**Country: Kenya**

**Agenda Item: Rights and Equality of People with Disabilities**

The rights and equality of people with disabilities are critical aspects in Kenya and essential issues worldwide. Kenya is an African country in the East whose education and health systems have been improved recently. There are approximately 56 million people there,

and about 2 million are disabled.

Due to the physical and social barriers, people with disabilities do not find a place in society. These barriers limit disabled people's access to education, employment, and public services. That's why the Government of Kenya has taken steps. The Constitution of Kenya advocates for equality and protection for people with

disabilities. It says that all people should have equal rights. Kenya has also passed laws like the Persons with Disabilities Act, which helps people with

disabilities enter into education and employment sectors and public places. They

still face challenges because many buildings and public areas are not well-designed for them. Apart from these, finding jobs or getting proper healthcare for disabled people is impossible.

Kenya has some advice for human rights and equality for persons with disabilities. Easy access to public buildings and spaces are compulsory. Therefore, schools, hospitals, and public offices should have ramps, lifts, and wider doors. Education forms facilitate the social welfare of persons with disabilities. Besides these, the government should create opportunities for employing persons with disabilities. Companies should absorb them into employment by providing rewards such as tax incentives. Through public campaigns, they will enlighten everyone about those rights and curb discrimination. It's this acceptance and respect for persons with disabilities that will bring equality for them and all alike.

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