

**REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

**CYPRUS’ INPUT REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE ` PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 53/14**

Cyprus supports the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and in view of her upcoming thematic report to be presented during the general Assembly has the honor to share the input by the Republic of Cyprus:

The consultation with the representative organizations of persons with disabilities and their active and constructive involvement in the decision-making processes in the processes of the 2030 Agenda is realized in various ways: by written communication, by open public dialogue, by meetings and discussions at the level of Ministries or Departments/Services, by participation in joint Working Groups for the processing of specific issues, by the organization of workshops and other learning activities, by written communication, etc.

More specifically, the Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, within the framework of its role as the Focal Point in Cyprus concerning the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), has consulted with the representative organizations of persons with disabilities for the formulation and monitoring of the implementation of the Disability National Strategy and the National Action Plans on Disability.

Some examples: a) within the framework of the promotion of the new legislation on supported decision-making and implementation of Article 12 of the Convention for the support in decision-making and exercise of legal capacity of persons with disabilities, a new pilot program operates in cooperation with organizations of Persons with Disabilities and with a grant from the Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities for the detailed study and recording of the required support services and operation of the new legislative and institutional framework that the bill will bring about, and b) in relation to the formulation of a new law regulating social services and benefits to persons with disabilities a consultation process has begun with the involvement of the Cyprus Confederation of Organizations of the Disabled, in a structured way, through a joint working group coordinated by the Permanent Secretary of the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare and representatives of the Cyprus Confederation of Organizations of the Disabled, preparing together the new draft law.