



*Human Brothers and Sisters, love us!
Help us to love ourselves and to love you!
We are also human beings. Adina Ntankeu.*

Declaration of the First International Day on the Awareness about Albinism of Montreal (JISAM) on June 13th, 2018

We the participants at the First International Day of Awareness about Albinism, in Montreal.

In view of the resolutions of the Council on Human Rights 23/13, on 13 June 2013, about the aggressions and the discrimination against the persons suffering from albinism 1, 24/33, on September 27, 2013, about the technical cooperation in view of preventing the aggressions against the persons suffering from albinism 2 and 26/10 of June 26, 2014, concerning the International Day On the Awareness about Albinism.

In view of the preliminary report about the persons suffering from albinism that the High Commission of the United Nations on Human Rights presented to the Council of Human Rights during its twenty-fourth session,

In view also of the resolution 263, on November 5, 2013 of the African Commission on human and people's rights, about the prevention of aggressions and the discrimination toward the persons suffering from albinism,

Considering that the aggressions committed, very often without impunity against persons suffering from albinism, including women and children,

Taking note of the efforts deployed by the States to eliminate every form of violence and discrimination against persons suffering from albinism,

Taking note also of the interest of the international community to the situation of human rights concerning persons suffering from albinism, and the actions taken by the High Commission of the United Nations on human rights, and the special representative of the General Secretary in charge of the question concerning the violence against children,

Wishing that the member states continue their efforts in order to protect and preserve the right to life, the right to dignity and the right to security of persons suffering from albinism, and also their right of not being submitted to torture and to sentences or cruel treatments, both inhuman and degrading; and for the guarantee of equal access to employment, education and justice, and the enjoyment of a better health condition.

Considering that it is imperative that the international community hasten the promotion and the protection of the whole of human rights notably the economic, social and cultural rights,

Noting that, in many parts of the world, the awareness to the human rights situation of persons suffering from albinism are quite limited, and considering that it is important to have a better knowledge and understanding of albinism, in order to fight against discrimination and the stigmatization of these persons concerned,

Congratulating the actors of the civil society who have decided to make June 13, the International Day of Awareness about Albinism,

Considering that all the efforts made by the international community and the civil society have brought the resolution 69/170, adopted by the General Assembly on December 18, proclaiming June 13, the International Day of Awareness about Albinism, run the risk of remaining a dead letter if the present approach to the problem of albinism is not modified,

Considering that neither the international community nor the member states are not interested in the basic problem of albinism, and just care about the symptoms,

Considering that the word "Albinism" is used in texts and documents of the United Nations, the General Assembly and the member states, is totally pejorative and degrading,

Considering that the word "Albinos" also used as an adjective, from which came the word "albinism", was invented during the XVII century in a context of the negation of the humanity of people so-called savages, with the weight of European and African ethnocentrism,

Considering that the word "melanise", lacking any pejorative nor degrading connotation, is quite suitable to design the melanises, that is to say, people living without melamine, are abusively called albinos,

Considering that any form of violence and discrimination of which persons without melamine are victims, comes from ignorance, and that ignorance brings fear and maintains superstitions,

Considering that the introduction of teachings about melanism in the education systems of member states from the nursery to the higher level is able to foster the integration of pupils and students without melamine,

Considering that one student who knows that melanise is not dead difficult, can share his peanuts with his amelanotic classmate,

We ask the United Nations and the General Assembly to declare that melamine is the concern of public health,

We ask UNESCO to inform all the member states to introduce the teaching of melanise in all their educative systems,

We pray the General Secretary and all the bodies of the United Nations to maintain certain forms of bilateral and multilateral help will all the member states under the condition that they respect and promote the human rights of all persons without melamine.

We seek assistance of all the persons without melamine and all the persons sensitive to melamine both here and elsewhere, to largely diffuse this present declaration and to pass it on by all means to the United Nations and to the UNESCO.

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