



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

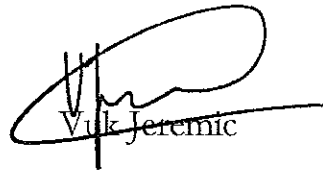
12 June 2013

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter dated 10 June 2013 from H.E. Mr. Libran N. Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines and H.E. Mr. Fernando Arias Gonzalez, Permanent Representative of Spain, the Co-Facilitators on consultations for the draft outcome document of High level Meeting on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities.

Please note that Member States and all stakeholders are invited to the first informal consultation on the outcome document of the High Level Meeting (the draft attached to the co-facilitators' letter), which will be held on 17 June 2013, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, in Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building, United Nations Headquarters.

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



Vuk Jeremic

To All Permanent Members  
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



Permanent Mission of the Philippines  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Spain  
to the United Nations

New York, 10 June 2013

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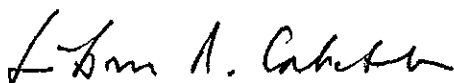
Since September 2012 both the Philippines and Spain have been closely working with your office, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), UN Agencies, Member States and relevant stakeholders to prepare a text which will serve as a basis for the negotiation of the outcome document of the 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"*.

To ensure that the concerns of all stakeholders are taken into account, Member States were encouraged to carry out national consultations in addition to the online and regional consultations that were organised. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNICEF carried out online consultations; UN agencies and entities of the UN system have provided us with their inputs; some Member States have submitted also their national contributions; and organisations of persons with disabilities have shared their views. Regional consultations have been organised in America, Asia, Europe and the Arab region. As a result of this open and inclusive process, we received contributions from around the world and from relevant stakeholders, which provided us with important elements to elaborate a first proposal, copy of which is hereby attached.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate if your office could invite the Member states and all stakeholders to the first informal consultations on the outcome document of High Level Meeting, which will take place on 17 June 2013, from 10.00 am to 1.00 p.m., in Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building, United Nations Headquarters.

We are optimistic that we will have constructive discussions which will enable us to reach an agreement at the end of the month for a concise, action-oriented document to be adopted in the High Level Meeting in September 2013.

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



**Libran N. Cabactulan**  
Co-Facilitator  
Permanent Representative of the Philippines  
to the United Nations



**Fernando Arias González**  
Co-Facilitator  
Permanent Representative of Spain  
to the United Nations

**H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremic**

President of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly  
United Nations

## HLMDD CONSENSUS

### I. Values and Principles

1. We, the heads of State and Government, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 23 September 2013, to reaffirm the commitment of the international community to the advancement of the rights of persons with disabilities in society which is deeply rooted in the goals of the United Nations Charter.
2. We reaffirm the need for the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for Persons with Disabilities towards 2015 and beyond.
3. We are concerned that this commitment has yet to be fully translated into the inclusion of disability in internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and, as 2015 approaches, strongly reiterate our determination to ensure the timely realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities who make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population, of whom 80 per cent live in developing countries.

### II. Realizing the Development Goals for Persons with disabilities towards 2015

4. We underline the need for urgent action on all sides, including more ambitious disability inclusive national development strategies and efforts backed by increased international support and resolve to undertake the following commitments leading to 2015:
  - a) Strengthen and apply the international normative framework on disability and development by encouraging the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol as both a development and a human rights instrument.
  - b) Call on Member States and UN agencies to enable persons with disabilities as agents and beneficiaries of development, in particular in all efforts aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals, by ensuring that all poverty eradication policies are inclusive of and accessible to all, including persons with disabilities;
  - c) Encourage the mobilization of public and private resources on a sustainable basis to mainstream disability in development at all levels, and in this regard underlines the need to promote and strengthen international cooperation, including South-South and triangular cooperation, regional and sub-regional cooperation and partnerships for disability inclusive development, in support of national efforts by, among others, ensuring that resources, capacity building and technical assistance advance disability inclusive development;
  - d) Encourage Member States and other stakeholders to support the objectives of the United Nations Partnership on the Promotion of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi Donor Trust Fund, including by providing voluntary contributions;
  - e) Urge regional development banks, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to mainstream disability across their development efforts and lending mechanisms, including by developing disability sensitive targets, disability safeguards and disability markers;

f) Encourage private sector entities to partner with the public sector and civil society, especially organizations of persons with disabilities, to adopt disability-targeted corporate social responsibility initiatives (CSR), and to integrate disability into their CSR policies;

g) Urge Member States, the United Nations and humanitarian organizations to ensure safety and protection of persons with disabilities in situation of risks, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters, by strengthening the systematic integration and attention to the different needs of persons with disabilities into humanitarian programming and by including accessibility as an essential component in all aspects of disaster and humanitarian response and contingency plans;

h) Ensure accessibility for all by the creation of enabling environments necessary for the full participation of all persons, including persons with disabilities, in society and development and removing barriers to the physical environment, transportation and information and communications Technologies (ICTs) for the participation of persons with disabilities, including in remote or rural areas, to achieve their human and productive potential. In that context, the universal design approach should be taken into account for mainstreaming disability in the general system of society;

i) Improve disability data collection, analysis and monitoring and evaluation for policy development and programming and support the development of internationally comparable data and statistics on disability as well as the development of a global report on disability and development with the information and analysis of the situation of persons with disabilities in society and development.

### **III. Staying engaged to achieve the Realization of the Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities beyond 2015**

5. We urge the UN system to mainstream disability across all sustainable development processes, in order to enhance cooperation with Member states and all relevant stakeholders, and request the Secretary-General to include in his annual reports on disability and development the implementation of the present outcome document until 2015 and to make recommendations, as appropriate, for concrete and further steps to implement the HLMDD Consensus within the context of the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 that integrates appropriate disability-sensitive targets and indicators in order to ensure the mainstreaming and implementation of the development goals for persons with disabilities.

6. We request the General Assembly to include in its review on the progress made towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the implementation of the present outcome document. We also request the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session to organize a special event in 2015 to follow up on the status and progress made towards the realization of the development goals for persons with disabilities.

7. The enclosures comprising all substantive documents resulting from the preparation for the HLMDD, as well as those that may come about during the HLMDD itself, are essential accompanying compilation of the HLMDD Consensus, for appropriate reference and consideration, in ensuring that post-HLMDD deliberations, actions or events relating to disability and development by Member States, intergovernmental bodies and other institutions, regional and inter-regional organizations, civil society actors and other relevant stakeholders are taken into consideration for a solid and comprehensive reference in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

**NOTE ON THE ZERO DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE HIGH  
LEVEL MEETING ON DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT  
23 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Background**

The High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development (HLMDD), which will be held at the level of heads of states and government on 23 September 2013, presents the opportunity to finally overcome the significant omission of persons with disabilities in the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals, and to ensure that persons with disabilities assume their rightful role, as agents and beneficiaries, in all aspects of development efforts towards 2015 and beyond.

**The Outcome Document**

Pursuant to the mandate given by *A/Res/66/124*<sup>1</sup>, the High-level Meeting will adopt an action-oriented outcome document in support of aims of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond.

The attached two page zero draft entitled *High Level Meeting on Disability and Development Consensus (HLMDD Consensus)* incorporates elements taken from (1) the online consultation "For a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond"; (2) regional consultations; (3) direct submission from Member States, entities of the UN system and civil society organizations and other individual contributions received by the Secretariat in response to the 10 Questions prepared as a core documents for the HLMDD; (4) summaries from the three informal consultations on the HLMDD; and (5) other relevant sources, such as the Millennium Declaration resolutions, including reports of the Secretary General and reports from relevant meetings of the United Nations and regional organizations, which identified global and regional priority areas for inclusion in an outcome document of the HLMDD.

All substantive documents resulting from the preparation for the HLMDD, as well as those that may come about during the HLMDD itself, are enclosures to the HLMDD Consensus, for appropriate reference and consideration, in ensuring that post-HLMDD deliberations, actions or events relating to disability and development by Member States, intergovernmental bodies and other institutions, regional and inter-regional organizations as well as contributions of the UN family of agencies, civil society actors and other relevant stakeholders fully take into account the elements contained therein.

The two page zero draft basically contains three parts composed of the following:

- a) The basic principles by which the commitment to the realization of inclusive, sustainable and equitable development, towards 2015 and beyond are guided;
- b) Action points for Realizing the Millennium Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities;
- c) Follow up process to ensure that Member States and stakeholders stay engaged to achieve the Realization of the Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities beyond 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> *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.*