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INDCP Communiqué: International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2020

The International Network on the Disability Creation Process (INDCP) along with various organizations in Quebec, in Canada and around the world will celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Since 1992, the United Nations (UN) has designated December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities for every year. Since then, celebrations and events have been held around the world to raise awareness about the social participation of people living with disabilities.

On this occasion, the INDCP recalls the shared responsibility between the State, organizations and society to promote the full enjoyment of persons living with disabilities of an inclusive society on the basis of equality, non-discrimination based on disability and respect for intrinsic dignity.

The INDCP recognizes that this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities is very special given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has created new challenges for people with disabilities around the world, but it has concretely demonstrated the difficulties that they face on a daily basis.

In this sense, the United Nations (UN) has chosen for this year the theme "Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World"¹. The UN says that, more than ever, our societies must commit to becoming more egalitarian and inclusive in the face of the many global challenges that we will face in the future. The INDCP supports this initiative and calls on the State, ministries and public bodies, the private sector and professionals or social actors working in the disability sector as well as people living with disabilities and the organizations that represent them to collaborate better to implement more inclusive solutions for making a more accessible and higher quality service delivery.

The INDCP calls on States to a better understanding of disability-related issues using a participatory approach by creating consultation and continuous dialogue methods with persons living with disabilities themselves, as well as the organizations that represent them, because they are the real experts of their realities.

The International Network on the Disability Creation Process (INDCP) is an internationally recognized non-profit organization based in Quebec (Canada). The mission of the organization is to promote a more appropriate response to the needs of people living with impairments, disabilities and living disabling situations through the promotion, application and development of the Human Development Model – Disability Creation Process (HDM-DCP) conceptual framework.

¹ <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december.html>

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