

## Resolution GA/3/1.1

### General Assembly Third Committee

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Topic 1: Agenda Item 26.A - Social development including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, aging, disabled persons, and the family.

The General Assembly, calling to the forefront the challenges that have been faced by and continue to be challenges for, persons with disabilities, noting the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) was adopted on 13 December, 2006, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

Expressing its satisfaction in the progress made thus far recognizing the unique needs of persons with disabilities,

Having heard the need for special accommodations regarding access to public and regional transportation,

Taking note of the need for further specialized training of medical staff who treat disabled persons,

Deeply disturbed by the continued stereo-typing of persons with disabilities as incapable or unable to contribute to their community and the greater society,

Having studied the benefits of making education as inclusive as possible,

Keeping in mind that education around the topics affecting persons with disabilities still needs to be utilized at the community level,

1. Emphasizes that barriers still need to be overcome in and around buildings and transportation systems which can limit the mobility of PWD;
2. Has resolved to support children with disabilities by providing programs offering physical and emotional support so that they feel comfortable when they attend school and within their communities;
3. Calls upon businesses to train and employ PWD;
4. Expresses its hope to raise awareness of the use of first person language when referring to PWD;
5. Affirms the need for programs that raise awareness of the need to show empathy to PWD;

6. Supports the work of NGO's which recommends organizing holding regular international forums to share expertise on all topics concerning PWD;
7. Further recommends best practices conferences on healthcare, health insurance initiatives specifically related to the challenges faced by many PWD;
8. Urges all public schools to continue to make their schools accessible to children with disabilities;
9. Further invites all schools to strengthen the educational opportunities for young people with disabilities to further improve their employability;
10. Urges member states to evaluate their ability to provide low cost or free health insurance to PWD;
11. Encourages schools to provide alternative language learning programs, such as reading braille or learning sign language, which help build empathy and understanding toward PWD;
12. Strongly affirms the efforts by airlines and airports to facilitate accessibility for all PWD and to continue educational programs which train air transportation employees to be sensitive to the needs of PWD;
13. Authorizes and affirms programs in developing countries which provide education on the abilities of PWD and the contributions that they can make to their community and to society;
14. Takes note of the approach that any city can create a barrier-free area for a percentage of their city space aimed at being accessible to all people, disabled or enabled, as a meeting and sharing space; and,
15. Encourage enforcement of laws aimed at eliminating discrimination of all kinds, particularly against the very vulnerable PWD.