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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

23/13.

Attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and recalling relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

Reaffirming also that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person, and that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling the fundamental principle of equality and non-discrimination that underlies the Charter and international human rights instruments,

Taking note of the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children,

Reaffirming the right to health and education as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant international human rights treaties,

Expressing its concern at attacks against persons with albinism, including against women and children, which are often committed with impunity,

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-third session (A/HRC/23/2), chap. I.

Expressing its concern also at the widespread discrimination, stigma and social exclusion suffered by persons with albinism,

Welcoming the steps taken and efforts made by the countries concerned, including the initiation of legal action against the perpetrators of attacks against persons with albinism, public condemnation of attacks against persons with albinism, the provision of temporary shelter to persons with albinism under threat of attack, and public awareness-raising campaigns,

1. *Urges* States to take all measures necessary to ensure the effective protection of persons with albinism, and their family members;

2. *Calls upon* States to ensure accountability through the conduct of impartial, speedy and effective investigations into attacks against persons with albinism falling within their jurisdiction, and to bring those responsible to justice, and to ensure that victims and family members have access to appropriate remedies;

3. *Also calls upon* States to take effective measures to eliminate any type of discrimination against persons with albinism, and to accelerate education and public awareness-raising activities;

4. *Encourages* States to share best practices in protecting and promoting the rights of persons with albinism;

5. *Invites* relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council, as appropriate, in the framework of their mandate, to address the relevant aspects of the safety and non-discrimination of persons with albinism;

6. *Invites* States, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, to promote bilateral, regional and international initiatives to support the protection of persons with albinism;

7. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights to submit a preliminary report on attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fourth session;

8. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

*38th meeting
13 June 2013*

[Adopted without a vote.]
