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It is my great pleasure and honor to participate in the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, held in June 2023 through this little intervention but fullheartedly with all my due respect to all the attendees.

Egypt was one of the earliest countries that signed the convention in 2007, and ratified it in 2008. This Egypt's strong belief and commitment to the comprehensive set of rights for PWD.

Egypt is legally committed to state and practice these rights, in its different policies and programs, whether through the convention that was issued in 2014, in establishing the National Council for People with Disabilities in 2012, or by issuing the Law for the rights of PWD issued in 2018 and its bylaws.

The Egyptian Policies and programs are aligned with these legal commitments for all kinds of services, level of awareness and all kinds of advocacy.

• Social Protection and Cash transfers for 1.2 million PwDs is stated in the Egyptian law and practices and policies, with a total cost of 6



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billion EGP, added to Food ration cards, and paying education fees for the most vulnerable.

- We have 737 rehabilitation centers/ institutions/offices that provide all kinds of rehabilitation for all types of disabilities.
- Coverage with Universal Health Insurance is stated by the law, and access to education and youth centers while fully considering integration services, although it is still in its early stages but we are committed to make it better in the coming years.
- We also state the Rights of People with Disabilities for having job opportunities while allocating 5% of public job opportunities, and also 5% for social housing.
- The President of the State Abdel Fattah El Sisi has already commanded to have a prosthetic and assistive devices' entity that provides prosthetic and assistive devices especially for students. We already started providing these devices for school and university students free, especially for the most vulnerable.



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- Economic empowerment and financial inclusion also are being considered under the rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- I wish I could have been with you in this wonderful event but I am sure that you will come out with real and tangible results that will leave its impact on People with Disabilities in Egypt and in every place in the world.

Thank you.