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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,¹ 24/33 of 27 September 2013 on technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks against persons with albinism² and 26/10 of 26 June 2014 on International Albinism Awareness Day,³

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,⁴

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

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

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

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

⁴ [A/HRC/24/57](#).



Encouraging Member States to continue their efforts to protect and preserve the rights of persons with albinism to life and to security, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and ill-treatment, and to ensure access to adequate health care, employment, education and justice for persons with albinism,

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 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,

1. *Proclaims* 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. *Further invites* Member States to provide the Office of 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. *Urges* 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. *Requests* the Office of 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.