Informal public dialogue with the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report

Talking points – Dr. Mohammed Ali Loutfy, Representative, Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities

The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities would like to make two main points.

**First**, we would like to add our support to the key messages being presented by the civil society FfD group, including their calls for the IATF Report to focus on proposals for systemic reforms to tackle the injustices of current global economic governance.

These injustices have a disproportionate impact on persons with disabilities, as dedicated public resources are needed to overcome the many environmental and attitudinal barriers that persons with disabilities face. For example, resources to make public services (e.g. education, health, justice) inclusive and accessible; resources for social protection to ensure persons with disabilities can enjoy an adequate standard of living; resources to support organizations of persons with disabilities to advocate for our rights.

When democratic global economic governance structures are not in place to tackle the loss of public resources through tax dodging or excessive debt service payments, persons with disabilities are therefore hit particularly hard.

**Second**, we welcome the coverage of inequality in the draft outline of the Financing for Sustainable Development Report, but we are concerned that this is not better mainstreamed across the entire report, and that the scope does not go beyond income and gender based inequalities. We urge that the report take a more comprehensive approach encompassing the many other dimensions of inequality that can intersect with income and gender, including, but not limited to, inequality based on disability, and disaggregation of data by disability.

Unless disability-based inequalities (together with other intersecting inequalities) are considered explicitly in all analysis of the inequality implications of fiscal policy, there is a risk that some of the most excluded people will be sidelined even further.