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High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Midpoint Review of the
Asian and pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022

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- Excellencies Chairperson
- Delegation from the Member States
- Distinguished Guests

Today, on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, I
am very delighted to participate in the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting
this time.

In this auspicious occasion, I would like to update the meeting on the
Cambodia’s firm commitment in the implementation of the Convention on the
Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in particular the Asian and Pacific Decade
of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the
Right Real” in order to improve disability area in line with the development
situation in Cambodia. Actually, Cambodia has considered disability as one of
the major priorities which is laid out in the Rectangular Strategy Phase 3 on
the implementation of disability policy through the enhancement of the
implementation the Law on the Promotion and Protection of Persons with
Disabilities, enhancement the protection and promotion of rights and welfare
of persons with disabilities and strengthen the quality and effective services of Person with Disability Fund. In particular, Cambodia has laid down a number of laws and regulations and major policy to ensure nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and inclusion of persons with disabilities in society.

In 2012, Cambodia became the Party Member of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 of the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" in which ratification made on 2 November 2012 and officially proclaimed on 29 May 2013, and thereafter, numerous remarkable achievements been made such as the development of 2014-2018 National Disability Strategy Plan of Action to synchronise within this strategy in order to provide major strategies focus on socio-economic and cultural activity, health and rehabilitation including education and employment and infrastructure services an information and participation of women and children with disabilities in politics, and so on.

In addition, Cambodia in partnership with the United Nation Agencies in Cambodia has been implemented the Disabilities Rights Initiative Cambodia supported by the Australian Government in order to better improve the living conditions of persons with disabilities.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Kingdom of Cambodia has adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Key Indicators which is the basis ensuing prospective, progressive and dignity elevation of person with disabilities.

I am pleased to inform the meeting of the current 19 ministries-institutions in which 16 provincial disability working groups established proving our participation in addressing challenges such as national accessibility guidelines, quota for persons with disability employment in public and private enterprises, reward for persons with disability champion in professional competition and Special Olympic tournament and allowances for coaches and assistants, vocational training policy for persons with disability, including women with disability, free assistive devices contribution and rehabilitation, civil aviation accessibility regulation for persons with disability, free public health care services, allowances for person with disability in cultural activity, allowances in education for children with disability, ID poor for persons with disability, roadmap policy on access of infrastructure at sub national level, and being developed standard policy in relations to providing driving license for persons with disability and the discount for school fee and learning material for persons with disability.

As a matter of fact, Cambodia is in the process of leadership strengthening, planning and role coordination that is vital to ensure the
sustainable community rehabilitation including the rehabilitation service for persons with disability.

In response to the strategy, disabilities awareness is one of the main agendas for Cambodia in promoting equality and full participation of persons with disability in all area. Moreover, the Act on Information Access has been drafted, the Act on Civil Servant Statute has been amended by deletion a clause in the article on “Applicant shall be in non-disabled physical appearance”, the amendment on the social security standard, the process to identify poor people for identification card in rural area, the risk and disaster reduction in community and social protection standard in widening for the discussion with person with disability organisation.

Recently, the Government of Cambodia has laid out the policy on social protection in order to outline the strategy action plan of the government ensuring income and reduce the people’s economic and financial vulnerability for uplift the societal welfare and solidarity and maximising the poverty reduction.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm that to date Cambodia became the Middle Income Country in last July and we will endeavour to continue the progress, sustainability through the collective effort in order to achieve the right of person with disability under this strategy. I am firmly believe that the Meeting of the States Parties will contribute to the discussion in relation to the collection of the commitment and responsibilities toward the prospectus social achievement with no person with disability will be neglected.

Last but not least, may I wish the States Parties Session of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” to be conducted successfully and productively.

May you all be fine and with every success.

Thank you