed the Working Group to "consider, when adopting its Work Plan, methodology suggestions that may contribute to the negotiation process."

In this sense, taking into account the various proposals on the content and scope of the Draft Convention, which member states have submitted in recent months, and in view of the complexity of the negotiation process entrusted to the Working Group by the General Assembly, the Chair is hereby requesting the delegations to present their statements on the scope of said instrument, so that the future course of these negotiations can be determined

The Chair kindly requests that above-mentioned comments be submitted by November 1, 2010 through the Secretariat of this Working Group at csantamaria@oas.org or via fax (202) 458-3929.

The Chair of the Working Group to Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance avails himself of this opportunity to convey to the representatives of the member states renewed assurances of his highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danilo González Ramírez', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Danilo González Ramírez
Alternate Representative of Costa Rica to the OAS
Chair of the Working Group to Prepare
a Draft Inter-American Convention against
Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance