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Pakistan has ratified CRPD, and a number of consultations and meetings have been held to highlight the concerns of persons with disabilities. We are most pleased to witness the landmark initiative to develop a web portal undertaken by the dynamic and committed members of NFWWDs from all the provinces. This web portal will help fill a large void that exists at present and will indubitably provide many international and national organizations the motivation and inspiration to join hands and work towards mainstreaming the concerns of women with disabilities in development in Pakistan.

We also need to accelerate the implementation of the UNCRPD and MDGs. The need is to address new challenges, as well as old ones, calling for a new development model to be based on structural changes for equality, inclusiveness, resilience and sustainable development, as a more integrated way.

The message that I bring to you also looks at the areas of priority action identified by the various women with disabilities from grassroots level, priorities which can only be effectively acted upon through a genuine national partnership, based on trust and not on conditionality, where both the women with disabilities and other relevant stakeholders particularly DPOs play their parts. This is why the need for agreement on the means of implementation is extremely important.

We wish NFWWDs and other Organizations of Persons with Disability every success in this effort.