**Tuesday 11th July**

**9.00am - 11.00am**

**Review of SDGs: Implementation SDG 1**

Thank you, excellency for the floor.

Globally, persons with disabilities have poorer health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty than persons without disabilities. Disability and poverty can become interrelated if not explicitly addressed in development programs or poverty eradication policies. The enjoyment of human rights of persons with disabilities continues to be disregarded, allowing 80% of persons with disabilities to live in poverty and hindering overall economic development. When persons with disabilities and their families cannot access essential public services and support mechanisms that open up economic opportunities; when they cannot take part in income-generating activities or when they are prevented from making wider contributions to the lives of their families and communities, there are far-reaching economic, as well as, social consequences.

The 2030 Agenda, if implemented in line with the provisions of the CRPD, provides the opportunity to achieve eradication of poverty for persons with disabilities. As such, we strongly recommend;

1. That governments recognize persons with disabilities as agents and critical contributors to development. Providing adequate funding for inclusion is central to ensuring that persons with disabilities can contribute to the full implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. We urge Member States to utilize the Washington Group Short Set of Questions to measure the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals for persons with disabilities.

Thank you.