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**Consideration of the draft ministerial declaration on the
Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities,
2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the
right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the
Pacific**

Proposals for amendments to the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

Japan

Japan proposes the following changes to the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.¹

* E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/L.1.

** Text in ~~strikethrough~~ indicates a proposed deletion and in **boldface** a proposed addition.

¹ E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/WP.1

**Draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of
Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022**

Article	Proposal
OP6.	Recommend that the Commission at its sixty-ninth session decide to convene a High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to review the progress of the Decade at the mid-point of the Decade (2017), and to mark the conclusion of the Decade (2022).

**Draft Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for persons with
disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

Article	Proposal
C. Incheon goals and targets	<p>Goal 1: Reduce poverty and enhance work and employment prospects.</p> <p>Target 1.B</p> <p>Increase by 50 per cent the employment of persons with disabilities</p> <p>Expand work and employment opportunities for those persons with disabilities who can and want to work</p> <p>Core indicators</p> <p>1.2 Employment rate of persons with disabilities Ratio of persons with disabilities in the total work force</p> <p>Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication</p> <p>Core indicators</p> <p>3.4 Proportion of government websites that meet internationally recognized standards for information and communications technologies Proportion of accessible and usable public documents and websites that meet international recognized accessibility standards</p> <p>Goal 7: Ensure disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction</p> <p>Target 7.A</p> <p>Strengthen disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction planning in collaboration with key stakeholders including persons with disabilities</p> <p>Goal 9: Accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and harmonization of national legislation with the Convention</p> <p>Target 9.A</p> <p>By the midpoint of the Decade (2017), 10 more Asia-Pacific Governments shall have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and by the end of the Decade (2022) another 10 Asia-Pacific Governments shall have ratified or acceded to the Convention</p> <p>Target 9.B</p> <p>Enact national laws which include anti-discrimination provisions, technical standards and other measures to uphold and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, and amend or nullify national laws that directly or indirectly discriminate against persons with disabilities, with a view to harmonizing national legislation with the Convention</p>

Core indicators

9.1 Number of Governments that have ratified ~~or acceded~~ to the Convention9.2 Availability of national anti-discrimination legislation to uphold and protect the rights of persons with disability, **and number of actions taken to harmonize national legislation with the Convention****Russian Federation**

The Russian Federation proposes the following changes to the draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the draft Incheon strategy to “make the right real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.²

Draft ministerial declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

Article	Proposal
OP3.	<p>(a) Subregional intergovernmental entities, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Pacific Islands Forum, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization³ and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, to promote and strengthen subregional cooperation for disability-inclusive development, in coordination with ESCAP;</p> <p>(d) Members of The United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, to “deliver as one” on promoting disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific, including through effective use of existing mechanisms at the regional and country levels, such as the United Nations Development Group and United Nations country teams. and to facilitate the inclusion of disability dimensions in the development agenda beyond 2015 in diverse sectors.⁴</p>

² E/ESCAP/APDDP(3)/WP.1

³ “The social issues are not currently in the SCO agenda.”

⁴ “Members of the UN System are Member States. The content of the para refers to the UN funds, specialized agencies and etc. Any decision on the post 2015 agenda should be taken by the UN Member States. The work in this field is just to begin. It is premature and beyond the mandate of ESCAP to give a task to the UN bodies with respect to the facilitation of inclusion any issues in the post 2015 development agenda.”

Draft Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

Article	Proposal
B. Key principles and policy direction	(k) Diverse disability groups are empowered that include but are not limited to the following under-represented groups: girls and boys with disabilities, young persons with disabilities, women with disabilities, persons with intellectual, learning and developmental disabilities, persons with autism, persons with psychosocial disabilities, persons who are deaf, hard of hearing and deafened, persons who are deaf-blind, persons with multiple disabilities, persons with extensive disabilities, older persons with disabilities, disabled persons living with HIV, indigenous persons with disabilities, disabled persons affected by leprosy ⁵ , family advocacy groups, as well as particularly marginalized persons with disabilities living in slums, rural and remote areas and atolls;
C. Incheon goals and targets	<p>Goal 1: Reduce poverty and enhance work and employment prospects.</p> <p>Target 2: Increase by 50% the employment of persons with disabilities at working age.</p> <p>Goal 2: Promote participation in political processes and decision making.</p> <p>Core indicators</p> <p>2.1 Proportion of seats held by persons with disabilities in the parliament or equivalent national legislative body⁶</p> <p>Supplementary indicators</p> <p>2.5 Proportion of persons with disabilities who hold cabinet positions at the national level</p> <p>2.6 Proportion of persons with disabilities who are supreme court judges⁷</p> <p>Goal 6: Ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment</p> <p>Core indicators</p> <p>6.1 Availability of national plans on promoting the participation of girls and women with disabilities in mainstream development programmes⁸</p>

⁵ “Russian legislation does not always qualify persons living with HIV and persons affected by leprosy as disabled.”

⁶ “According to the national legislation the composition of the parliament or other legislative body consists of the persons elected by citizens. The para limits the right of citizens on free election.”

⁷ “According to the national legislation all Russian citizens are equally eligible to participate in decision-making processes, to vote and to be elected in the government and local government bodies. The inclusion of the indicator discriminate any other citizens who are not disabled.”

⁸ “The indicator #1 does not correspond to the target 1 because it is not result oriented. Availability of plans does not exactly mean that any progress has been reached with respect to the target 1.”

D. Modalities for effective implementation: national, subregional and regional levels	<p>2. Subregional level</p> <p>27. Subregional intergovernmental entities, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Pacific Islands Forum, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization⁹; and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, have an important role in contributing to accelerated implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Incheon Strategy by actively promoting disability-inclusive policies and programmes within their respective mandates.</p> <p>3. Regional level</p> <p>30. The ESCAP secretariat shall contribute to the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Incheon Strategy through its regional convening and norm-setting¹⁰ role, analytical work and technical support to governments. In particular, it shall undertake the following in cooperation with United Nations entities:</p>
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Draft terms of reference of the working group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities¹¹

Membership	<p>3. The working group shall be composed of representatives of ESCAP members and associate members, as well as civil society entities non-governmental organizations operating at the regional and subregional levels in Asia and the Pacific, which have been granted consultative status by the Economic and Social Council.¹²</p> <p>6. A civil society entity non-governmental organization in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that meets the following criteria shall also be eligible to serve as a member of the working group: (a) operate at the regional and/or subregional levels in Asia and the Pacific; (b) be an organization or network that represents, supports and/or promotes the interests of persons with diverse disabilities; (c) has technical expertise relevant to advancing the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Incheon Strategy.</p>
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⁹ “The social issues are not currently in the SCO agenda.”

¹⁰ “The norm setting role is a prerogative of the Member States not the ESCAP secretariat.”

¹¹ “Being convinced that all ESCAP member states should be eligible to participate in the Working group, Russia insists on the open-ended nature of the Working Group. Secondly, with regards to participation of non-governmental organizations in the activities of the Working group, The Russian side would like to recall paragraph 11 of ESCAP Terms of Reference. In view of the above we propose the following amendments to paragraphs 3, 6, 8 and delete para 9.”

¹² “Changes have been made in accordance with para 11 of the Terms of Reference of the ESCAP.”

~~8. The proposed composition of the working group shall be submitted to the Commission at the session that immediately follows the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting, for a final decision. Thus, the Commission at its sixty ninth session, in 2013, will make the final decision on the composition of the working group for the first term, spanning the period 2013-2017. The second announcement of interest in serving on the working group shall take place at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting convened on the occasion of the midpoint of the Decade (2017). The Commission at its seventy fourth session, in 2018, will make the final decision on the composition of the working group for the second term, spanning the period 2018-2022.~~

8. The Executive Secretary will submit, not later than three months prior to the Commission session that immediately follows the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting, the list of the non-governmental organizations to member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Commission on the composition of the working group for the first term spanning the period 2013-2017.

8a. The second announcement of interest in serving in the working group shall take place at the mid-point of the Decade (2017) at the next High-level Intergovernmental Meeting. The Executive Secretary will submit, not later than three months prior to the Commission's seventy-fourth session in 2018, the list of the non-governmental organizations to member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Commission on the composition of the working group for the second term spanning the period 2018-2022.¹³

¹³ "The proposed procedures are similar to those which were used in accordance with GA resolution 65/180."