

No. 2(119)/2021-Chair NCHR GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

5th Floor Evacuee Trust Complex, F-5/1, Agha Khan Road, Islamabad.



Islamabad, 6th July, 2023

Subject:

REQUEST FOR A DISABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE NCHR

Dear Sir,

The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is a statutory body set up under the NCHR Act XVI of 2012. The NCHR Act, 2012 stipulates a broad and overarching mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights, as provided for in Pakistan's Constitution, domestic law and international treaties. Amidst others, the primary functions of the NCHR include investigating into allegations of human rights abuses and advising the Government on legislative, policy and administrative matters pertaining to the situation of human rights in the country.

- 2. I am writing to respectfully request that the Ministry of Planning and Development consider conducting a comprehensive Disability Impact Assessment (DIA) of the NCHR, in order to evaluate the commission's policies, programs, and practices concerning the inclusion and support of individuals with disabilities.
- 3. It is imperative that the NCHR's operations are inclusive and equitable, particularly for individuals with disabilities. A DIA would help identify areas where the NCHR can enhance its accessibility and support for people with disabilities and ensure that it aligns with national and international standards for disability rights.
- 3. We are confident that by conducting this DIA, we can strengthen the NCHR's commitment to inclusivity and ensure that it serves as a model for promoting and protecting the rights of all individuals, regardless of their abilities. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to your positive response.

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