



American Model United Nations
**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and
the Pacific**

ESCAP/I/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Towards disability-inclusive sustainable development: implementation of the Beijing Declaration

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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1 *Reaffirming* the methods of equal accessibility for the physical environment as listed in the Convention Of
2 Rights of Persons with Disabilities Article 9,

3 *Recalling* the definition of “reasonable accommodation” according to the Convention on the Rights of Persons
4 with Disabilities Article 2 as, “necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportional
5 or undue burden, where needed in a particular case, to ensure to persons with disabilities the enjoyment or
6 exercise on an equal basis with others of all human rights and fundamental freedoms”,

7 *Recognizing* the need for “reasonable accommodations” for people with disabilities within modern societies,

8 *Understanding* the uneven distribution of resources and wealth among developed and developing countries,

9 *Acknowledging* that regional standards are important to provide goals for infrastructure development, but
10 ultimately recognizing that Member States can and should tailor their development to their population’s specific
11 needs,

12 *Noting with deep concern* the disproportionate amount of progress and growth between the infrastructure
13 sectors of developed and developing countries,

14 *Emphasizing* that Member States have a moral obligation to invest in projects to make infrastructure accessible
15 to all people, and the United Nations must work to end discrimination against all people on the basis of
16 disability,

17 *Acknowledging* the obstacles that have previously prevented ESCAP from progressing on this issued and
18 using their combined knowledge and creativity to devise solutions, while also recognizing that there is still long way
19 to go towards achieving disability-inclusive sustainable development,

20 1. *Calls upon* Member States to address physical and structural barriers to transportation use by people
21 with disabilities in their State;

22 2. *Emphasizes* the need for greater research and outreach specific to Member States in order to allow States
23 to better address the infrastructure concerns of their disabled population;

24 3. *Encourages* Member States and the United Nations to closely consult with and actively involve persons
25 with disabilities in decision-making processes to ensure infrastructure legislation and implementation will actually
26 resolve transportation barriers;

27 4. *Advises* Member States to develop and maintain investment in transportation infrastructure to ensure
28 that those systems are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for all people;

29 5. *Suggests* the following implementation of revision for digital infrastructure:

30 (a) Access to digital infrastructure for all peoples in all regions despite geographical distance from
31 urban centers;

32 (b) Implement collection of data to determine a sustainable accessible network throughout countries;

33 (c) All people should have equal access to public internet communicators in public as well as private
34 residences;

35 6. *Advocates* for the expansion of existing programs to outfit private homes with adequate infrastructure for
36 people with disabilities:

37 (a) Encouraging the consideration of the plan from the Disabled Persons Federation of the People's
38 Republic of China to improve the homes of people with disabilities as an example;

39 7. *Advises* states to increase investment in rural infrastructure to improve access to healthcare for people in
40 rural areas:

41 (a) Allowing for an increased access to healthcare for people with disabilities;

42 (b) Ensure that all peoples, despite large distances from urban centers, should all have equal access
43 and quality of healthcare access, especially in rural areas;

44 (c) Constructing new paths and roadways through rural areas, in order to ensure that healthcare
45 workers can reach patients;

46 (d) Increase medical centers in rural areas to ensure that people with disabilities in these areas
47 receive adequate treatment and support;

48 8. *Invites* Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) members to assess public spaces and their accessibility
49 for people with disabilities:

50 (a) Create an increased number of public facilities that allow for easy access for people with disabil-
51 ities;

52 (b) Increase the availability of green spaces for people with disabilities;

53 (c) Eliminate physical barriers that limit access in public spaces to people with disabilities;

54 (d) Develop a set of general guidelines that allow for increased accessibility in public spaces.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions