



## **1<sup>st</sup> DbI Regional Conference in Asia**

**Pokhara, Nepal, March 1-3, 2025**

### **Conference Resolution**

Deafblind International DbI,

Emphasizing the milestone of the 1<sup>st</sup> DbI Regional Conference in Asia,

Focusing on the conference theme “Innovative Deafblind Inclusion: Education, Occupation, Community Engagement”,

Reminding of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD),

Reaffirming the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the need for persons with deafblindness to be guaranteed their full enjoyment without discrimination,

Recognizing the need to promote and protect the human rights of all persons with deafblindness,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies, nations, nongovernmental organisations and outstanding individuals,

Stressing the fact that people with deafblindness in all ages are still very often excluded from full and effective participation and inclusion in education, occupation and community engagement,

1. Encourages all persons concerned and involved and all organisations in the field to connect and collaborate more closely to achieve together more for innovative deafblind inclusion;
2. Urges all nations in Asia and the world to recognize deafblindness as a unique and distinct disability based on the Core Sets for Deafblindness belonging to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF);
3. Stresses the importance to acknowledge the diversity of prelingual, postlingual and age-related deafblindness and
4. Calls for the immediate respect of Articles 23, 24, 27, 29 and 30 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), for ALL persons with deafblindness and their full participation and inclusion in education, occupation and community engagement, that is for the immediate respect of
  - the rights involved in due respect for home and the family, including Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

- the right to education, including Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)
- the right to work and employment, understanding work in a broad sense
- the right to participation in political and public life and
- the right to participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport.

On behalf of Dbl,

In Pokhara, Nepal

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2025

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