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“Racism continues to be an obstacle to justice”

International Day against Racism

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USPA NEWS - Sixty years ago, the international community made a historic commitment to a future free from racism with the adoption of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination – a landmark treaty that enshrines the right to equality and dignity for all.

“Yet, racism persists in many forms, making the Convention as vital today as it was in 1965,” said the European Commission. “On this 60th anniversary, we call for renewed action to ensure that the Convention is fully and effectively upheld worldwide,” they added.

Despite progress, racism continues to be an obstacle to justice, equality and full participation in society across the European Union. “The persistence of discrimination and its profound impact on individuals and societies at large demands political will, stronger enforcement of existing legislation and a collective commitment to lasting change,” said the Commission.

“Through the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan 2020-2025, we have strengthened national strategies in our Member States, increased funding for anti-racism initiatives and improved data collection to support more informed policy making.” The European Commission will present its first anti-racism strategy by the end of the year to build on these efforts and accelerate progress.

The EU remains steadfast in its commitment to combat racism in all its forms and to address its structural dimension, both within our Union and across the world. “On this day, we stand united with all those who fight for dignity, inclusion, and equality, reaffirming our commitment to building a world where human rights are upheld and everyone is given equal opportunities,” they concluded.

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