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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/76/778/Add.1, para. 6)*]

76/273. Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 74/253 of 27 December 2019,

Reaffirming the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,¹ which it adopted on 13 December 2006 and which entered into force on 3 May 2008, a landmark convention affirming the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, and recognizing that it is both a human rights and a development instrument,

Noting with appreciation the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy launched by the Secretary-General on 11 June 2019,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Appreciates the progress made at the United Nations to enhance accessibility for persons with disabilities, notes the revised Procurement Manual, and expects the implementation plan of the accessibility of Headquarters premises and facilities to be completed no later than December 2023;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

² A/76/694.

³ A/76/787.



4. *Reaffirms* paragraph 5 of section II of its resolution [69/274](#) of 2 April 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to promote and facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities through the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, with a view to enhancing accessibility;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of implementing all 10 recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit⁴ in all United Nations facilities, conferences and meetings, as appropriate, in a timely manner, and invites the executive heads and the legislative bodies of the United Nations system organizations to address the relevant recommendations in their organizations, without prejudice to the measures taken in the framework of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy;

6. *Encourages* a coherent and coordinated system-wide approach to enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities to conferences and meetings of the United Nations system, while bearing in mind specific location requirements, as appropriate;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of and the need to include the views of persons with disabilities in the process of making the United Nations more accessible, and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate into his future reports on accessibility, including in his consolidated report, feedback received from persons with disabilities, including delegates with disabilities, who use the premises and facilities;

8. *Notes with appreciation* that the disability inclusion training course was developed and rolled out, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage that executive heads of the United Nations system organizations make the training course mandatory for all staff members, to strengthen their capacity in disability inclusion, and to contribute to a working environment system-wide that is inclusive of and welcoming to persons with disabilities;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to apply the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit to all United Nations renovation and construction projects, as appropriate, and to ensure accessibility in line with best practices, international standards and lessons learned from previous experiences;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that a wheelchair lift for access to the rostrum in the General Assembly Hall is constructed within existing resources, as part of the implementation plan of the accessibility of Headquarters premises and facilities, no later than 2023;

11. *Recalls* paragraphs 20 and 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-eighth session a consolidated report, produced within existing resources, on system-wide efforts to enhance accessibility for persons with disabilities including an update on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and options on the designation of a global focal point to enhance coordination.

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⁴ [JIU/REP/2018/6](#).