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Mr President,

APG23 welcomes the constructive participation of France in the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and would like to commend the governments that made recommendations on the improvement of the life of people with disabilities.

Our submission for the UPR of France focused on the huge inequalities in income, works policies, education that persist in regard to persons with disabilities. The coverage of the services for social inclusion, still leaves out a lot of adults and minors with disabilities, uniformly in the different regions of the country.

Consequently, we suggest some measures in order to provide a better fulfilment of the human rights of persons with disabilities in France:

- To make a greater effort for training, sensitization and education on the culture of diversity and disability to prevent and fight the discrimination towards the disabled children and adults;
- To proceed very fast in including in ordinary schools the too many disabled children that are still excluded.
- To adapt and adjust the educational activity to the real needs of all the disabled children
- To support and promote the adoption of disabled children in families and family-like structures.
- To guarantee in every social or medical residential structure the valorisation and development of the autonomy and self-determination of persons with disabilities
- To put at the centre of business policies the dignity of the person with disabilities.
- To protect the life of disabled children from conception;
- To get rid of the disparities and differences among regions and provinces to guarantee a uniform coverage

In conclusion, we hope that the French government will increase its efforts to improve the situation of persons with disabilities by taking appropriate measures to affirm the equal dignity of persons with disabilities at every level of social life in France. Thank you!