



American Model United Nations

Economic and Social Council

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Mainstreaming Disability in the Development
Agenda

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

SUBMITTED BY: Saudi Arabia, Canada, Estonia, Japan, Pakistan,
Russian Federation, United Kingdom

The Economic and Social Council

- 1 *Recalling* its previous resolutions concerning the rights of persons with
2 disabilities and the Millennium Development Goals,
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4 *Guided by* the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons, the
5 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of
6 Opportunities Concerning Disabled Persons, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons
7 with Disabilities,
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9 *Realizing* that the promotion of peace can only be achieved with the inclusion of
10 all persons in society, including persons with disabilities,
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12 *Fully aware* that many of the estimated 650 million persons with disabilities
13 continue to live in poverty,
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15 *Recognizing* that integration of disabled persons into society is key to reducing
16 poverty and implementing the Millennium Development Goals,
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18 *Further noting with deep regret* that violence contributes to 16% of all
19 disabilities, and that instances of violence around the world have the potential to
20 drastically increase this statistic,
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22 *Concerned by* the lack of progress on the situation of persons with disabilities due
23 to the gap between policy and practice,
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25 *Noting with concern* that to date 143 States have signed the Convention on the
26 Rights of Persons with Disabilities and 87 States have signed its Optional Protocol while
27 only 74 States have ratified the Convention and 47 States have ratified the Optional
28 Protocol,
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30 1. *Defines* mainstreaming disability as the full inclusion of persons with

31 disabilities into mainstream society as equal participants, including but not limited to:

- 32 (a) Access to education;
- 33 (b) Employment opportunities;
- 34 (c) Inclusion in decision making processes;
- 35 (d) Improving access to adequate medical care;
- 36 (e) Elimination of discrimination;
- 37 (f) Access to public facilities;
- 38 (g) Increase awareness and education of disability in society;

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40 2. *Calls upon* States to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with
41 Disabilities and its Optional Protocol;

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43 3. *Urges* all able and willing Member States to specifically target the disabled in
44 their aid efforts, including, but not limited to:

- 45 (a) Donating additional funds to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on
46 Disability, and to re-focus official development and assistance efforts towards aiding
47 persons with disabilities and increasing their access to society;
- 48 (b) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries to at
49 minimum increase their annual donation to the United Nations Voluntary Fund to above
50 2009 levels;

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52 4. *Recommends* that funds given as aid by Economic and Social Council
53 subsidiaries be dispersed to those developing countries who have demonstrated a
54 commitment to the integration of disabled persons in society through the development of
55 programs, for example, accessibility to public transportation or inclusion of disabled
56 employees in government projects among others, per the discretion of the Committee on
57 the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (in accordance with article 34 of the convention on
58 the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) after a research and review process concerning
59 the development agendas of the countries requesting aid;

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61 5. *Condemns* all forms of violence, which are a major contributor to disability
62 around the world, and supports targeting aid to conflict zones to promote adequate health
63 care to improve the livelihood of persons disabled due to violence;

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65 6. *Requests* that United Nations bodies, regional organizations, governments, and
66 Non-Governmental Organizations to be sensitive of the effects of their policies on
67 cultural values:

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69 7. *Further requests* to include persons with disabilities in the process of
70 Mainstreaming Disability in the Development Agenda to ensure that they have an
71 influence over decisions that affect them;

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73 8. *Calls upon* States to designate sufficient funding for grassroots efforts aimed at
74 including persons with disabilities into society;

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76 9. *Calls upon* all Member States to work towards achievement of self-

- 77 sustainability of persons with disabilities including but not limited to:
78 (a) Empowering the individual through microfinance programs;
79 (b) Working with communities, families, and individuals to increase awareness of
80 disability so that society is able to grow through the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Passed, Yes: 27 / No: 11 / Abstain: 6