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**Subject: Submission to the High Level Political Forum by  
 the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities**

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In accordance with A/RES/67/290 and on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities from all over the world, we the focal points are pleased to submit our sectoral position paper to the 2018 Session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) entitled “**Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Societies and Persons with Disabilities.**”

In January 2018, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities convened an open, transparent, accessible and inclusive call to initiate the establishment of a working group to draft the sectoral position paper. An invitation was sent out to the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) listservs requesting members to share any information/research/materials/publications on the theme and Goals under review.

The working group agreed on and approved several steps outlined in the table below. As a start, the working group identified researched material, key messages, and titles for the submission. Initial drafts were discussed by the entire working group and refined in line with relevant discussions. After the first draft was agreed by the entire working group, a wide consultation was conducted with all the members of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities. Comments received were addressed and incorporated, and subsequently, the second draft was prepared for additional minor comments. At the end of the second consultation, the working group finalized the document for submission.

**Work plan of the Submission drafting Working Group 2018**

Dates	Activity	Expected results
January – February	Call for inputs, research on the theme and Goals under review	Collect, review and analyse information received
18 <sup>th</sup> February – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Consultation on proposed draft chapters	Suggested chapters will be sent to IDA and IDDC listservs, comments expected via

		email, and/or a call was scheduled for group discussion
4 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	First draft under consultation	Initial first draft document was sent to the IDA and IDDC listservs, comments were expected in writing
18 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Second draft under consultation	Second draft was sent to the IDA and IDDC listservs, comments were expected in writing
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Finalization + Submission	

Please note that our sectoral position paper includes an Executive Summary (entitled as such), which we kindly ask to be translated in all six official languages and be issued as an official document to the 2018 HLPF session. Further, we kindly ask that the remaining part of the position paper be annexed to the official document in the English language.

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, to express our gratitude to UN DESA/ECOSOC Division for their commitment in including the messages of persons with disabilities in the HLPF documents.

Yours sincerely,

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