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**An Order to provide for the establishment of a rehabilitation agency
for the disabled. No. 70 of 1971.**

Dated 13 April 1971.

("Negarit Gazeta", 13 April 1971, No. 16, p. 114.)

1. Short title. This Order may be cited as the "Rehabilitation Agency for the Disabled Order 1971".
2. Definition. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires, "disabled" shall mean any person who because of limitations of normal physical or mental health, is unable to earn his livelihood and does not have anyone to support him; and shall include any person who is unable to earn his livelihood because of young or old age.
3. Establishment. There is hereby established a Rehabilitation Agency for the Disabled (hereinafter the "Agency") as an autonomous public authority having separate juridical personality.
4. Head office. The Agency shall have its head office in Addis Ababa.
5. Purpose. The purpose of the Agency shall be to foster and facilitate, through direct assistance and extension services, increasingly effective participation of private charitable organisations engaged in the rehabilitation of the disabled.
6. Powers and duties. The Agency shall, in accordance with the law, have the following powers and duties:
 1. to enter into contract;
 2. to buy sell own, lease and hire movable and immovable property as 'its activities require;
 3. to borrow by pledging its movables and mortgaging its immovables;
 4. to sue and be sued in its own name;
 5. to raise funds by receiving donations or otherwise;
 6. to co-ordinate, assist and encourage private charitable organisations in their rehabilitation programmes;
 7. to establish and administer pilot rehabilitation projects;

8. in co-operation with other organisations, to promote job placement services for the disabled;

9. to determine its annual programmes; and

10. to administer the fund established herein.

7. Composition of the Agency.

The Agency shall be comprised of the following:

1. a Board for the Disabled (hereinafter the "Board");

2. a general manager; and

3. the necessary staff.

8. The Board.

(1) The Board shall consist of the following members:

(a) the Minister of National Community Development and Social Affairs (hereinafter the "Minister") or a senior official whom he authorises: Chairman;

(b) the Ministers of Interior, Public Health, and Finance, the Kantiba of the Municipality of Addis Ababa, the Administrator of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and the Administrator of Haile Selassie I Foundation, or senior officials whom they authorise; and

(c) not more than four persons to be appointed by Us on the recommendation of the Minister to serve for a term of two years.

(2) All powers of the Agency provided herein shall be vested in the Board.

(3) The Board may, as the need arises, delegate its power to the general manager.

(4) The Board shall determine its own rules of procedure and the internal regulations of the Agency.

(5) The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

9. The general manager.

(1) The general manager shall be appointed by Us on the recommendation of the Minister.

(2) He shall be the chief executive of the Agency and shall, subject to the supervision and direction of the Board, be responsible for the proper administration and operation of the activities of the Authority.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the general manager shall in particular:

(a) prepare and submit to the Board detailed proposals for the annual budget of the Agency;

(b) employ, promote, transfer and discharge all personnel, and fix their salaries and allowances in conformity with the directives of the Board made in accordance with the Public Service Laws.

(c) effect all expenditures in accordance with the approved annual budget and work programmes of the Agency;

(d) prepare and submit to the Board at the end of each fiscal year, audited account of incomes and expenditures and an annual report of the Agency's activities; and

(e) perform such functions as are assigned to him by the Board.

(4) The general manager may delegate part of his powers and functions to employees of the Agency to the extent necessary for the efficient management of the activities of the Agency; provided that the person who acts on behalf of the general manager in his absence shall be subject to prior approval by the Board.

10. Funds.

(1) The funds of the Agency shall be derived from

(a) any balance remaining from the revenues of the National Lottery Administration after all deductions have been made, in accordance with the law;

(b) any donation made to the Agency;

(c) sales of products from its pilot projects; and

(d) an annual government subsidy based on an estimate prepared by the general manager and approved by the Board, which shall be included as a separate sub-head under the Ministry of Community Development and Social Affairs in the annual budget of the Government.

(2) Such funds shall be lodged in the National Bank of Ethiopia or in a bank designated by it in a separate account in the name of the Agency, which funds

shall be expended to give effect to the purposes of the Agency in accordance with an annual budget approved pursuant to the law.

11. Budget.

(1) The Board may, in accordance with the law, establish such reserves as may be necessary to meet unforeseen expenses.

(2) The fiscal year of the Agency shall begin on 1 "Hamle" and end on 30 "Sene" of the following year.

12. Accounts and annual reports.

The Agency shall keep full and accurate accounts of its revenues and expenditures and shall within three months after the expiration of each fiscal year publicise through appropriate means an audited statement of its revenues and expenditures and its annual report.

13. Audit.

(1) The books of account and all the financial affairs of the Agency shall be audited annually by duly qualified auditors appointed by the Board.

(2) The accounts and all records relating to the financial affairs of the Agency shall at all times be open to auditing by the Auditor General.

14. Effective date.

This Order shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the "Negarit Gazeta".