



Statement of the Royal Government of Cambodia

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Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I am honored and pleased to be here with you, to address the 17th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities is a high priority of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

In terms of disability inclusion, the Royal Government of Cambodia has launched the first phase of the Pentagonal Strategy, which is the political platform of the Royal Government of the 7th legislature of the National Assembly with the common goal: “The people of Cambodia live with dignity, happiness, equal rights and equal opportunities in social protection.” In the context of international cooperation to promote innovations and technology transfer for an inclusive future, the Royal Government of Cambodia has launched a number of national digital policies to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities. Cambodia has digitally identification of persons with disabilities and assigned delegates to lead youth with disabilities to participate in the global digital competition every year.

With regard to persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, the Royal Government ensures that people of all ages, especially persons with disabilities, are protected by all means through prevention, intervention, timely and equitable multi-sectoral response to reduce the impact of climate change, landmines and unexploded ordnance of war “ERW”, other challenges, and improve emergency response activities.

Regarding the promotion the rights of persons with disabilities to decent work and sustainable livelihoods, the Royal Government is firmly committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities achieve secure economy by improving access to employment, career and livelihood opportunities to enhance independent living. Increase the participation of people with disabilities in paid work to improve the living standards of people with disabilities and their families, focus on entrepreneurship and self-employment, provide opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in vocational training programs, increase the number of vocational training centers and provide proper accommodation for people with disabilities, and many more people with disabilities have access to shared financial services inclusion.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm that the Kingdom of Cambodia will continue to make steady progress through continuous efforts in realization of rights and well-being of persons with disabilities as stated in In the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and hoped that the 17th Conference of States Parties will contribute to the discussion of our common commitment to achieving a common society in which no one is left behind.

Last but not least, I firmly believe that together we create different opportunities and create a future with a safe and prosperous world for people with disabilities. With this unity, we will be able to achieve the effective and efficient implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We are all looking forward to discussion, dialogue and sharing on the progress of the States Parties through the upcoming 17th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you for your attention!