First of all I want to wish you all the success in your new task and hope you could bear that great responsibility placed on your shoulders

I had the honor of meeting the previous UN Rapporteur, Dr. Shuaib Chalklen from South Africa more than once in Dubai and Durban at international conferences and had promised me to visit my country Kurdistan.

My Lady

We are living in a country that went through tough times, fighting and wars in the last century in order to defend our survival as the oldest nations on earth and we have never been the cause of these circumstances, but we were always in a ditch defense of the survival of our people and this situation continues till 2003, where liberalization process began for whole of Iraq, including Kurdistan.

These incidents have caused and left huge numbers of people with disabilities and at this time our country was at the beginning of the establishment of civil society, including private organizations with people with disabilities, where we were one of the early founders an Association specialized for persons with disabilities under the name of (Rozh Society) .

After stabilizing the political, Economical and security situation in Kurdistan we started our effort for writing a private law for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with some helps came from international organizations and United Nations humanitarian organizations and that we were able to finally adopt the draft laws for the rights and privileges of persons with disabilities and has been approved by the parliament of Kurdistan and we Now in the process of putting the final touches to develop a mechanism to implement those laws.

We in the Kurdistan live in a country that has no diplomatic representation in the United Nations and not an independent countries with its own flag and Border, Although we now facing the toughest conditions where we are the only force on the ground, which is fighting terrorism rather than all the world and fighting battles against the biggest terrorist force represented by Islamic State in Syria and Iraq (ISIS) and you can imagine my lady how victims comes as a result of those hostilities.

Because of those political circumstances we persons with disabilities in Kurdistan couldn’t form the Kurdistan delegations to participate in United Nations conferences and other global conferences for persons with disabilities, held annually around the world, although we tried and we participated in some of those conferences, but unfortunately We could not become members of such institutions and international organizations just because we do not have independent states and this injustice and prejudice to the right, so we ask you Madam take this matter into consideration and you have to defend those nation who still haven’t their own national countries because really they are suffering from the central system imposed on them without their will on the one hand and of the negligence of the international community on the other hand.

I hope that you will be direct support for their demands and advocate for their rights.

Note : I could send you copy of the law but iy is in Kurdish and Arabic Language.

Sincerely yours

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