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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Libran N. Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines and H.S. Fernando Arias González, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations, as a follow up to their previous communication dated 25 March 2013, concerning preparations for the outcome document of the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities to be held on 23 September 2013.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Dejan Sahovic  
Officer-in-Charge

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to the United Nations



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Excellencies,

As a follow up to our previous communication dated 25 March 2013, we would like to update you with the latest developments concerning preparations for the outcome document of the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities which will be held at the level of Heads of State and Government on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 with the overarching theme "*The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond*".

The online consultation was held from 8 March to 5 April 2013 with more than 1,000 respondents having participated from over 60 countries. As a complement to the contributions made through the online consultation, we again would like to encourage all Member States, who have not yet done so, to carry out national consultations. This would provide Member States with the opportunity to engage with all the relevant stakeholders in the preparations for the High Level Meeting, to focus their attention on this important event, and to gather all their valuable contributions in a consolidated document that can be conveyed to us, as co-facilitators of the outcome document, before presentation of the zero draft.

With regard to the regional consultations, we wish to inform you of the following

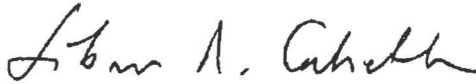
- The EU will be holding regional consultations on the 25th of April 2013 in Brussels, Belgium;
- Thailand in cooperation with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the World Bank will be holding regional consultations on 15-16 May 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand; and
- Brazil will be holding regional consultations 17-18 May 2013 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

Since we expect to receive further information on regional consultations with respect to other regions, we will keep everyone informed of further developments. A revised timeline with action taken is attached for reference and information. We have moved the deadlines for regional consultations for one whole month from 15 April 2013 to give host countries for regional consultations more time for administrative and substantive preparations. The active participation of Member States, UN agencies and all relevant stakeholders including civil society in the regional consultations is encouraged so that concerns of all stakeholders are taken into account and the process of consultations is as inclusive as possible.

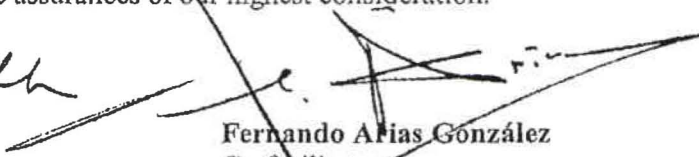
In accordance with the attached timeline, we expect to disseminate a zero draft during the first week of June and to produce after consultations/negotiations the final draft of the outcome document at the end of the said month.

We again wish to underscore the important participation at the high level meeting of delegations at the highest possible level to ensure visibility and a strong political commitment to mainstreaming disability as a cross-cutting issue in the development agenda.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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Permanent Representative of the Philippines  
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**Timeline for Preparation of the  
High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development (HLMDD)  
(UNHQ, New York, 23 September 2013)**

Timeline 2013	Action
28 February - 22 April	-DESA together with UNICEF examines all the online consultation contributions.
25 April -17 May	-Regional Consultations take place in: - Europe- EU 25 April - Asia Pacific- Thailand: 15-16 May - Americas- Brazil: 17-18 May  - Regional Consultations in other regions to be confirmed.
24 May	DESA provides the co-facilitators with its inputs for the zero draft of the outcome document.
27-31 May	Co-facilitators prepare the zero draft of the outcome document.
First week of June	Co-facilitators distribute the zero draft of the outcome document to all Member States.
10-26 June	Co facilitators will a) conduct consultations on draft outcome document b) conduct final negotiations and produce final text of the outcome document
17-19 July	- 6 <sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD
August	
September	- <b>23 September: HLMDD</b>