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Dear Mr Fink,

Thank you for your letter regarding the United Nations Durban Review Conference 2009 and for your interest in Finland's policy on the issue. According to the EU's common stance, Finland has committed itself to participate in Durban 2009.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland provides grants for Finnish NGOs to sponsor participants from developing countries to attend international conferences dealing with development issues. The precondition for any support is conformity with the rules and principles of Finland's Development Policy Programme. If these rules are violated, appropriate measures will be taken.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland has not witnessed anti-Semitic behavior by the Finnish NGO's. In the Durban 2001 NGO Forum, the UN Association of Finland refused to support the NGO-statement for the reason that anti-Semitism was not condemned in the statement.

Best Regards,

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