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Dear Sir

## SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MINERVA PROJECT FUNDED BY EUROPEAN UNION, TO PROTECT AND EMPOWER PERSONS WITH ALBINISM (PWA) IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI.

Reference is made to the subject matter as cited above;

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 with particular reference to the intention of Minerva to establish a project on **Albinism in the Kingdom of ESwatini Human Rights, Democracy and Women Empowerment** for the right to live in a just society. The project is cited to also promote governance, capacity building, the first mobile hotline in the country and the first news Agency/Monitoring Centre in support and to protect Persons With Albinism in the country for the full recognition of their human rights, for their empowerment and to legitimate their inclusion in the ESwatini Society.

The office also takes into cognizance other interventions that will be undertaken by the aforementioned project amongst other including:

- Undertaking advocacy and awareness raising campaignsin a number of provisional Tinkhundla constituencies as cited in your letter;
- Establishment of the first news agency monitoring center on Persons With Albinism's human and civil rights in ESwatini;
- Implementing of the National scientific research in collaboration with the National Disability Unit within the Deputy Prime Minister's Office on the status of Persons With Albinism in ESwatini that will be published in 2020, respectively.

The Office writes to confirmits institutional support to the overall Minerva Action two (2) year project through collaborative links and partnerships, as appropriate. The will be a necessity to ensure the establishment of a Technical Coordination Working Group for the purposes of coordinating project activities as per attached suggestion. There would also be a need for the project to also collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate.

The Office looks forward to working with your project for the realization of the rights of Persons With Albinism in the country.

KHANGEZIWE MABUZA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

## PROPOSED TECHNICAL WORKING

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NATIONAL DISABILITY PROGRAM MANAGE	RDISABILITY UNIT
REPRESENATIVE	MINISTRY OF TINKHUNDLA
REPRESENATIVE	ROYAL ESWATINI POLICE
REPRESENTATIVE MINERVA PROJECT	COORDINATOR
PERSONS WITH ALBINISM	SAPA AND STUCKY ASSOCIATIONS