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Dear
Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
World Health Organization

Dear
Delegates from Member States
World Health Organization

On behalf of the health professionals working on the field of disability and mainly of all the people with disabilities, who are the persons we are devoted for, I express my concern about the lack of the health-related disability problems on the list of the Targets of the draft "Draft WHO Impact Framework: 13th General Programme of Work" that is available at http://www.who.int/about/GPW13_impact-framework-draft.pdf

Disability, might be a prioritized Target in order to preserve and enhance the Health of all people with disabilities around the Globe.

The Goals can be easily defined from the WHO documents: "The Rehabilitation in the Health Systems" and "The World Report on Disabilities", -among many others-, available at:

http://www.who.int/disabilities/rehabilitation_health_systems/en/
http://who.int/disabilities/world_report/2011/en/

If the diverse problems related with disability are not included in the priorities for the following five years, it may leave billions of people out of reach of the stakeholders, governments, health systems, policy makers and decision makers.

Whether the disability is left on its own willing, it is not a matter of pity: it is a matter of human rights, inclusion, sustainability and protection for vulnerable children, adults and elder people who need a better health to enjoy life, to study, to work, to be independent and to participate in society.

The survival from very early births, the infectious diseases, the rise in motor vehicle accidents and elderly with longer lives facing disabling chronic conditions are among the most common problems causing disability and we all, friends or family members may face at any moment of our lifetime.



By having the topic of disability out of the priorities, it means that the efforts made by millions of people over the last century would be sinking on oblivion.

The States need to be aware explicitly about all needs of people with disabilities in order to build better societies.

I respectfully beg you to include the topic of disability as a Target for the WHO agenda on the draft "raft WHO Impact Framework: 13th General Programme of Work".

Sincerely yours,



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