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of the Commission, including the work of the regional
institutions: social development

Note verbale dated 24 April 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific addressed to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**


The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to ESCAP has further the honour to request the proposed composition of the Working Group be circulated to the members of ESCAP for their consideration at the 74th Commission Session.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to ESCAP avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of ESCAP the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Letter of H.E. Ms. Zhang Haidi, Chairperson of the China Disabled Person’s Federation and Chair of High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities addressed to H.E. Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP


The terms of reference of the Working Group stipulate that the Working Group shall be composed of 30 members: 15 from members and associate members and 15 from civil society, that the second announcement of interest in serving on the Working Group be made at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting convened on the occasion of the midpoint of the Decade and that the Commission at its seventy-fourth session, in 2018, will make the final decision on the composition of the Working Group for the second term, spanning the period 2018-2022.

Accordingly, expressions of interest from members, associate members and civil society organizations in serving as members of the Working Group for the second term (2018-2022) were recorded by the ESCAP secretariat at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting convened from 27 November to 1 December 2017. In line with the discussions and recommendations made by the High-level Meeting, the secretariat continued to receive further expressions of interest from members, associate members and civil society organizations until 30 December 2017.

The secretariat checked the eligibility of civil society organizations in accordance of paragraph 7 of the terms of reference which states that, for a civil society entity to be eligible to serve as a member of the Working Group, it should: (a) be operating at the regional and/or subregional levels in Asia and the Pacific; (b) be an organization or network that represents, supports and/or promotes the interests of persons with diverse disabilities; and (c) have technical expertise relevant to advancing the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Incheon Strategy.

I thank the secretariat for its support in the review and consultation process. I am pleased to attach the proposed composition of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, for the second term, spanning the period 2018 to 2022, and request the secretariat to submit it to the Commission for its consideration and final endorsement.

(Signed) Zhang Haidi
Chairperson of China Disabled Persons’ Federation
Attachment of the letter of H.E. Ms. Zhang Haidi, Chairperson of the China Disabled Person's Federation and Chair of High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities addressed to H.E. Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP


(a) Members and associate members of ESCAP

i. Bangladesh  
ii. Bhutan  
iii. China  
iv. India  
v. Indonesia  
vi. Japan  
vii. Kiribati  
viii. Malaysia  
ix. Myanmar  
x. Pakistan  
xi. Republic of Korea  
xii. Russian Federation  
xiii. Samoa  
xiv. Thailand  
xv. Timor-Leste

(b) Civil society organizations

i. ASEAN Autism Network  
ii. Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)  
iii. Asia-Pacific Disability Forum (APDF)  
iv. Asia-Pacific Women with Disabilities United (APWWDU)  
v. Asia-Pacific Disabled Peoples' Organizations United (APDPO United)  
vi. Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) Consortium  
vii. Disabled Peoples' International Asia-Pacific (DPI AP)  
viii. Inclusion International Asia-Pacific  
ix. Pacific Disability Forum (PDF)  
x. Rehabilitation International Asia-Pacific (RIAP)  
xii. Shuchona Foundation  
xii. South Asian Disability Forum (SADF)  
xiii. World Blind Union Asia-Pacific & Asian Blind Union (WBU-AP&ABU)  
xiv. World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariat for Asia (WFD RSA)  
xv. World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP)