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Recommendations to promote and protect the rights of Persons with Disabilities of African Descent

Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent 2023

Vidas Negras com Deficiência Importam (The Black Lives with Disabilities Matter) movement, together with Minority Rights Group International, endorses the following recommendations to contribute to the general report of the Second Permanent Forum on People of African Descent:

Recommendations to the Secretariat of the Forum:

1. Ensure that information about the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent Is fully accessible, including availability in simplified language, International Sign, Braille and accessible formats in all official Forum documents.
2. Ensure and encourage the full participation of people with disabilities of African descent and their representative organizations in the Forum, through engaging in dialogue with such organizations and individuals to understand how to remove barriers to participation.

Recommendations to governments:

3. Ensure the collection and distribution of disaggregated demographic data that includes disability, gender, ethnicity/race/color, and self-identification as quilombola, minority or indigenous in surveys for key areas of inequality such as education, health, employment, social welfare, homelessness, criminal justice system, police violence, housing, and water and sanitation.
4. Ensure consultation with organizations of black, indigenous, minority and quilombola people with disabilities in the development of all disability policies and recommendations resulting from the Forum.
5. Develop public policies to end institutionalization, ensuring the right of all people with disabilities of African descent to live with their families or communities, and providing sufficient support for all people with disabilities of African descent and their families to live a dignified life, regardless of their socioeconomic status.
6. Elaborate and foster public policies for the inclusion of students of African descent and with disabilities in all spheres and modalities of inclusive education with an intersectional

perspective, seeking not only equitable access, but also the longterm educational success of this group of students in mainstream classrooms, promoting a strengthening in the inspection and enforcement of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

7. Strengthen public policies for independent living for people with disabilities of African descent, understanding that this is a way to democratize access to decent housing that works as a strategy for the emancipation and autonomy of adults of African descent with disabilities.
8. Integrate into public security policies measures to combat the high levels of violence committed by the State and by the general population against black people with disabilities, with special attention to those most affected by structural violence, such as black women with disabilities and black people with intellectual disabilities.

Recommendations to Civil Society:

To the social movements that fight for the rights of people with disabilities and/or for the rights of people of African descent in the international context: listen to movements that tackle injustices across the intersectionality between race and disability and seek to build collective action with them to face key issues in solidarity.