

# **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

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## **STATEMENT**

**“Rethinking Disability Inclusion in the Current  
International Juncture and ahead of the Summit of the  
Future”**

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Honorable President,

At the outset, I would like express my sincere appreciation that the Conference is being organized in the light of 'Summit of the Future' focusing on “building a society of peace, justice and inclusion”.

Türkiye, relentlessly continues its journey of development, together with all segments of society.

I am very pleased to share that the first monitoring year of the National Action Plan on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2023-2025) has been completed. The monitoring process revealed that significant progress has been made in the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in many areas including access to ICTs, decent work, and disaster and humanitarian emergencies.

First of all, Türkiye has taken decisive steps to ensure the inclusiveness, accessibility and sustainability of ICTs. Keeping in mind that ensuring the accessibility of ICTs is a legal obligation in Türkiye, a draft circular on “Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications” has been prepared to establish a system for monitoring. Additionally, trainings on Web Accessibility Standards has been provided to public institutions, universities and local governments.

Besides, Türkiye attaches great importance to provide employment opportunities in open, integrative and accessible environments. In this respect, Job Coaching system is being expanded across the country and work places are supported for reasonable accommodation through the Administrative Fines Fund. Furthermore, startup capital and management trainings are provided for persons with disabilities wishing to start their own business. Going forward, training programs will be initiated for public institutions to support the job adaptation of employees with disabilities.

Unfortunately, Türkiye experienced the crucial role of disability-inclusive risk and humanitarian solutions by the February 6 earthquakes last year. Türkiye has drawn lessons on the importance of inclusive solutions with a participatory approach at both national and international level.

Lastly, thousands of innocent lives are being murdered in the genocide committed in occupied Gaza with the merciless attacks and many have been left to live with disabilities. I am ashamed on behalf of humanity as I go through a profound suffering and sense of loss.

Yet there is hope even in the darkest of times.

The world is united, the solution lies in everyone.

I thank you.