



Elemente mesaj dezbateră generală cu tema:

**Rethinking disability inclusion in the current international juncture
and ahead of the Summit of the Future**

Honourable Chair,

Your Excellencies,

Romania aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

In my national capacity, allow me to extend my delegation's gratitude for the opportunity presented by the 17th session of the Conference¹ to reflect on the evolving global landscape as we strive to ensure effective participation of persons with disabilities in society and looking forward to the Summit of the Future and the World Social Summit.

Romania remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the rights of persons with disabilities. The Ministry of Labor and Social Solidarity coordinates at the central level the activities for protecting and pushing on the rights of persons with disabilities, ensuring the monitoring of regulations' implementation in its domain.

¹ Of the states parties to the CRPD



Through the National Strategy, we continue to progress in implementing the CRPD², driving to provide a framework for the full and equal exercise of all fundamental rights and freedoms.

The main objective of our Strategy is to ensure the comprehensive and effective participation of persons with disabilities, rooted in the freedom of choice, across all spheres of life, within an accessible and resilient environment, aligned with the priority areas of the EU Strategy.

Persons with disabilities must receive adequate support to foster independent living, within families or through high-quality alternative community services.

To realize this goal, we aim to enhance inclusion and access to social services and socio-professional opportunities. This involves the development of active policies to promote formal employment and improve the quality and impact of social assistance services. It also entails active measures within the social economy sector.

In line with these objectives, in recent years, the Romanian Government, supported by the EU, has subsidized the acquisition of assistive technology.

We are working closely with experts and organizations, including the World Bank and representative NGOs to achieve our shared objectives.

² Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Our administrative system includes a completely independent body called Council of the implementation of CRPD whose reports are a valuable resource in our regulatory activities.

Moreover, in light of the extensive social assistance reforms undertaken by the Romanian Government last year, we grant the imperative of duly training personnel tasked with effectively implementing these reforms.

We recognize the transformative potential of technology to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities, while also acknowledging the potential risks and challenges they may face if technological usage is not grounded in human rights.

Persons with disabilities are often over impacted in situations of risk, including humanitarian emergencies, armed conflict, disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. The Romanian Government has constantly provided assistance and support where and when needed.

In conclusion, fostering international partnerships is pivotal in surmounting access barriers by addressing their underlying causes. A comprehensive approach involving all international actors is imperative to address these systemic challenges and fulfil the objective on leaving no one behind.