

RESOLUTION

This General Assembly of Parivaar meeting at Ashir Bhavan, Cochin on 26-01-2010 notes with satisfaction that the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Mukul Wasnik took the initiative to bring necessary changes by amending the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 to bring it in line with UNCRPD. It also notes with satisfaction that the Minister convened the long pending meeting of the Central Coordination Committee and presented before it the draft amendments to the Act asking the members to submit their suggestions and recommendations.

The General Assembly while welcoming this move of the Ministry is of the opinion that though the CCC is the highest policy making body on disability, it is not fully representatives and does not carry the views of the entire disability sector. It was therefore, not surprising that a large number of disability organisations including those represented by the Disability Rights Group [DRG] expressed their view that **the draft amendments presented by the Ministry did not fulfil the purpose of bringing the PwD Act in consonance with the UNCRPD and demanded that there should be a comprehensive and all inclusive new Disability Act replacing the present one.**

The General Assembly also notes that there were other disability organisations which expressed divergent views on the issue. Taking into consideration these trends and considering the urgency felt by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to carry the amendments proposed by it, the General Assembly feels that the Ministry should take note of these divergent views and convene a national representative meeting of the national disability organisations including the premier parents association of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities-Parivaar-at the earliest – **preferably in the first or second week of February 2010** and evolve a consensus on the issue before the amendments are pushed through the Parliament.

The General Assembly also appeals to all national disability organisations to make a similar demand immediately.