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**Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**  
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Mr. President, Madam Special Rapporteur,

The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) welcomes the Special Rapporteur's report on her vision and priorities for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities during her tenure.

We join her in commending the work of her predecessors and the many achievements made by the mandate since its creation ten years ago.

GANHRI expresses its support to the Special Rapporteur's accessible, participatory, and inclusive approach to her mandate, with a view to centering the diverse voices and experiences of persons with disabilities throughout her work.

As independent institutions with a broad human rights mandate, NHRIs worldwide play a vital role in championing the rights of persons with disabilities and promoting inclusivity, equality, and dignity for all.

We welcome the critical issues identified by the Special Rapporteur, which coincide with those that NHRIs address in their daily work. We particularly welcome her intent to continue promoting the inclusion of disability in all efforts to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as to address the specific and disproportionate impacts of climate change on persons with disabilities.

We call upon all States to fully cooperate with the mandate in order to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

GANHRI wishes the Special Rapporteur the best of success and looks forward to collaborating with her and all our partners to build a more inclusive and just future for all.

I thank you, Mr. President