

Algeria

Special Event: Convention on the Rights
of Persons with Disabilities 27 March 2007

Hr. President,

I wish to extend the congratulations of the Government of Algeria to the pioneering work of Mrs Hina Al Thani, the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability as well as to Ambassadors McKay and Morris. Grand and Buntman.

Algeria expresses its solidarity to persons with disabilities across the world. We are all challenged to give concrete expression to our determination to uphold their rights as citizens and their mainstreaming into society.

This is not an issue of compassion but the expression of a duty which behoves every member of the community. It is an incontrovertible right based on principles ~~and equality~~ ^{of dignity} which are hallmarks of civilization.

At the national level Algeria adopted a law in 2002 which introduces a quota system for persons with disabilities which will be progressively extended to all our civil service. Legislation is being ~~drawn up~~ drawn up also to provide incentives for their employment in the private sector.

At the international level, we will be present at the UN in New York on 30 March 2007 to join other Nations in signing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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