Forty-eighth session  
THIRD COMMITTEE  
Agenda item 109  

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD  
SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND  
THE FAMILY  

Afghanistan, Belarus, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt,  
Indonesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Morocco,  
Nicaragua, Philippines and Romania: draft resolution  

Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in  
society: a continuing world programme of action  

The General Assembly,  

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/52 and  
37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991 and 47/88 of  
16 December 1992, and taking note of Economic and Social Council decision  
3 March 1992, 1/  

Noting the importance of developing and carrying out concrete long-term  
strategies for the full implementation of the World Programme of Action  
concerning Disabled Persons beyond the United Nations Decade of Disabled  
Persons, with the aim of achieving a society for all by the year 2000,  

Reaffirming that the efforts of both the developing and the developed  
countries are indispensable to mobilize the world’s attention and resources to  
address the problems of persons with disabilities,  

Aware of the major obstacles to the implementation of the World Programme  
of Action concerning Disabled Persons, foremost among these being an inadequate  
allocation of resources,  

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992,  
1. **Reaffirms** the continuing validity and value of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, which provides a firm and innovative framework for disability-related issues;

2. **Reiterates** the responsibility of Governments for removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration of persons with disabilities into society, and supports their efforts in developing national policies to reach specific objectives;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue to give higher priority and visibility to disability issues within the work programme of the United Nations system by:

   (a) Integrating disability issues into the policies, programmes and projects of the specialized agencies on a broader scale and with higher priority, and asking all the specialized agencies to report on their engagement in the disability field;

   (b) Asking the United Nations Development Programme to review how a disability component can be incorporated in all its reconstruction programmes;

   (c) Finalizing the ongoing work within the United Nations Development Programme of creating a disability index based on the twenty-two rules in the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities; 2/

   (d) Publishing a manual on the integration of disability issues into national planning and development projects;

   (e) Asking the Statistical Office of the Secretariat, in close cooperation with all relevant United Nations organizations and Governments, to continue its important work of collecting statistical data about disability matters and to finalize the commendable work carried out by the Statistical Division of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the development of a global disability indicator;

4. **Recommends** that regional arrangements, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa and other relevant regional organizations, be fully utilized to explore the best ways and means to improve the specific situation of persons with disabilities in each region;

5. **Invites** Member countries and the private sector, including relevant non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability;

6. **Invites** Member countries and other donors to pay close attention to the increasing number of persons with disabilities as a consequence of natural disasters, wars and catastrophic accidents;

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2/ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/19, annex.

8. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item entitled "Social development".

\(^3\) See E/ESCAP/902, annex I.