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I. DECISIONS

1. At its Third Session, held in Bangkok from 2 to 4 March 2016, the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, decided on the following:

Communications among Working Group members:

- (a) DAISY Consortium to set up a mailing list¹ by the end of March 2016, and thereafter initiate an interactive online forum to facilitate information exchange, fully accessible to all Working Group members;
- (b) The ESCAP secretariat to send contact information of Working Group members to DAISY Consortium to be included in the mailing list outlined in decision (a);

Guidelines on travel by air of persons with disabilities:

- (c) World Blind Union, together with ASEAN Disability Forum and World Federation of the Deafblind Asia and the Pacific, to develop and circulate draft guidelines regarding passengers travelling by air with motorized wheelchairs, other mobility aids and medical devices, by the Fourth Session of the Working Group;
- (d) The ESCAP secretariat to invite to the Fourth Session of the Working Group a representative from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to present the international standards regarding transport of dangerous goods by air, particularly on exemptions for passengers travelling by air with motorized wheelchairs, other mobility aids and medical devices;

Preparations for the 2017 midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022:

- (e) The ESCAP secretariat to circulate to Working Group members two draft questionnaires, for Governments and CSOs, in September 2016 for feedback;
- (f) The ESCAP secretariat to circulate the final questionnaires to member States and CSOs in October 2016;
- (g) The ESCAP secretariat to develop an online platform for submission of response to the questionnaires by member States and CSOs;
- (h) Member States and CSOs to submit completed questionnaires to the ESCAP secretariat by latest February 2017 through the platform outlined in decision (g);
- (i) The ESCAP secretariat to develop and circulate the draft midpoint review document, based on the responses to the questionnaires by May 2017;
- (j) Member States and CSOs to review the draft midpoint review document mentioned in decision (i) and verify its content by July 2017;

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- (k) The ESCAP secretariat to produce by September 2017 the draft outcome document for the 2017 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;
- (l) The ESCAP secretariat to draft a summary of all reports from the four Working Group sessions, to be submitted to the 2017 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;
- (m) The ESCAP secretariat to revise the brochure for the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund for the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities based on recommendations made by Working Group members at the Third Session.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The following recommendations also emerged from the discussions of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, at its Third Session:

- (a) Each Working Group member, as well as the ESCAP secretariat, should communicate information and proposals from Working Group sessions to non-Working Group members of the ESCAP membership;
- (b) ESCAP member States who have yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty² should consider taking steps to do so;
- (c) ESCAP member States who have participated in the Incheon Strategy indicators project, funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea, may consider taking steps to adopt their national action plans, and share their experience of the process as appropriate;
- (d) CSO Working Group members should identify national disability CSO focal points by August 2016, who will coordinate the distribution of the questionnaire to CSOs within each country;
- (e) Working Group members should support fundraising initiatives for the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund for the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities.

III. PROCEEDINGS

A. Review of the implementation of decisions and recommendations emanating from the Second Session of the Working Group

² Please find Treaty text here:

<http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/copyright/en/vip_dc/vip_dc_8_rev.pdf>

3. The Session had before it the Report on the Second Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, New Delhi, 2-3 March 2015 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/INF/4).

4. The following Working Group Government members made interventions: India and Bhutan. The following CSOs made interventions: ASEAN Disability Forum (ADF); Asia and Pacific Disability Forum (APDF); Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD); Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) Consortium; Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) Asia-Pacific; Pacific Disability Forum (PDF); and the World Federation of the Deafblind in Asia and the Pacific (WFDBAP).

5. The ESCAP secretariat briefed Working Group members on the Operational Guide on Disability-inclusive Meetings. APDF reaffirmed the significance and importance of disability inclusive meetings, and called on further development and stronger implementation of the guidelines. The Working Group members praised the secretariat for the high-quality and usefulness of the guide.

6. Several Working Group members raised the issue of civil aviation restrictions placed on passengers with disabilities, including the carrying of batteries for motorized wheelchairs as well as other mobility aids and medical devices. It was concluded that a sharing of strategies for effective implementation of rules and regulations was needed.

7. India noted its initial efforts to establish an online interactive platform for Working Group members to share ideas and information related to the effective implementation of the Incheon Strategy. DAISY expressed its interest in leading the development and hosting of the platform. Working Group members discussed different alternatives and gave their support to DAISY's leadership on this initiative, and highlighted the need for the platform to be fully accessible.

8. ADF stressed the importance of sharing information and outcomes of the Working Group sessions with Governments and CSOs in the region that are non-members of the Working Group. The proposal was fully supported.

B. Review of progress in the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

9. The Session had before it the Summary of reports submitted by Working Group members (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/1), the Road map for the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/INF/5), as well as the Summary of road map actions taken by the ESCAP secretariat for the period from 2013 to 2015 (SDD/APDPD(3)/WG(3)/2).

10. The following Working Group Government members made interventions: China; Fiji; India; Japan; Mongolia; the Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; and Thailand. The following CSOs made interventions: ADF; APDF; APCD; DAISY; DPI; Inclusion International Asia-Pacific (IIAP); Rehabilitation International Asia Pacific Region (RIAP); SADE; World Blind Union Asia-Pacific (WBUAP); WFDBAP; and World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP). The following invited guests presented: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Korea Disabled People's Development Institute (KODDI); UNICEF.

11. The ESCAP secretariat presented the synergies between the Incheon Strategy and relevant global mandates, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Beijing Platform for Action. The secretariat mentioned its development of a matrix that compares the specific disability-focused goals, targets and indicators in the various global mandates, which would soon be available online. Several Working Group members noted their appreciation to the ESCAP secretariat for these comparisons.

12. India mentioned the need to devise a mechanism of rating one's own progress and achievements in meeting the goals set out by global mandates, including the Incheon Strategy.

13. The ESCAP secretariat outlined its actions to implement the Incheon Strategy including the road map actions, which included national consultations on Incheon Strategy indicators, as well as workshops, events and publications focused on accessibility, the establishment of the ESCAP Accessibility Centre, and other international advocacy and awareness initiatives.

14. Based on the reports submitted to ESCAP, the secretariat presented a summary of actions taken by Working Group members, separately for Governments and CSOs, in implementing the Incheon Strategy including the road map actions. The secretariat noted that 28 of the 30 members had submitted their reports.

15. Working Group members further elaborated on their actions, with several Government members reiterating policy actions taken to support the implementation of the Incheon Strategy and the CRPD. In particular, Japan highlighted that its new "Act on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities" was entering into force in April 2016. APDF presented results of research conducted on the implementation status of the Incheon Strategy across the Asia and Pacific region. The Republic of Korea also highlighted its efforts in 2015 to promote early detection and intervention for children with disabilities and the independent living of persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific through the use of the "Make the Right Real" Fund.

16. Some Working Group members noted the need for additional considerations with regard to standards, legislation and policy. Furthermore, WNUSP mentioned that certain parts of mental health legislation in themselves were barriers for inclusion, and called for greater awareness on the need for compatibility of policy with the integration of persons with psychosocial disabilities. IIAP also noted the importance of directly addressing issues such as forced sterilization as a human rights violation.

17. Several Working Group members mentioned their multilateral engagement initiatives with Governments, CSOs and regional and international organizations, promoting disability mainstreaming in development areas including disaster risk reduction, education, vocational training and employment opportunities, medical services, and social protection and community integration. Many initiatives were underscored by the goal for empowerment and self-reliance of persons with disabilities in the region. APCD noted the success and further potential to partner with the private sector in promoting disability inclusive businesses.

18. The ESCAP secretariat gave a brief overview on the International Civil Aviation Organizations (ICAO) standards on the transport of dangerous goods by air. Several Working Group members noted challenges with and variance in the implementation of the standards across different countries and airline carriers. ADF, WBUAP and WFDBAP discussed the need for developing a set of guidelines outlining the need for and challenges associated with travelling with mobility aids, calling for ICAO to be invited to present at the Fourth Session of the Working Group.

C. Consideration of preparations for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities in 2017

19. The following Working Group Government members made interventions: Bhutan; China; Fiji; India; Pakistan; the Philippines; and Republic of Korea. The following CSOs made interventions: ADF; APCD; APDF; Asia-Pacific DPO United (APDPO); DAISY; PDF; RIAP; SADF; WBUAP; and WNUSP.

20. The ESCAP secretariat presented the objectives of the 2017 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting for the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities. Specific emphasis was placed on the review process in which member States will be required to submit data on the 41 Incheon Strategy core indicators to the ESCAP secretariat. The secretariat proposed a timeframe for the preparation process, including the distribution and submission of questionnaires to ESCAP member States and CSOs in Asia and the Pacific.

21. The ESCAP secretariat asked for Working Group members to provide feedback and suggestions on various aspects of the outlined preparations for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting in 2017:

- (a) Several Working Group members noted the importance to reflect the view of diverse and marginalized groups in the draft outcome document.
- (b) It was proposed that a statement from the Working Group should be submitted to the 2017 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting, and as a basis for the statement, it was decided that the ESCAP secretariat should draft a summary of all reports from the four Working Group sessions.
- (c) Most Working Group members supported the secretariat's timeframe for questionnaires to be filled out and submitted by Governments and CSOs. Some Working Group members expressed the importance of Working Group members reviewing the draft questionnaires to ensure that they would be both relevant and fully supported by the members. China recommended that questionnaires be distributed through high-level official channels in order to receive high quality responses in a timely manner.
- (d) Working Group members expressed differing views on whether Governments and CSOs should be given the same questionnaire. Some Working Group members noted the importance of having the same questionnaire in order to easily compare data and results and to allow CSO submissions to function as shadow reports to those of the Government. Other Working Group members noted the different capacities and strengths of Governments and CSOs, calling for a different questionnaire for CSOs

that focuses on the effects of implementation of the Incheon Strategy at the community level. Bhutan noted the importance of including well-thought-out questions designed to allow members to respond effectively despite their potential limited capacity to collect in-depth data. Working Group members then agreed that having a complementary questionnaire for CSOs would provide the most effective results.

- (e) SADF suggested that a CSO focal point be appointed in each ESCAP member State, functioning as a coordinator to encourage local CSOs to respond to the questionnaire. India highlighted the value of involving CSOs to provide quality responses to the government questionnaire.

D. Review of resource mobilization for Decade progress

22. The following Working Group Government members made interventions: Fiji and India. The following CSOs made interventions: APCD and WFDBAP.

23. The ESCAP secretariat presented the current status of the ESCAP Multi-donor Trust Fund for the Asian and the Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, including the development of a Trust Fund website and the draft brochure on which Working Group members provided feedback and recommendations.

24. Reiterating one of the Trust Fund's goals to provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities in ESCAP Meetings (including Working Group sessions), the Working Group discussed methods for better mobilizing resources. Suggestions included reaching out to other international agencies and exploring crowdsourcing initiatives to facilitate individual contributions. Fiji stated its intention to contribute to the Fund in the near future.

E. Discussion on the date and venue of the next regular session

25. As of the end of April 2016, no offers from the Working Group members had been made to host the next regular session. Therefore, in accordance with rules 2 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, the Fourth Session of the Working Group in 2017 shall be held at the Headquarters of ESCAP in Bangkok, with members participating on a self-financing basis.

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