



Intergovernmental Negotiations on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level

STATEMENT by

International Disability Alliance

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Excellences,

I speak on behalf of the International Disability Alliance and I would like to thank the co-facilitators for convening this meeting. We hope that our recommendations to the zero draft will be considered. We also hope that more time will be allocated for the next informal meeting, as to ensure more inclusive participation of stakeholders – and enable us to bring greater experience and more innovative ideas to the table.

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.

IDA Member Organizations

African Disability Forum, Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities, Down Syndrome International, European Disability Forum, Inclusion International, International Federation of Hard of Hearing People, International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families, Pacific Disability Forum, World Blind Union, World Federation of the Deaf, World Federation of the DeafBlind, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry