

Statement

at the 17th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD (COSP17),

Mr. President,

On behalf of Lao delegation, I would like to share that Lao PDR has been firmly committed to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities according to CRPD. The convention's been streamlined into our national legislation and the Law on Persons with Disabilities enacted in 2018. In addition, the national strategy and its action plan for 2030 have been developed including the national social protection strategy which has become an integral part of the current 9th National Social-Economic Development Plan and the Agenda 2030, No One left behind.

To ensure the policies are fully and effectively implemented, the government strengthened the coordination mechanism through the committee for PWD and focal points representing line ministries and OPD at different levels. Under the supervision of the committee, a nationwide advocacy campaign's been conducted to disseminate the legislation and provide necessary support and services for PWD including healthcare, rehabilitation, vocational training, employment opportunities and livelihood development at all levels. Moreover, PWD representative's been strongly encouraged to policy

dialogue, the database's been established for appropriate planning, better support and operational purposes. To fulfill the obligations, the government has drafted CRPD action plan for better report in 2027.

Mr. President,

The Lao PDR will continue its utmost efforts to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities in close collaboration with all stakeholders to ensure the full and effective implementation of the CRDP by mainstreaming into sectoral policies, health, education, public work and other social sectors. Learning from its own experience, some challenges encountered include limited resources in both human and capital terms.

We stand ready to work closely with all UN member states and international organizations to ensure the full and effective implementation of the CRPD.

Thank you.

