



Public Statement Condemning Derogatory and Dehumanising Content Created at Targeting Persons with Albinism:

We, National and Regional Civil Society Organizations strongly condemn the circulation of derogatory and dehumanizing video contents targeting persons with disabilities, particularly persons with albinism on social media and other video stream platforms. Such contents are unacceptable, harmful, and deeply offensive, and it fuels stigma, discrimination, and violence against an already vulnerable community.

Videos and digital contents that mock, demean, objectify, or incite hatred against persons with albinism and other disabilities are not harmless “entertainment.” They perpetuate dangerous stereotypes, normalize abuse, and contribute to a climate in which persons with albinism in particular face harassment, exclusion, and physical harm. This is morally indefensible and in direct violation of human dignity.

We recall that persons with albinism are protected under international and regional human rights frameworks, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the Africa Disability Protocol, which guarantee equality, dignity, and freedom from discrimination and degrading treatment.

We therefore call on all video streaming platforms including Instagram Facebook (Meta), YouTube and Tiktok to:

1. Immediately flag, review, and remove contents that are derogatory, dehumanising, or incite hatred against persons with albinism and other disabilities;
2. Enforce their community standards consistently, including policies on hate speech, harassment, and harmful contents;
3. Strengthen proactive detection of albinism-related hate contents, especially in contexts where such narratives have led to real-world violence;
4. Provide clear reporting pathways and timely remedies for affected individuals and communities;
5. Engage meaningfully with organizations of persons with albinism to improve platform safety, moderation practices, and awareness.

AAN urges content creators and social media users to act responsibly and to reject contents that humiliates or endangers others. Freedom of expression does not extend to hate, dehumanisation, or incitement to harm.

We stand in solidarity with persons with albinism and reaffirm our commitment to challenge stigma, demand accountability from digital platforms, and promote respect, inclusion, and dignity online and offline.



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