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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, as the focal point I am pleased to submit our sectoral position paper to the 2019 Session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) entitled “**Ensuring inclusion and equality for persons with disabilities: education, employment, reducing inequalities, climate change, and peaceful and inclusive societies.**”

In December 2018, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities identified prominent experts in the sectors of education, employment, inequalities, climate change, and peaceful and inclusive societies to initiate the establishment of a working group to draft the sectoral position paper. In addition, 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 2019

Dates	Activity	Expected results
12 December 2018 – 25 January 2019	Call for inputs, research, on the theme and Goals under review	Collect, review and analyze information received
25 January 2019 – 11 February 2019	Compilation of initial inputs to write each chapter	Completion of first draft document
12 February 2019 – 4 March 2019	First draft under consideration	Initial first draft document was sent to the IDA and IDDC listservs, comments and good practices were expected in writing
4 March 2019 – 12 March 2019	Compilation of inputs and good practices received	Revision of draft document to include the comments received
13 March 2019 – 22 March 2019	Second draft under consideration	Second draft was sent to the IDA and IDDC listservs and presented over a webinar, comments and good practices were expected via the webinar and in writing
28 March 2019	Finalization and 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 2019 HLPF session. Further, we kindly ask that the entire position paper be posted on the UN's website 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/OISC for their commitment in including the messages of persons with disabilities in the HLPF documents.

Yours sincerely,



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