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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/69/488/Add.2 and Corr.1)]

### 69/170. International Albinism Awareness Day

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 23/13 of 13 June 2013 on attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism,<sup>1</sup> 24/33 of 27 September 2013 on technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks against persons with albinism<sup>2</sup> and 26/10 of 26 June 2014 on International Albinism Awareness Day,<sup>3</sup>

*Taking note* of the preliminary report on persons with albinism submitted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fourth session,<sup>4</sup>

*Taking note also* of African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights resolution 263 of 5 November 2013 on the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism,

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

*Welcoming* the efforts by States to eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against persons with albinism,

*Welcoming also* the increased international attention to the human rights situation of persons with albinism, including the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children,

*Encouraging* Member States to continue their efforts to protect and preserve the rights of persons with albinism to life, dignity and security, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and to continue their efforts to ensure equal access for persons with

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/68/53)*, chap. V, sect. A.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 53A (A/68/53/Add.1)*, chap. III.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/69/53)*, chap. V, sect. A.

<sup>4</sup> A/HRC/24/57.



albinism to employment, education, justice and the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health,

*Emphasizing* the imperative need to enhance the promotion and protection of all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, as a matter of priority for the international community,

*Noting* that, in many parts of the world, awareness of the human rights situation of persons with albinism remains limited, and recognizing the importance of increasing awareness and understanding of albinism in order to fight against global discrimination and stigma against persons with albinism,

*Welcoming* the observance by civil society actors of 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day,

*Taking note* of the recommendation by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 26/10 that the General Assembly proclaim 13 June International Albinism Awareness Day,

*Recalling* its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries,

1. *Decides* to proclaim, with effect from 2015, 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe International Albinism Awareness Day in an appropriate manner;

3. *Invites* Member States to provide the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with information on the initiatives taken to promote and protect the human rights of persons with albinism, including efforts to increase awareness of the human rights situation of persons with albinism and understanding of albinism;

4. *Invites* the human rights treaty bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council to continue to give attention, within their respective mandates, to the situation of persons with albinism;

5. *Recalls* the request to the High Commissioner to inform the Human Rights Council at its twenty-ninth session of the initiatives taken to raise awareness and promote the protection of the rights of persons with albinism;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and United Nations organizations.

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