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Agenda item 10

Technical assistance and capacity-building

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

24/33.

Technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks 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 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

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,

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

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

Bearing in mind Human Rights Council resolution 23/13 of 13 June 2013,

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

Welcoming the steps taken and the efforts made by the countries concerned, including the initiation of legal action against perpetrators of attacks against persons with

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-fourth session (A/HRC/24/2), Part One.

albinism, public condemnation of attacks against persons with albinism, and public awareness-raising campaigns;

Noting with appreciation the preliminary report on persons with albinism submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 23/13,

Inviting 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 human rights of persons with albinism,

Calling 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 to justice those responsible, as well as to ensure that victims and family members have access to appropriate remedies,

Convinced of the need for effective action to combat and eliminate attacks against persons with albinism and to adopt specific measures to protect and preserve the rights to life and to security of persons with albinism, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and ill-treatment,

1. *Requests* the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism and to submit a report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session;

2. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the matter under the same agenda item at its twenty-eighth session.

*37th meeting
27 September 2013*

[Adopted without a vote.]
