

Resolution of the Second Symposium on “Leprosy and Human Rights: Principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members”

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Delhi, India

The Second Symposium on “Leprosy and Human Rights: Principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members”;

Reaffirming the adoption of General Assembly resolution of A/RES/65/215 of December 2010 and Principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members (hereinafter referred to as the P&G);

Recalling the resolution of the First Symposium held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on February 1, 2012;

Taking note of the discussion and recommendations made, during the Second Symposium in Delhi, India, on October 4, 2012, by stakeholders, i.e., persons affected by leprosy and their family members, governments, and nongovernmental organizations, on how the P&G can be put into action, based on the experiences and good practices of Asian countries;

Recognizing that among the stakeholders, persons affected by leprosy and their family members are the primary actors, calling for cooperation of all stakeholders for the empowerment and capacity development of persons affected by leprosy and their family members;

Recommends States in the Asia-Pacific region to adopt measures to implement actions as recommend by the P&G;

Welcomes the formation of an International Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the IWG), as recommended by the resolution of the First Symposium in Rio de Janeiro, consisting of representatives of persons affected by leprosy and their family members, NGOs, academics and governments, which had its first meeting in Delhi, on October 3rd, 2012;

Requests the IWG to continue discussion to formulate plans of action and a mechanism to monitor actions taken by the States and other actors.