



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
One-day intersessional seminar on the protection of the family

Theme: The impact of the implementation by States of their obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law with regard to the protection of the family on the role of the family in supporting the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities

Intervention by Slovenia
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Mme Moderator,

Slovenia would like to thank the panelists for their presentations.

We welcome the continued attention of the United Nations to this issue and its efforts to mainstream disability, to combat poverty and inequality affecting persons with disabilities.

My country, Slovenia, put in place a number of national programs and regulations to ensure formal and achieve actual equality or equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

We have adopted more than 70 acts, regulations and programs to this end. Among them: Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Act, the Slovenian Sign Language Act, the Act on Organizations of Persons with Disabilities, the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment of Disabled Persons Act, as well as the Action Program for Persons with Disabilities 2014-2021, etc.

When it comes to the roles of families, we recognize that families, regardless of their form, play a crucial role in the life-cycle of persons with disabilities. They are crucial in supporting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities.

Slovenia also developed programs to help families in their care for persons with disabilities. These programs include professional counseling and help to re-establish family relationships, professional counseling and help in caring for children and educating the family in performing its daily functions.

Individuals and families are entitled to this service if social distress and difficulties result from disturbed family relationships and can only be improved by changing the inter-family relationships.

In cases when the family's patterns of interaction and its knowledge do not suffice to eliminate the problems a family can seek professional counseling and help in caring for children.

This service is also available for families in cases where social distress suffered by two or more family members demands more permanent support and guidance to ensure normal conditions for maintaining and developing the family.

Help to families is provided by the social work centers. Persons entitled to institutional care can choose a home care assistant over the daily institutional care.

The institute of home care assistant plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in advanced years of persons with disabilities. It is primarily intended to persons with disabilities who believe that institutions cannot offer adequate intimacy, individuality, solidarity, personal communication, homeliness and heartiness.

I thank you for your attention!