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## **PRES. MACRON UNVEILS 70 MEASURES FOR THE SAKE OF DISABILITY/INCLUSION**

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1-The most noticeable and most important measure to recall, is the signature of the charter between the State and the Regions, Departments, amongst other financial measures. (A Charter is not a string as a bill, or decree, it is just an agreement conceived between the State and the collective territories)

2-The wheelchairs acquisition will be also fully supported by the Social Security, (means free of charge for the Disabled beneficiary ) from 2024, including sports wheelchairs,

3-The allocation of 1.5 €billion for and 3.5 €billion for the inclusion of disabled children in school, by an increase and better remunerative conditions for disabled school auxiliaries (AESH)

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One will guess between the lines, over the Minister for Disability, who seems more focused on her continuation as a Minister than to dedicate her time, energy and work to the bad situation of disability in France " Thank you all tomorrow, we are going to do it effectively on a multi-annual basis and I want to fully involve all the actors in these applications, I call on all French people to work with us". Thus, the Minister for Disability, according to her own words, is expecting from the French people to deliver her a roadmap while it is people with disabilities whose case is undermined by such expectation from a member of the government confessing their lack of method and ideas, to fix the problems and find concrete solutions in the sake of Inclusion/ Disability.

She is then applauded as she joins the first row, proud of her statement, and chewing her gum alongside Francois Xavier Combes, Minister of Autonomy Solidarity and Handicap, likely proud and content as well.

The latter, atop his pedestal title of minister, did not dare responding to a disabled person in a wheelchair who comes to greet him, in this prestigious « Salle des Fetes » (Party Room) of the Elysee Palace, on the occasions of the CNH ....(National Conference of Disability, which happens every three years). He disdains this greetings and neglect her, as remaining to play with his smartphone. These inappropriate behaviors, confirm the condescension, towards the handicapped people whose well-being are supposed to be defended and even provided by their ministers, and not to be despised and being declined a greeting.....Jus t a « Hello, How are you » would do.....for a gesture of courtesy, especially towards a vulnerable person. "It's about 'changing the daily life of the people' concerned, to allow them to go to school, work, move around," said President Macron, who then recalled certain actions prior to the current mandate of the Minister Delegate for Disability Genevieve Darieussecq (whose report is unknown, and unavailable, from his ministry). The latter, after a year in office, has done so little or no real action to improve the daily lives of the 12 million and 9 million carers in France, to the point that the majority of French people are even unaware that she is the Disabled Minister!

#### A VERY POOR ONE-YEAR ASSESSMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF DISABILITY

The Minister Delegate for Disability Geneviève Darieussecq recalled the mediocre results of France vis a vis the inclusion of disabled people, referring to the very severe reports of the United Nations and the Council of Europe, concerning France and its too medico-social approach, opposed to an inclusive towards non-citizenship of people with disabilities "After the UN and Council of EU, we have a long way to go". She had no other option than to admit these violations over the disabled in France, as the United Nations and European Council for Disability pointed that in their last reports.

As she stated her keynote, showing a total lack of empathy, the minister kept smiling while admitting this big societal failure, likewise her co-minister Francois Xavier Combes,

It took two ministers for ending up to such a pity result denounced by the highest international institutions, and despite the huge promises and willing conveyed by the President macron himself since 2017. The reports talk for themselves and are very explicite in that matter of inclusion/disability.

See article: <http://www.newsrama.uspa24.com/bericht-22634/council-of-europe-concludes-that-france-violated-european-social-charter-rights.html>

#### THE ACQUIRED OR BORN DISABILITY MUST IN NO CASE REDUCE THE PERSON TO A SUB-CITIZEN BECAUSE OF HIS IMPAIRMENT

The General Secretary of CNCPPH, Jeremy Bovoy, (National Council for Disability under the aegis of French Government and is deaf) insisted on the sexual life of people with disabilities. Due to his respect, it is to THE priority, for the disabled people, who actually would appreciate to have live a love story, before getting to the « sexual life » and it did n't occur to these people in charge, that inclusion, means, studying, working, doing sport, going out, going to the movies, museums, theaters having fun, chilling out, traveling, going on vacations, mingling and therefore socializing, and falling in love, before they get to the ultimate point of the sexual stuff.

It is a bit to reduce the disabled person to the rank of primitive to worry only about his sexual activity, as if it were the Holy Grail of disabled people often deprived of all the activities of society: work, sport, leisure, vacations , exits...

This approach is all the more demeaning in that it is reptilian and not hoisting up but leveling down the pyramid of Maslow's primary needs: Feed through food and sex disabled citizens! The fact, one day, suddenly of becoming (unwillingly) handicap from birth or by illness or accident of life, must in no case reduce the person to a sub-citizen because of this impairment!

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