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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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A Global Effort to Better Realize the Rights and Needs of the Disabled

Introduction

People with disabilities are one of the most vulnerable groups in society, requiring special support and attention from governments and communities. In developing countries, their situation is exacerbated by various problems such as lack of access to basic services, discrimination and deficits in social and economic rights.

Governments and relevant organisations must fulfil their international obligations regarding the rights of persons with disabilities and take the necessary measures to improve the situation of persons with disabilities in developing countries. This includes improving access to services, ensuring social and economic rights, creating employment and educational opportunities and creating a healthy and enabling environment for their livelihoods.

As it is crucial to ensure equal opportunities and access to resources for all people in society, we ask you to focus more on issues related to persons with disabilities in developing countries in your reports and to make recommendations to improve their situation and support their rights.

Addressing the needs and rights of persons with disabilities is not only a sign of social progress, but also guarantees the improvement of the functioning of society and the realisation of sustainable development. These issues are of great importance and require the immediate attention and action of the relevant authorities, including you as Special Rapporteur on Disability. There is a clear need for a new philosophy for the design and provision of support for persons with disabilities, based on their moral agency, autonomy and social inclusion. States need to move away from service models based solely on impairment.

Human rights-based support and care systems are a necessary prerequisite for persons with disabilities to lead independent and self-determined lives in their communities. These systems consist of a network of services, people and products that enable persons with disabilities to carry out activities of daily living and actively participate in their communities. When such systems are both gender- and age-inclusive, they also help to reduce gender inequalities and ageism

These international instruments show that all countries have an obligation to respect and support the rights of persons with disabilities and should take the necessary measures to implement them.

Suggestions

States should take the necessary steps to ensure that compliance with the Convention is a prerequisite for participation in an accreditation mechanism; they should also establish independent mechanisms for service users to submit feedback and complaints; other suggestions include

1. Improving access to services: Creating equal opportunities for access to health, medical, education and transport services as well as employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
2. Establishing education and awareness programmes: Implement education and awareness programmes for the community to raise awareness of the needs and rights of persons with disabilities and promote a culture of respect and interaction with them.
3. Guarantee social and economic rights: Develop national policies and programmes to guarantee the social and economic rights of persons with disabilities, including the right to employment, social security and the right to leisure and cultural activities.
4. Facilitate access to public spaces and facilities: Improving access to public, urban and social spaces for people with disabilities, including public squares, parks, cultural and leisure centres.

5. Promoting research and technology: Creating research and technology development programmes to improve life and facilities for people with disabilities, including the development of assistive technologies and technologies compatible with their needs.

Based on our goals and beliefs, we are willing to work with members of the global community to create a better life for all people, especially people with disabilities.
