

Ms.Aawatif Hayar's speech, Minister of Solidarity, Social Inclusion, and Family

The 16th session of the conference of the states parties to the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities

"Aligning National Policies and Strategies with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Achievements and Challenges" is the title of the section.

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Your Excellency Mr. general secretary of the United Nations,

Your Excellency, Mr. President of the United Nations General Assembly,

Your Excellences, representatives of the delegations of Member States,

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of the kingdom of morocco, I have the pleasure to express my sincere thanks and acknowledgments to the General secretary of the United Nations as well as the International Committee devoted to Rights of Persons with Disabilities for their efforts to protect and advance the rights of this category of people .

I want to seize the opportunity to confirm the willingness of the Kingdom of Morocco to expand collaboration with all the United Nations human rights organizations, the most

important of which is its devotion to the execution of the Convention of people with disabilities.

The Kingdom of Morocco, under the visionary leadership of his majesty the king Mohamed the VI may god assists and protects him, has consistently demonstrated its strong desire and commitment to preserving and advancing the rights of people with disabilities through:

Signing of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, its accession process to its annex protocol in 2007, and its ratification in 2009.

Adopting an integrated public strategy for 2017–2026 to enhance the lives and protect the rights of people with disabilities.

The Moroccan government was fully involved in the process of preparing the second, third, and fourth reports on the implementation of the International Convention for Persons with Disabilities according to a participatory approach.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Kingdom of Morocco is still working to align its national policies and strategies with the international convention through:

Preparing an assessment study of the National Action Plan to Advance the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2017–2021, which revealed some shortcomings in of set of programs intended to empower persons with disabilities in terms of targeting, participation in economic life, and accessibility.

The Second National Plan's objectives for the years 2022–2026, however, is based on: prevention of causes of disabilities, accessible environment, solidarity, economic empowerment, equality and finally social integration.

Ladies and Gentlemen

According to the High Directives of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may god assist and bless him, a framework law for social protection was adopted in May 2021. We also worked, within the framework of the government program, to raise the number of the financial budget directed to associations working in the field of disability and launching consultations with the private sector on setting up a contractual framework determines the rate of employment of persons with disabilities in the private sector.

Furthermore, his majesty the king Mohamed the VI has insisted in many occasions on the universal Social protection project. The latter project has enabled health care coverage for all Moroccans in 2022, and in 2023, it will ensure family allowances for 7 million children and almost 3 million families in vulnerable situations .

- The Kingdom of Morocco also looks forward to continuing its contribution to the international effort and intensifying its interaction with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in order to insure the implementation of its international commitments in this field.

Thank you for your attention