



Ms. Ikponwosa ERO (Nigeria) is the first Independent Expert (IE) on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism. The mandate was established by Human Rights Council resolution 28/6. Independent Experts have a mandate to report and advise on human rights.

ALBINISM is a genetic condition which results in the lack or absence of pigmentation in the skin, hair and eyes. Persons with albinism continue to face violations and abuse of their human rights, including attacks and discrimination.

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## UNITED NATIONS Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with ALBINISM



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## How to submit information to the Independent Expert?

Please submit by email or letter :

1. What Happened? Where? When?
2. What is the current situation?
3. Who is/are victim(s)?
4. Was the informed consent of the victim obtained to send this information to the IE?
5. Information on perpetrators
6. Actions taken by the State
7. Actions taking by victim(s), their families or their representatives
8. Name and contact details of the person/organisation submitting the information

For more information, please consult:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Albinism/Pages/Complaints.aspx>



### *People with albinism: not ghosts but human beings*

#### Mandate of the Independent Expert:

- ⇒ To **engage in dialogue** and consult with States and other relevant stakeholders
- ⇒ To identify, exchange and **promote good practices**
- ⇒ To **promote and report on developments**, challenges and obstacles and to make recommendations to the Human Rights Council
- ⇒ To **gather, request, receive and exchange information and communications** from and with States and other relevant sources on violations of the rights of persons with albinism
- ⇒ To conduct, facilitate and support the provision of **advisory services, technical assistance, capacity-building** and international cooperation in support of national efforts
- ⇒ To **raise awareness on the rights of persons with albinism**, and to combat stereotypes, prejudices and harmful traditional practices and beliefs
- ⇒ To promote awareness of their positive contributions, and to **inform persons with albinism about their rights**
- ⇒ To **report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly**