

Dear MP, Minister,...

I am writing to you in my role as a [member/president/Director/...] of [name of your organization]. As advocates of the Human Rights of persons with intellectual disabilities, we express our solidarity with all Ukrainian people, but especially people with intellectual disabilities and their families who often experience the greatest impact during war and conflict.

Persons with disabilities in Ukraine represent about 2.7 million. At least 82.000 children and thousands of adults who have an intellectual disability live in institutions. These are at larger risk of being abandoned and forgotten.

We are asking for urgent attention and inclusive assistance to secure the human rights of people who have an intellectual disability in Ukraine and to support their families in this time of crisis.

We call on our Government to respect its obligations and commitments under international humanitarian law and international human rights law to ensure protection and safety for persons with disabilities in Ukraine. Our country having ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we call on the application of article 11 which states that

*“States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict.”*

We also call for Humanitarian Aid to be provided by our country to follow [the IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#) to make sure that people with disabilities are included and not left behind.

As a member of Inclusion International, the global network of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families, we raise [the appeal of our colleagues from Ukraine](#) that we are sharing all over the world and we are asking you to take urgent action in using any channels available to you to ensure that all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, including those in institutions, and their families in Ukraine are central to relief efforts in the country and support is given to refugees who are leaving.

Yours sincerely,

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