

Summary of the Celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities Held on December 22, 2024

The Disability Unit of the National Council for Human Rights organized a celebration to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is celebrated globally each December. The event saw the participation of 15 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, representatives from 20 Egyptian political parties, and representatives from 60 civil society organizations concerned with disability issues.

The celebration included four sessions discussing a range of topics, as follows:

1. The key challenges faced by persons with disabilities in their daily lives.
2. Proposed amendments to Law No. 10 of 2018 and its executive regulations.
3. The role of the Ministry of Social Solidarity in supporting and empowering persons with disabilities.

Key Recommendations at the End of the Event:

1. **Review and Amend the Disability Rights Law (Law No. 10 of 2018):** In light of the results of the national community dialogue, considering all opinions from a human rights perspective.
2. **Include Provisions on Marriage, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Family Formation:** Granting persons with disabilities the right to marry, have sexual and reproductive health, and form happy and stable families.
3. **Incorporate New Developments into the Law:** Address issues such as information accessibility, digital transformation, and financial inclusion for persons with disabilities.
4. **Activate Social Protection for Persons with Disabilities:** In cases of bullying, violence, danger, accidents, natural disasters, or crises.
5. **Provide Multi-Dimensional Social Care:** For persons with disabilities, especially those who are orphans, abandoned, impoverished, or residing in areas of high need.
6. **Include Protected and Supported Employment in the Law:** To guarantee the right to work for persons with severe disabilities.
7. **Amend Article 75 of the Executive Regulations of the Disability Law:** As amended by Decision No. 3500 of 2024, regarding vehicles for persons with disabilities. The amendment should allow cars with no more than three years of manufacture, with an engine size of 1600cc instead of 1200cc, and eliminate the requirement to deposit the car's price in a bank account for one year.