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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: Sudan, Malawi, Namibia, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Algeria, Somalia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritius

The Economic and Social Council,

1 *Drawing attention* to the continuing validity and value of the principles contained
2 in the Charter of the United Nations concerning disabled persons, which recognize the
3 inherent dignity and worth and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the
4 human family as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world and provides a
5 firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues,
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7 *Reaffirming* its resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, where the institution of a
8 Committee was decided, open to the involvement of all Member States by the
9 establishment of Standard Rules, employing an all-inclusive and vital international
10 convention to endorse and defend the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,
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12 *Additionally recalling* all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3
13 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992, 48/95 and
14 48/99 of 20 December 1993,
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16 *Relying upon* a comprehensive approach in the work done in the fields of social
17 development, human rights and non-discrimination and taking into account the
18 recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social
19 Development,
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21 *Recalling affirmatively* its prior relevant resolutions, the most recent of which was
22 resolution 61/106 of 13 December 2006, as well as relevant resolutions of the
23 Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Human Rights, approving
24 the beneficial assistance made by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
25 (NGOs) and national human rights institutions to the work of the Committee mentioned
26 in resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001,
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28 *Reaffirming* the continuing validity and value of the principles contained in the
29 Charter of the United Nations concerning all persons with disabilities, which recognizes
30 the inherent dignity and worth and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the

31 human race as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world which also
32 provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues,

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34 *Concerned about* the implementation of all prior resolutions and the
35 unemployment rate of 80% of persons with disabilities in developing countries, and the
36 conditions these persons with disabilities face, who are subject to multiple or aggravated
37 forms of discrimination on the basis of forms of disability,

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39 *Understanding* that disability discrimination is prevalent in developing nations,

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41 *Acknowledging* these nations may not have an internal infrastructure established
42 to address disabilities effectively,

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44 *Recognizing* that education and employment are indispensable elements for
45 achieving sustainable development and the mainstreaming of disability,

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47 *Deeply concerned* about those persons with disabilities, particularly in developing
48 countries, who are unemployed and uneducated due to either discrimination or lack of
49 access,

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51 1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee of Member States and observing
52 parties of the UN that has provided affirmative results in carrying out the Standard Rules
53 as endorsed by resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001;

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55 2. *Urges* Member States to develop disability programmes, both on a national and
56 local level, for the implementation of the Standard Rules;

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58 3. *Further urges* Member States to include disability components in all planning,
59 policy and development programmes;

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61 4. *Requests* that Member States advance implementation of all prior resolutions by
62 addressing the continuing negligence of educational opportunities for those persons with
63 disabilities,

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65 5. *Determines* the following as a plan for Member States to improve upon
66 provisions previously stated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
67 (CRPD) for advancing educational opportunities for all persons with disabilities to be
68 implemented by the Special Rapporteur on Disability for the Commission for Social
69 Development:

70 (a) The accessibility of education through the establishment of necessary means
71 of transportation;

72 (b) The installation of wheelchair ramps at all educational buildings;

73 (c) Adequate ongoing training for those who will educate those with disability;

74 (d) The allotment of quality educational material;

75 (e) The establishment of educational programmes for prevention;

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77 6. *Further endorses* the following as a plan of implementation entitled
78 "Educational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities" for advancing employment
79 opportunities for persons with disabilities:

80 (a) The global establishment of region-specific disability programmes
81 implemented by the Special Rapporteur on Disability for the Commission for Social
82 Development focusing efforts on informing area employers of how to expand
83 employment opportunities within their businesses;

84 (b) Allow persons with disabilities to perform those tasks that are usually
85 performed by those "non-disabled" persons yet stay within their physical and mental
86 capacities;

87 (c) Provide benefits for not only the businesses but also the community in regards
88 to higher employment opportunities;

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90 7. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur on Disability for the Commission for Social
91 Development to provide the staff and facilities necessary for the effective performance of
92 the region-specific disability programmes as previously mentioned and the necessary
93 funds from Member States and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to carry out
94 these intentions;

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96 8. *Further requests* the Special Rapporteur on Disability for the Commission for
97 Social Development to employ progressive standards and guidelines for the accessibility
98 of amenities and services of the United Nations organization taking into account germane
99 provisions of the Convention specifically when undertaking renovations;

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101 9. *Further urges* the United Nations Organizations and non-governmental
102 organizations (NGOs), United Nations Child Education Fund (UNICEF) and Handicap
103 International, to continue to direct aid in the development and implementation of internal
104 disability programmes;

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106 10. *Requests* NGOs to continue their leadership role within member states until an
107 operating programme and policy infrastructure is established capable of effectively
108 utilizing related funds;

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110 11. *Additionally requests* that the United Nations agencies and organizations, and
111 invites intergovernmental Member States and NGOs, embark on efforts to circulate
112 information on the educational and employment rights for persons with disabilities
113 mentioned previously and to promote their understanding;

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115 12. *Requests* that the Special Rapporteur on Disability for the Commission for
116 Social Development submit to The Economic and Social Council a report on the status of
117 "Educational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities" as well as the approval of
118 additional programmes for persons with disabilities and the implementation of the present
119 resolution.

Passed, Yes: 30 / No: 4 / Abstain: 11

