

Joint statement by MIKTA during the Annual debate on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Mr. President,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the MIKTA group, Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia.

MIKTA welcomes today's discussion on article 13 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, regarding access to justice.

We express our commitment to pursue all necessary measures to eliminate obstacles and barriers faced by persons with disabilities in accessing justice, to facilitate their effective role as direct and indirect participants, and to ensure access to legal proceedings to seek and obtain appropriate remedies on an equal basis with others.

We welcome the examples of good practices contained in the report, and look forward to learning more about different legal systems in our discussions today.

MIKTA members underline the importance of promoting appropriate training for those working in the administration of justice, including

police and prison staff, as well as the active involvement and participation of persons with disabilities as direct and indirect participants, at all stages, in the administration of justice systems, as core elements of the right to effective access to justice.

This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves that there is still much to be done in order to achieve the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities. Even though, there has been notable progress, we need to ensure that women and girls with disabilities do not face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. We highlight the importance of the CRPD principles, the indivisibility, and interdependency of all human rights and the general obligations contained in the Convention.

MIKTA takes this opportunity to renew its commitment to promote the participation of persons with disabilities in the development of strategies and programs to tackle these situations and call upon all agencies and relevant stakeholders to join these efforts.