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**Report of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms Racism,  
Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance  
(16 June 2009)**

**Statement by India**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for his Report.

The Special Rapporteur has referred to the issue of caste-based discrimination in his report (document A/HRC/11/36) as well as in the addendum document A/HRC/11/36/Add.1. My delegation rejects these references and would like to point out that such references are outside the scope of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, as caste-based discrimination does not fall within the purview of racial discrimination. This also applies to the Communications dated 19 December 2007 as well as Communication dated 5 November 2008, addressed to the Government of India in association with two other Rapporteurs.

Thank you, Mr. President.