

COMMITTEE: Human Rights II

QUESTION OF: Crafting a roadmap to uphold the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the principles and objectives of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) adopted on December 13, 2006,

Acknowledging the importance of promoting and protecting the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with disabilities,

Recognizing the need to strengthen the implementation of the CRPD at the national and international levels,

Affirming the commitment to creating an inclusive society that respects the dignity and rights of persons with disabilities.

1. Establishing National Mechanisms:

- a. Encourages member states to establish or strengthen national structures for the effective implementation and monitoring of the CRPD, with the active participation of people with disabilities and their representative organizations,
- b. Calls on member states to provide necessary resources for the operation of these mechanisms, including training of personnel;

2. Calls for Legislative and Policy Reforms:

- a. Urges member states to review and, if necessary, amend existing legislation to align with the principles and provisions of the CRPD -Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- b. Recommends the development of comprehensive disability-inclusive policies, ensuring the full participation and involvement of persons with disabilities in the decision-making process;

3. Requests Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodations:

- a. Calls for member states to take measures to improve accessibility in several areas, including transportation, communication, and public facilities, in accordance with the CRPD,

- b. Emphasizes the importance of providing reasonable accommodations to enable persons with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of life;
- 4. Strongly urges Awareness and Sensitization:
 - a. Encourages member states to conduct public awareness campaigns to promote understanding and acceptance of persons with disabilities, challenging stereotypes and promoting a culture of inclusion,
 - b. Calls for the inclusion of disability awareness education in school curriculum to foster an inclusive and tolerant society;
- 5. Proclaims Acknowledgement of Veteran Disabled:
 - a. Stresses the recognition of disabled veterans in national legislatures, through implementation of respectful, dignified treatment policies, as well as encouragement of awareness and understanding;
- 6. Requests International Cooperation:
 - a. Recognizes the importance of international cooperation in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities,
 - b. Urges member states to collaborate with international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to share best practices and resources for the effective implementation of the CRPD;
- 7. Calls upon Reporting and Monitoring:
 - a. Calls upon member states to submit timely and comprehensive reports on the implementation of the CRPD to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as a census and information on disabled populations to be submitted to the Disabled Rights and Resources Council tasked with interpreting the information and determining which countries require the most assistance. This will be done on a biannual basis.
 - b. Encourages the Committee to provide constructive feedback and recommendations to support member states in their efforts;
- 8. Calls for the establishment of a council made up of experts in the field to oversee the use of the given funds, and to identify the top priority countries to be on the receiving end of the funds first:
 - a. The Disabled Rights and Resources Council, sponsored entirely by the UN, will be created:
 - i. This council will implement and uphold regulations put in place to properly distribute funds and resources to nations across the world,

- ii. This council will establish the criteria of first priority countries in reference to this resolution;
 - iii. Establish an indefinitely open public donation fund, strongly suggesting member states to donate, especially the MDCs,
 - iv. Calls for the G20 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the U.K. and the U.S) to give a one time 8 million USD each, to help kick-start the non-profit donation fund, and to show prior results,
9. Calls to implement sign language into lower, middle, and upper schools by:
- a. Schools would teach the sign language of the country they are based in, if they do not have one, schools would teach either ASL, or BSL, up to the discretion of the school,
 - b. Intertwining more awareness to kids on the topic and how they can help assist others with disabilities starting from lower school,
 - c. Sign language would count as a language course in schools;
10. Urges ability for guardians of a disabled child to request an adult aid in school for a child with disabilities that call for such.

Conclusion: Expresses confidence that the implementation of this plan will help to realize the rights and dignity of people with disabilities as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. I yield my time to the chair.

(I would like to yield my time to my co-signer)

Opening speech:

As a Greece Delegate I am Honored to stand before you today as we embark on a collective journey toward upholding the principles enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In crafting this working paper, we recognize the imperative to pave a roadmap that not only echoes the values of inclusivity and equality but transforms them into tangible actions. Our shared commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities fuels this endeavor. As we navigate through the complexities of policy and implementation, let us forge a path that not only adheres to the CRPD's mandates but elevates our global responsibility to empower and protect the rights of every individual, irrespective of ability. Together, let us weave a narrative of progress, inclusiveness, and compassion, ensuring that our roadmap becomes a beacon of hope and transformation for those whose voices may have been unheard for far too long. May our collaborative efforts yield a blueprint that stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to a more equitable and accessible world for all. I yield my time to the chair.