

**Planning meeting of CERD working group on minority health disparities
June 22, 2007 11:00 – 2:00**

Poverty & Race Research Action Council
1015 15th St. NW #400 (15th & K Streets)
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Proposed Agenda

1. Timetable for U.S. CERD review process
2. Overview of the NGO “working groups” and the shadow report process
3. The U.S. 2007 CERD report
 - U.S. discussion of health disparities and environmental health issues
 - comparison with U.S. 2000 report
4. Discussion of proposed outline of proposed shadow report
 - A. Introduction & legal basis for health disparities and environmental health analysis
 - B. The extent of racial health disparities in the U.S.
 - C. Causes of racial health disparities in the U.S.
 - health care system access and unequal treatment
 - social and environmental determinants of health
 - D. The role of government policies in creating and perpetuating health disparities
 - historical actions of government
 - ongoing government policy
 - E. The adequacy of the government response to racial health disparities
 - health care system responses
 - environmental justice actions
 - F. Summary of key findings on U.S. compliance with CERD in the area of health disparities
 - G. Key U.S. actions needed to address health disparities
5. Divide up responsibility for research and drafting of the shadow report
6. Review list of organizations and individuals potentially signing the shadow report
7. Planning for media coverage, congressional briefing, raising health issues in Geneva
8. Next meeting

