

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 26 of the CRPD, regarding the responsibility of States of taking habilitation and rehabilitation measures in order to enable persons with disabilities to attain full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.

We express our commitment to have a human rights based approach to habilitation and rehabilitation, including the removal of attitudinal and environmental barriers that impede the full and effective participation in society of persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others.

MIKTA also recognizes that rehabilitation involves a wide range of functional interventions; both medical and non-medical, interrelated with the enabling or restrictive conditions of the environment, and that rehabilitation is just one of various components of disability-inclusive policies and a community-based inclusive development.

MIKTA members underline the importance that legislation on rehabilitation should promote quality services that entrench a human rights-based approach to their provision, including with respect to free and informed consent in accordance with the CRPD, as well as non-discrimination, availability, affordability, accessibility, access in the community and participation.

We also recognize that rehabilitation policies should prioritize early intervention and promote a comprehensive and individualized approach to service delivery, access to adequate and affordable assistive devices and technologies, the integration and decentralization of rehabilitation services, and the availability of services as close as possible to communities, including in rural areas.

Mr President,

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

Thank you.