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Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: amplified barriers in diverse contexts

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [78/195](#) of 19 December 2023 and its previous relevant resolutions, and relevant resolutions of the Human Rights Council and of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

Recalling also the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the need for persons with disabilities to be guaranteed the full enjoyment of their rights and freedoms without discrimination,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities² and the Optional Protocol thereto,³ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁴ the Convention on the Rights of the Child,⁵ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁶ and all other relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,⁷ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030⁸ and the New Urban Agenda,⁹

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 2518, No. 44910.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

⁷ [A/CONF.157/24 \(Part I\)](#), chap. III.

⁸ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

⁹ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.



Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁰ which is inclusive of persons with disabilities and in which Member States pledged to leave no one behind, recognizing that the contributions of persons with disabilities are important to its full and effective implementation, and acknowledging that Member States, while implementing the 2030 Agenda, should, inter alia, respect, protect, promote and fulfil human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without discrimination of any kind,

Recognizing that international cooperation is key for disability-inclusive development, which is needed to ensure that sufficient means of implementation exist to provide countries with the opportunity to realize the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities, in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,

Welcoming the fact that, since the opening for signature of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto on 30 March 2007, 164 States and 1 regional integration organization have signed and 193 States and 1 regional integration organization have ratified or acceded to the Convention and 94 States have signed and 108 States have ratified the Optional Protocol,

Noting with appreciation the work and activities that have been and continue to be undertaken in support of the Convention and towards the fulfilment and mainstreaming of the rights of all persons with disabilities, particularly through, inter alia, the Conference of States Parties to the Convention, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, other human rights treaty bodies, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, the Inter-Agency Support Group on the Convention and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action,

Noting the 2025 Global Disability Summit and the Amman-Berlin Declaration on Global Disability Inclusion, to advance progress towards the full implementation of the Convention,

Recalling that persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, psychosocial or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others, including in relation to their access to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, in both urban and rural areas,

Noting that diverse contexts may refer to a range of social, environmental, political, economic and cultural conditions that influence how persons with disabilities experience and access their rights, including but not limited to situations of poverty, humanitarian emergencies, armed conflict, post-conflict, environmental and climate change-related challenges, forced and internal displacement, rural or remote living, neocolonial contexts, migration and refugee contexts, care and support contexts, institutionalization, digital divides, lack of access to justice and quality inclusive education, and discrimination based on disability, sex, age, race, colour, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnicity and national or social origin,

Recognizing that persons with disabilities are often disproportionately affected in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters and in their aftermath, and that they may require specific protection and safety measures, recognizing further the diversity of

¹⁰ Resolution [70/1](#).

persons with disabilities and the need to ensure their full, equal, effective and meaningful participation and inclusion in the development of measures and decision-making processes relating thereto, including on accessibility and reasonable accommodation, as well as care and support arrangements, in order to ensure disability-inclusive risk reduction and humanitarian action, and recognizing the special coping mechanisms developed by persons with disabilities to withstand the effects of conflict and natural disasters, as well as their critical contributions to conflict prevention, resolution, reconciliation, reconstruction, peacebuilding and addressing the root causes of conflict,

Recognizing also that the rights and needs of persons with disabilities are often overlooked in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of disasters caused by natural or man-made hazards, including in the early phases, and the importance of providing timely and appropriate protection, reintegration and rehabilitation assistance and access to assistive technologies, recognizing the major impediments that developing countries face in accessing new technologies, to persons with disabilities, while ensuring that the diversity of persons with disabilities is taken into account and that all their specific rights and needs are addressed, in particular those of women and children with disabilities, and persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, such as access to affordable, quality, inclusive and accessible healthcare services, care and support programmes, psychosocial support and educational programmes and livelihoods in an equitable and inclusive manner, in order to further promote their role as agents of change,

Recognizing further the particular barriers faced by persons with disabilities in accessing justice, including access to effective remedies and, as appropriate, reparation, in relation to violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law,

Recognizing the negative impact of laws and practices that hinder persons with disabilities or fail to provide them with adequate support in the exercise of their legal capacity on an equal basis with others, which have a negative impact on the enjoyment of equality and non-discrimination, and in some cases deny them their right to effective access to justice on an equal basis with others or allow for their forced institutionalization on the basis of a real or perceived disability,

Noting the need for Member States, the United Nations system and other stakeholders to further strengthen the normative framework on disability, including the rights of persons with disabilities, in line with the pledge of leaving no one behind contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to consider disability as a global issue, cutting across the pillars of the United Nations,

Welcoming progress towards mainstreaming disability, including the rights of persons with disabilities, in the work of the United Nations, noting the contributions of the Steering Committee on Accessibility and of the United Nations Global Disability Fund, as well as the progress made in the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, and welcoming the leadership of the Secretary-General to bring about transformative and systematic change on disability inclusion across the United Nations system,

Acknowledging the importance of dedicated, predictable and flexible funding to support national implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, particularly in developing countries, and recognizing in this regard the role of the United Nations Global Disability Fund, which serves as a United Nations pooled fund that channels resources to countries to promote and strengthen disability-inclusive policies and practices at all levels,

Recalling that the *Disability and Development Report 2024: Accelerating the Realization of the Sustainable Development Goals by, for and with Persons with Disabilities* presents an overview of the status of accessibility for persons with disabilities, including the participation of persons with disabilities, in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the persistent gaps in this regard, identifies good practices and includes recommendations on scaling up actions to ensure the full, equal, effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the programmes, policies and efforts of States for the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the disability-inclusive achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Reaffirming the imperative of ensuring access to finance and economic opportunities for persons with disabilities, including by expanding access to financial products and services, removing barriers to access global supply chains for disability-owned businesses and implementing comprehensive financial and digital literacy programmes that target them,

Noting the importance of facilitating access to and sharing accessible and assistive technologies, through the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms and other actions, to promote local manufacturing and advance disability-inclusive development, ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and promote their empowerment,

Expressing concern that women and girls with disabilities in various situations are subject to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, exploitation and all forms of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, offline and online, abandonment and lack of access to basic and essential services, including menstrual health and hygiene, which limit their enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with others, and recognizing that the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets which contribute, inter alia, to the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities and facilitate the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

Noting the importance of promoting safe and enabling conditions for children with disabilities facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as children with disabilities belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, as well as migrant children with disabilities, refugee or asylum-seeking children with disabilities, internally displaced children with disabilities, children of African descent with disabilities and Indigenous children with disabilities, as well as children with disabilities from local communities,

Stressing the need to pay particular attention to the rights and needs of Indigenous persons with disabilities, including women, children, youth and older persons, as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,¹¹ including in the process of protecting and promoting their equal access to justice, while recognizing that Indigenous persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by the direct consequences of climate change owing to their close relationship with and protection of the environment and its resources, and specific measures are required to ensure that their rights are protected, respected and fulfilled in this context,

Recognizing that accessibility is essential for persons with disabilities to live independently, fully enjoy all their human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with others and participate fully, meaningfully and effectively in all

¹¹ Resolution 61/295, annex.

aspects of life, including in political and public life and decision-making processes in the civil, political, social, economic and cultural spheres, as well as to health and education and to information and communications, and the need to identify and eliminate prejudice, discrimination, and obstacles or barriers amplified by the diverse contexts that limit the access of persons with disabilities to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications and to other facilities and services open or available to the public, in both urban and rural areas, on an equal basis with others, while recognizing also the importance of accessibility measures, universal design and assistive technologies in this regard,

Recognizing also that forced institutionalization on the basis of disability is a form of violence that deprives persons with disabilities, including women and girls, of liberty, and that in such situations they face an increased risk of further violations and abuses, including physical, psychological and sexual and gender-based violence,

Recognizing further that persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities through their representative organizations, as well as civil society organizations committed to disability mainstreaming, should be consulted closely and actively involved in decision-making processes and in the development and implementation of legislation and policies and programmes, especially those concerning them directly,

Recognizing that information and communications technologies, including assistive technology and devices, have shown their potential to strengthen the exercise of human rights, and that they can create conditions enabling persons with disabilities to fully enjoy their human rights and can contribute to their social inclusion and empowerment and allow them to live independently in the community on an equal basis with others and to fully, effectively and meaningfully participate in society and in the workplace,

Recognizing also the intersection between ageing and disability and the specific challenges linked to accessibility for older persons with disabilities, especially those faced by older women with disabilities, as well as the need to take appropriate measures to ensure access by older persons with disabilities to social protection and poverty reduction programmes,

Recognizing further that support is an integral part of being able to live independently and being included in the community, and recognizing the importance of increasing the resilience of older persons, persons with disabilities and persons with mental health conditions by ensuring legal and social protection, adopting inclusive employment measures, providing better care and support services and promoting long-term care and support at home and in the community, facilitating access to and sharing of accessible and assistive technologies, especially new and emerging ones, including information and communications systems, mobility aids, assistive devices and other assistive technologies with a view to ensuring their affordability and guaranteeing the empowerment, autonomy and independence of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing the need to promote and protect the human rights of all persons with disabilities, including those who require more intensive support to attain and maintain maximum independence, full physical, mental, social and vocational abilities and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life,

Acknowledging that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities laid the foundation for a paradigm shift in mental health and created the momentum for the deinstitutionalization and the identification of models of care and support based on respect for the human rights of persons with disabilities that, inter alia, address the underlying determinants of mental health, provide effective community-

based and mental health services and psychosocial support, reduce power asymmetries in mental health settings and respect the enjoyment of individual autonomy on an equal basis with others,

Recognizing the contribution of family members towards the full and equal enjoyment by persons with disabilities of their human rights, including to participate in decision-making processes, inter alia, through participation in organizations which empower persons with disabilities to have a voice and full control of their own lives, and recognizing the need for States to raise awareness throughout society, including at the family level, regarding persons with disabilities and to foster respect for their rights and dignity, including participation,

Recognizing also the need for States to accelerate the development, implementation and mainstreaming of strategies that respect, protect and fulfil the rights of all persons with disabilities, including women and girls, to the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, cultural and social rights, without discrimination, by adopting legislation, policies and programmes that are inclusive of and accessible to all persons with disabilities, including those who are in vulnerable situations, and affirming that realizing their human rights requires their full and effective participation and inclusion in all aspects of public, political, economic, cultural, social and family life, on an equal basis with all others,

Recognizing further the need to raise awareness and foster dialogue among all stakeholders to address significant barriers persons with disabilities continue to face in the full enjoyment of their cultural rights and explore innovative, inclusive and practical solutions that guarantee equal access to cultural life and heritage,

Stressing the need to address prevailing challenges to bridge digital divides for and with persons with disabilities in order to promote the full enjoyment of their human rights, including by emphasizing the right to privacy and the respect for data-protection regulations and standards in all uses of information and communications technologies and systems,

Recognizing that children with disabilities, particularly girls, may face stigmatization, discrimination and exclusion and are disproportionately subjected to mental and physical violence and sexual abuse and therefore may be particularly exposed to online risks, including cyberbullying, and that there is a need to take steps to ensure that the digital environment, including safety information, protective strategies, services and forums relating to it, is inclusive, accessible and safe, bearing in mind the importance of countering prejudice that might lead to overprotection or exclusion,

Welcoming the positive role of civil society in the promotion and implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities, and stressing the importance of closely consulting and actively involving persons with disabilities, including women and children and Indigenous persons with disabilities, as well as other persons with disabilities in vulnerable situations, including through their representative organizations, in the development and implementation of legislation and policies that affect their lives and in other decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, thereby minimizing the risk of creating barriers to accessibility for all persons with disabilities,

Stressing the need for capacity-development efforts aimed at empowering persons with disabilities and their representative organizations to ensure equal access to quality education, full and productive employment and decent work on an equal basis and without discrimination to persons with disabilities, including by promoting access to inclusive education systems, skills development, volunteering opportunities

and vocational and entrepreneurial training in order to enable persons with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence,

Acknowledging the importance of taking measures to raise awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities in order to eliminate discrimination, stereotypes, prejudices and other barriers which constitute a major impediment to their full, equal and effective participation in society and the economy, as well as in political and public life, and recognizing the importance of disability-related international commemorations in this regard,

Expressing particular concern at the increased level and risk of abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination and exclusion experienced by internally displaced persons with disabilities, and emphasizing the need to ensure that their specific needs are met through the provision of adequate protection and access to assistance,

Concerned that the continuing lack of available, high-quality, timely and reliable statistics, data and information on the situation of persons with disabilities at the national, regional and global levels contributes to their exclusion in official statistics, policies and programmes, and in this regard recognizing the need to intensify efforts to build the capacity of Member States, and to strengthen, at the national level, data collection, analysis and use of data disaggregated by disability, sex and age for specific indicators, using appropriate measurement tools, including, as appropriate, the United Nations Children's Fund Module on Child Functioning and the Washington Group short set of questions on disability and other data-collection methodologies, to support the development of evidence-based policies and programmes that are accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, including women and girls, on an equal basis with others,

Stressing the relevance of disaggregated data collection and analysis and use thereof, including by disability, age, sex and other characteristics relevant to national contexts, as an important element in the design of inclusive policies that respond to the diverse contexts that amplify the barriers faced by persons with disabilities,

1. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto as a matter of priority;

2. *Encourages* States that have ratified the Convention and submitted one or more reservations to it to review regularly the effect and continued relevance of such reservations and to consider the possibility of withdrawing them;

3. *Requests* United Nations agencies and organizations, and invites intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue to strengthen efforts undertaken to disseminate accessible and easy-to-understand information on the Convention and the Optional Protocol thereto, including to children and young people to promote their understanding, and to assist States Parties in implementing their obligations under those instruments;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: diverse contexts that amplify the barriers faced by persons with disabilities",¹² and also takes note of reports from special procedure mandate holders of the Human Rights Council, such as the report of the Special Rapporteur on the

¹² A/80/423.

rights of persons with disabilities entitled “Care and support for children with disabilities within the family environment and its gendered dimensions”;¹³

5. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled;¹⁴

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of mainstreaming disability issues as an integral part of relevant sustainable development strategies, and encourages States to apply a human rights-based and gender-responsive approach and to intensify their efforts to advance the rights of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, consistent with their international obligations;

7. *Also emphasizes* that efforts to reform and strengthen the impact of the United Nations, including the UN80 Initiative, must be inclusive of persons with disabilities and promote and protect their rights, and in this regard welcomes the commitment of the Secretary-General to advancing the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy;

8. *Encourages* States to review and repeal any law or policy that restricts the full and effective participation in political and public life of persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others or discriminates against persons with disabilities, including with regard to accessing a service or facility open to the public, and to establish accessible and effective channels of redress for discrimination on the basis of disability, considering also diverse contexts that may amplify barriers faced by persons with disabilities to access their rights;

9. *Calls upon* States to take effective and appropriate measures to remove all barriers preventing persons with disabilities from having effective access to justice on an equal basis with others, and to ensure the full enjoyment of equality and non-discrimination by persons with disabilities in the fields of equality and non-discrimination and access to justice, including by training professionals in the justice system for such purposes;

10. *Urges* States to take steps to eliminate multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against all women and girls with disabilities through repealing discriminatory laws, policies and practices, to take all effective measures to remove any other barriers faced by women and girls with disabilities in accessing, inter alia, the physical, social, economic and cultural environment, transportation, health and education, information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and other facilities and services open or provided to the public and to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all rights stipulated in the Convention, including to effectively and fully participate in public life and in the conduct of public affairs;

11. *Also urges* States to ensure that persons with disabilities in different contexts and conditions are provided with adequate support in order to participate fully in the labour market, including by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability with regard to all matters concerning all forms of employment, recognizing the right of persons with disabilities to work on an equal basis with others;

12. *Further urges* States to take all appropriate measures to eliminate violence and discrimination against persons with disabilities, and to ensure that victims and survivors with disabilities of all forms of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, have prompt and universal access to quality social and healthcare services,

¹³ See A/80/170.

¹⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3162, No. 54134.

such as psychological and counselling services, as well as access to justice, including legal services, to end impunity;

13. *Calls upon* all States to ensure the full enjoyment by children with disabilities of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, on an equal basis with other children, in recognition that discrimination against any child on the basis of a disability is a violation of the inherent dignity and worth of the child, to enhance inclusion and address barriers faced by children with disabilities, including addressing discriminatory, attitudinal and environmental barriers to their participation and inclusion in society and in the community, to develop gender- and age-sensitive policies and capacities to ensure the rights and address the particular needs of children with disabilities, including children in vulnerable situations, including migrant children, children without parental care, children in street situations and child victims of trafficking, and those affected by climate change, and to prevent and respond to all forms of violence, including cases of sexual and gender-based violence;

14. *Calls upon* States to ensure that persons with disabilities are able to access inclusive and accessible quality primary, secondary and tertiary education, vocational training, adult education and lifelong learning without discrimination and on an equal basis with others and to facilitate the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in education by taking appropriate steps through the provision of information in accessible and alternative communication formats, reasonable accommodation and other support as required, while also promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills among persons with disabilities to address divides in science, technology and innovation, responding to the diverse contexts that may amplify the barriers faced by persons with disabilities to fulfil their right to inclusive education;

15. *Urges* States to ensure that all schools are safe and free from violence, such as bullying, including cyberbullying, and sexual harassment, including peer-to-peer sexual harassment, online and offline, and that they address all forms of violence against children with disabilities, including with particular attention to girls with disabilities and in vulnerable situations;

16. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations system, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to fully include persons with disabilities in all stages of addressing situations of risk, including armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of disasters caused by natural or man-made hazards, especially in areas where they experience additional barriers due to their disability, and recognize that persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health without discrimination, including through providing timely and appropriate, quality and free or affordable healthcare services and programmes as provided to other persons in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, including in the area of sexual and reproductive health and population-based public health programmes, and provide healthcare services needed by persons with disabilities specifically because of their disabilities;

17. *Urges* Member States to promote a paradigm shift in mental health, inter alia, in the fields of clinical practice, policy, research, medical education and investment, through the promotion of disability-inclusive, community- and evidence-based and people-centred services and by respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights, individual autonomy of persons using or seeking to use mental health services, including by relying on peer support, as appropriate, and by providing a range of voluntary supported decision-making mechanisms, such as safeguards against abuse, coercion and undue influence within support arrangements, over a model based on the dominance of biomedical interventions, medicalization and institutionalization;

18. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure the availability of and access to healthcare services for all persons with disabilities, as well as to remove physical, attitudinal, social, structural and financial barriers, provide quality standards of care and scale up efforts for their empowerment and inclusion, noting with concern that persons with disabilities continue to experience unmet health needs;

19. *Encourages* States to adopt inclusive strategies that address the barriers to the participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations at all levels of decision-making processes, and to adopt a framework for equality, non-discrimination and the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities;

20. *Encourages* Member States and other relevant stakeholders to consider appropriate measures to ensure adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for disability inclusion, including through voluntary contributions to the United Nations Global Disability Fund, and to explore, as appropriate, innovative financing modalities on a voluntary basis, with a view to strengthening the Fund's capacity to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at all levels;

21. *Calls upon* States to ensure the full and effective participation of and consultation with persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations, in the development and implementation of policies and programmes for the implementation of the Convention, as well as in other relevant issues at the national and local levels, including through the inclusion of persons with disabilities in boards, organs and institutions and integrating consultative processes in such policies and programmes as appropriate;

22. *Also calls upon* States to promote other appropriate forms of assistance and support to persons with disabilities to ensure their access to information, to provide information intended for the general public to persons with disabilities using accessible formats and technologies useful for persons with different kinds of disabilities in a timely manner and without additional cost, and to expand the availability and improve the affordability of information and communications technologies, as well as to facilitate cooperation in research and access to scientific and technical knowledge to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities;

23. *Urges* Member States, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to close the digital divides and promote the digital inclusion of persons with disabilities, addressing the challenges associated with accessibility, affordability, digital literacy and digital skills, and awareness;

24. *Calls upon* States to ensure the equal right of all persons with disabilities to live independently in the community with choices equal to others, including by ensuring that persons with disabilities have the opportunity to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live on an equal basis with others and are not obliged to live in a particular living arrangement and that persons with disabilities have access to a range of in-home, residential and other community support services, including personal assistance necessary to support living and inclusion in the community, and to prevent isolation or segregation from the community;

25. *Also calls upon* States to promote and facilitate access to and sharing of accessible and assistive technologies, especially new and emerging ones, including information and communications systems, mobility aids, assistive devices and other assistive technologies, by persons with disabilities, and to promote research and development in this regard, so that these technologies and systems become accessible at minimal cost and at an early stage;

26. *Urges* States to consider laws, policies and procedures relating to public procurement to ensure that persons with disabilities can access any service or facility open to the public on an equal basis with others, and in this regard encourages States to disseminate information to and work with the private sector, including employers and other relevant stakeholders, to implement accessibility measures for persons with disabilities in any facilities or services that are open or provided to the public;

27. *Also urges* States to consider investment in care and support and promote legal systems or frameworks in care and support policies and infrastructure, and promote national legislation and capacity-building to ensure universal access to affordable and quality services for all, including childcare, in the health and support sector for persons with disabilities and older persons, which is necessary to address care needs for persons throughout their life course, and to promote universal access to social protection, including paid maternity, paternity and parental leave and social protection for all workers, including for both informal workers and those in non-standard forms of employment;

28. *Urges* Member States, in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system and civil society, to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in rural areas, including women with disabilities, and girls with disabilities as appropriate, by ensuring access on an equal basis to productive employment and decent work, economic and financial resources and disability-inclusive infrastructure and services, in particular in relation to health and education, as well as by ensuring that their priorities and needs are fully incorporated into policies and programmes, through, inter alia, their participation in decision-making processes;

29. *Recognizes* the challenges faced by migrants with disabilities and the specific needs they may have, and invites Member States to accelerate efforts, at all levels, to integrate public health considerations into migration policies and to incorporate the health needs of migrants with disabilities into national and local healthcare services policies and plans, in ways which are transparent, equitable, non-discriminatory, people-centred, gender-responsive, child-sensitive and disability-inclusive and which leave no one behind;

30. *Calls upon* States to strengthen efforts to empower all persons with disabilities and enhance their participation and promote their leadership in society through taking measures to address and remove all barriers that prevent or restrict their access and full inclusion and participation in the community on an equal basis with others, including in the government and public sector, the private sector, civil society and all branches and bodies of the national monitoring system of the Convention, and to work to ensure that persons with disabilities are closely consulted and actively involved, through their representative organizations, in the design, implementation and monitoring of all legislation, policies and programmes which have an impact on their lives;

31. *Encourages* States to provide support to existing organizations and promote the creation of organizations, including civil society organizations and networks of persons with disabilities, as appropriate, and to promote and support persons with disabilities in taking leadership roles in public decision-making bodies at all levels, recognizing the importance for States of having an open, inclusive and transparent engagement with civil society in the implementation of measures on persons with disabilities;

32. *Calls upon* States to collect and analyse data disaggregated by income, sex, race, age, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographical location and other characteristics relevant to national contexts to assist, inter alia, with the identification

and eradication of barriers and all forms of discrimination, including multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, that prevent persons with disabilities from enjoying all the rights stipulated in the Convention, to guide inclusive policy planning and to be used on an ongoing basis to assess and advance participation, and also calls upon States to improve data-collection systems for adequate monitoring and evaluation frameworks on the implementation of the Convention and the Sustainable Development Goals for all persons with disabilities;

33. *Urges* States and other relevant stakeholders, including national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles,¹⁵ where they exist, to continue to support the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by, inter alia, supporting the disaggregation of data by disability, sex and age for specific indicators, using appropriate measurement tools, including, as appropriate, the United Nations Children's Fund Module on Child Functioning and the Washington Group short set of questions on disability and other data-collection methodologies, to assist States in measuring the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 associated targets and programming policies in the context of the Goals;

34. *Encourages* States, United Nations entities and relevant international organizations, in partnership with persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations, inter alia:

(a) To ensure that international cooperation is gender-responsive and disability-inclusive, including through the implementation of disability markers to monitor the implementation of programmes and the collection of data and statistics on persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, targets and indicators, as well as other international frameworks;

(b) To support, promote and strengthen international cooperation and assistance, and enhance partnerships and coordination, including South-South cooperation, among themselves and with the active participation of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, as well as other relevant civil society organizations and stakeholders, in strengthening the means of implementation of the Convention and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the mobilization of financial resources, technical cooperation and facilitation of access to and sharing of accessible and assistive technologies on mutually agreed terms;

(c) To take effective and appropriate steps to facilitate the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of disasters caused by natural or man-made hazards, including by building capacity and sensitivity for disability inclusion among personnel involved in responding to such contexts, and to include persons with disabilities in disaster risk reduction and their preparedness efforts, planning, response and recovery actions, as well as in post-emergency reconstruction and rebuilding, to identify and eliminate obstacles and barriers to ensuring their safety and accessibility;

(d) To enhance the collection, dissemination and use of data on the diverse contexts that may amplify the barriers faced by persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, disaggregated by disability, age, income, sex, race, ethnicity, migration status, geographical location and other characteristics relevant to national contexts, using data collection methodologies such as the

¹⁵ Resolution 48/134, annex.

Washington Group short set of questions on disability, as appropriate, in consultation with persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations;

35. *Encourages* the United Nations system, international financial and development institutions, and other international and regional organizations:

(a) To increase assistance to support Member States, upon their request, in substantially enhancing the participation of persons with disabilities, including through their organizations, in decision-making, including through building capacity, training and supporting persons with disabilities in participating in public life, and sharing experiences and best practices;

(b) To provide sustained, long-term support to national partners, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and civil society organizations, in their efforts to become more disability-inclusive and promote the participation of persons with disabilities;

(c) To ensure non-discrimination for all persons with disabilities, and ensure opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others;

36. *Encourages* the Secretariat to make the United Nations more accessible for persons and representatives with disabilities, in line with paragraphs 33 to 37 of resolution [73/341](#) of 12 September 2019, and recalls all relevant accessibility-related resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolutions [76/154](#) of 16 December 2021, [76/273](#) of 29 June 2022, [77/189](#) of 15 December 2022 and [77/240](#) of 16 December 2022;

37. *Invites* the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly annually, under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”, as a way to enhance communication between the Assembly and the Committee;

38. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the system-wide implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy,¹⁶ as well as the progress made in this regard, and calls upon the United Nations system, including its agencies, funds and programmes, within their respective mandates, to continue to work collaboratively to accelerate the full and effective mainstreaming of disability inclusion into the United Nations system, including by implementing and reporting on the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations;

39. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in line with the recommendations of his report on disability inclusion in the United Nations system,¹⁷ to continue to explore options or modalities to support, through sustainable and predictable resources, the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, to mainstream disability inclusion into the work of the Secretariat entities and support implementation across the United Nations system;

40. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session a progress report on steps taken by the United Nations system towards mainstreaming disability inclusion, including implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, within existing resources;

41. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders to take part in implementing the recommendations endorsed by the Steering Committee on Accessibility in June 2019;

¹⁶ [A/79/233](#) and [A/80/361](#).

¹⁷ [A/80/361](#).

42. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all Committee members can participate in the work of the Committee on an equal basis by guaranteeing necessary support and access to information, within existing resources and when requested with sufficient time in advance, including by providing sign language assistance needed by Committee members, in accordance with article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

43. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, prior to the start of its eighty-second session, a comprehensive report made available in accessible formats marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Assembly, assessing progress, good practices, areas of opportunity and challenges in the implementation of the Convention, in consultation with persons with disabilities, including through their representative organizations, relevant United Nations entities, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations Global Disability Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, taking into account the views of relevant stakeholders and using existing available materials, and to include a segment on the status of the Convention and the Optional Protocol thereto;

44. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to maintain the levels of resources required by the relevant offices in the United Nations system for the fulfilment of their tasks with respect to their work on the rights of and inclusive development for persons with disabilities.
