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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan accredited to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights and with reference to its Note Verbale No. GVA-0664 dated 5th August 2010, inviting information from the Member States to prepare a study as mandated in the Human Rights Council's Resolution 13/11 - entitled "Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities: National Implementation and Monitoring and Introducing as the theme for 2011 the role of International Cooperation in Support of National efforts for the Realization of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities", has the honour to enclose the response of the Government of Pakistan.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Human Rights Council Resolution 13/11 - "Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities: National Implementation and monitoring and introducing as the theme for 2011 the role of international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities"

S. No	Information required	Actions taken
a.	Key measures adopted at national level to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;	<p>Though Pakistan has not yet ratified the Convention, however, the Government has taken a number of actions keeping in view the special needs of the Persons with Disabilities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepared Design Manual and Building Bye-laws. ▪ Prepared draft legislation on accessibility. ▪ Arranged Sign Language interpretation on PTV News (National television). ▪ Prepared Directory on existing facilities for "Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)" in public and private sectors. ▪ Uploading of information regarding facilities for PWDs on website (www.moswse.gov.pk). ▪ Collaboration with national Paralympics Committee and other sports organizations. ▪ Permission for appearance of Persons with Disabilities in Central Superior Services examination.
b.	Challenges and obstacles to the full implementation at national level of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing of monitoring and evaluation system. ▪ Net-working of self-help organizations, family and parent association needs to be developed and strengthened. ▪ Poverty alleviation of families with disabled. ▪ Awareness building. ▪ Legislation for right-based approach for PWDs needs to be introduced. ▪ Corporate sector is not fully involved for training and employment of PWDs. ▪ Non-availability of reliable data on population of PWDs.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited employment opportunities for PWDs.
c.	Forms of international cooperation at bilateral and multilateral level that, as a complement to national efforts, can play a key role in assisting the realization of the convention at national level;	<p>International Cooperation in the following areas with the help of International Organizations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poverty elevation (World Bank). ▪ Inclusive development (UNICEF). ▪ Community-based rehabilitation (WHO). ▪ Social-economic development of PWDs (UNESCAP). ▪ Inclusive development, DPOs development (Sights Savers International). ▪ Social participation for PWDs and skill development (JICA). ▪ PWDs and skill development (KOICA social participation). ▪ Capacity building of visually handicapped (Braillo Norway). ▪ Capacity building of teachers (British Council). ▪ Capacity building of visually handicapped (ICEVI).
d.	Examples of engagement in international cooperation and assessment of their impact on promoting the realization of the Convention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BJICA (Social participation program in Abbottabad). ▪ KOICA (volunteer participation in skill development and rehabilitation). ▪ Sights Savers International for Inclusive development, DPOs development.
