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*Dear High Commissioner,*

*Dear delegates,*

Italy has begun an important reform process on the issue of disability.

The time has come to speed up the full application of the UN Convention and above all the right of everyone to a participatory life from a civil, social and political point of view in our countries.

The time has come to make a new qualitative leap in the perspective of inclusion and also start talking about valorizing people, supporting everyone's abilities and talents, investing in each person and offering opportunities.

Now is the time to start overcoming the extreme fragmentation between health, socio-health and social policies. We will do this in particular by introducing a tool called "life project" which will allow the activation of tailor-made measures and services based on desires and everyone's preferences.

Together we can always do more.

*Thank you.*