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Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Human Rights Council resolution 49/12

I would like to draw your attention to Human Rights Council resolution 49/12 ([A/HRC/RES/49/12](#)) on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The above-mentioned resolution requests the OHCHR “to prepare its next annual thematic study on the rights of persons with disabilities on support systems to ensure community inclusion of persons with disabilities, including as a means of building forward better after the COVID-19 pandemic, [...] in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders, regional organizations, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions, requiring contributions to be submitted in an accessible format, and requests that such stakeholder contributions, the [study itself] and an easy-to-read-version of [it] be made available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner, in an accessible format, prior to the fifty-second [...]” session of the Human Rights Council (paragraph 18).

The OHCHR would be grateful to receive any relevant information for the preparation of this study. In particular, we welcome views and information in relation to the following questions:

1(a). Does your country have laws, policies, plans, strategies or programmes at any level of government relating to individualized support for persons with disabilities? In particular initiatives related to:

- i. Communication: Support to overcome barriers that limit the ability to communicate and be understood (e.g., sign language interpretation, tactile interpretation, assistive technology and software, easy-to-read and plain language, captioning, augmentative and alternative communication, among others);
- ii. Decision-making: Support to make decisions and exercise legal capacity. This includes assistance to: (a) obtain and understand information, (b) evaluate the possible alternatives and consequences of a decision, (c) express and communicate a decision, and/or (d) implement a decision (e.g., support agreements, peer support, self-advocacy support, advance directives, crisis support, financial management assistance, among others);
- iii. Mobility: Support for personal mobility and access to affordable and available quality mobility assistance (e.g., mobility aids, assistive technologies and

- products (prostheses, orthotics, wheelchairs), animal assistance, point-to-point and paratransit transport, among others);
- iv. Assistance with daily living activities: Support to assist persons with disabilities in a one-to-one human relationship to perform daily life activities like getting up, bathing, dressing, grooming, going out, cooking, cleaning, guiding, shopping, or doing laundry (e.g., full or part time professional personal assistance, third person support allowance, informal personal assistance, household cleaner, among others);
 - v. Housing and accommodation: Support in relation to housing and living arrangements in the community, including home modifications (e.g., housing information and assistance, home support, supported living services, financial support for housing, among others);
 - vi. Family and household support: Support to families and households with members with disabilities (e.g., informal support for persons with disabilities, including care-related work leave and capacity building for informal care and support, community-based network and community mobilization programmes, peer-support groups, localized intervention programmes, circle of support, early childhood support, respite care, among others); and
 - vii. Disability-related extra costs: Financial support to pay services and goods, including personalized budgets and direct payments (e.g., cash transfers beyond income replacement, additional funds to cover support services, among others).

1(b). What are the government institutions, departments and ministries in charge of budgeting, financing and implementing the above?

1(c). How is the social and solidarity economy (third sector, non-profit sector), particularly the disability sector, involved in budgeting, financing and implementing the above (1(a))?

1(d). How are persons with disabilities and their representative organizations involved in the design and monitoring of the above (1(a))?

2(a). Does your country have legislation or policies, at any level of government, regulating and coordinating a care and support system that considers the areas mentioned in 1(a) above? Please provide references to the documentation.

2(b). If yes, please describe how the care and support system is financed and what is the percentage of the eligible population covered.

3. Does your country have a strategy to develop legislation, policies and programmes to enable the development of support systems as described in 1(a) above which includes targets, indicators and an accountability mechanism? Please provide references to the documentation.

4. Please provide data on persons with disabilities and families and households accessing care and support systems as described above in 1(a) and 2(a).

5. Please provide data on the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on persons with disabilities and families and households with members with disabilities (death rates disaggregated by disability status, death rates in institutions compared to those living in

the community, impact on income as a consequence of disruption in support or increased support and care demands, disruption in support services, among other).

The OHCHR would be grateful to receive relevant information at United Nations Office at Geneva, CH 1211 Geneva 10; fax. +41 22 917 90 08; e-mail: ohchr-registry@un.org; by 1 September 2022, in accessible format so that it can be posted on OHCHR's website. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Facundo Chávez Penillas at ohchr-disability@un.org or Mr. Juan Sebastián Jaime Pardo at juan.jaimepardo@un.org for further information or clarification.

I thank you in advance for your contribution to this important thematic study.

Yours sincerely,



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