

Summary of 4 UN Resolutions:

4 Resolutions have been adopted by the UN Human Rights Commission in less than 2 years representing persons with albinism in Tanzania and worldwide. Below is a brief description of each:

- **On June 10, 2013**, due to UTSS' advocacy and cooperation with various UN bodies, (specific thanks to Ambassador Yusuf of Somalia and members of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) a historic first resolution on albinism was adopted by consensus by the UN Human Rights Council. This was the first global response to albinism and therefore marked a historic event for persons with albinism worldwide. The resolution entitled, *Attacks and Discrimination against Persons with Albinism*, among other things, condemned impunity regarding injustices against PWA. It also called for a preliminary report on the issue. That preliminary report was published by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on September 12, 2013.
- **On September 27, 2013**, due to UTSS' advocacy and cooperation with various UN bodies, a second resolution was passed by the UN Human Rights Council (The first resolution is described below). This second resolution, Resolution L36, titled, *Technical Cooperation for the Prevention of Attacks against Persons with Albinism*, requested that the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council take on the issue of albinism for further study and research. The report from the work of the Advisory Committee will be considered at the Human Rights Council's 28th session in March 2015. UTSS will work hard to support and cooperate with the Advisory Committee in this regard.
- **On November 18, 2014**, due to UTSS' advocacy and cooperation with various UN bodies, (specific thanks to Ambassador Yusuf Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari of Somalia and members of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) a third historic resolution on albinism was adopted by vote by the UN General Assembly in New York. The resolution proclaims June 13 as International Albinism Awareness Day (effective 2015). We are grateful to the UN human rights council in Geneva which made a recommendation to the General Assembly (in June 2014) that the Day be proclaimed (see IAAD History on Resources page of UTSS website).
- **On March 26, 2015**, a fourth historic resolution on albinism was adopted, without a vote, by the UN Human Rights Council. This was due to UTSS' advocacy and cooperation with various UN bodies including the Africa Group of countries and particularly the Ambassador of Sierra Leone, Yvette Stevens', and her delegates. The resolution titled "*Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights of persons with albinism*" appoints an independent expert to investigate abuses suffered by persons with albinism worldwide.