Persons with disabilities would like to submit the following recommendations:

1) **In OP2**: the inclusion of explicit references among cross-cutting themes to the principle of “leave no one behind”. By addressing every year’s theme through this lens, Member States will ensure that the 2030 Agenda is truly realized for all.

2) **In OP4**: that the annual theme of the 2018 HLPF includes reference to inclusive and accessible cities. This is in line with the wording of goal 11 and is also in line with the Habitat III process.

3) **In OP9**: that when the voluntary common reporting guidelines are reviewed by the Secretary General, stakeholders are consulted and can contribute recommendations.

4) **In OP12**: that the current wording of this paragraph is NOT in line with 67/290 and also infringes on the fundamental principles laid down by the 2030 Agenda. We recommend the paragraph to be modified in the following way:

   Reiterates its decision in resolution 67/290 that the forum shall be open to promote transparency and implementation by further enhancing the consultative role and participation of the major groups and other relevant stakeholders at the international level in order to make better use of their expertise having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the General Assembly in accordance with the modalities set out in the same resolution; and further encourages in this regard, that in the organization of the meetings of the high-level political forum innovative arrangements – beyond the rights ensured in 67/290 - including web-based interfaces among others should be considered so as to
support the effective, broad, and balanced and inclusive participation by region and by type of organization of stakeholders;

Thank you.