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Mister President,
Distinguished Delegates,

The CIOMAL Foundation of the Order of Malta is committed to combat the Leprosy/Hansen Disease and its stigmas as well as to ensure the benefit of all human rights to the persons affected by the disease, mainly in Asia, Latin America and Africa.

In this respect and based on our experience, we still strongly support a tripartite approach in terms of social and financial solidarity.

If public sector, private sector and duly empowered advocacy associations of people in need were to join force in each country, it would result in significant progress in terms of inclusion.

We therefore ask the full support of the United Nations and each member state to structure and implement such tripartite strategy in any field where social injustice prevails.

We thank you for your attention.