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**Inclusion of People with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Development of Pakistan**  
**Karachi Press Club**  
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**Pakistan Disabled People's Organization's (PDPO)** is a national cross-disability, self-help, human rights organization of persons with disabilities established in 1981. PDPO is also chapter of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) and also called as DPI Pakistan. We have been promoting full-participation and equalization of opportunity of persons with disabilities by delivering "A voice of our own". Pakistan Disabled People's Organization's has been playing an important role in the disability movement in all over Pakistan.

PDPO is organizing Press conference on National Budget on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 3:00 pm at Karachi Press Club, on the issue of the "Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the development of Pakistan", National Budget 2010-11.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 10% of the total number of population of developing countries are PWDs. In Pakistan 10% of the Population (PWDs) are most neglected peoples. So, we are expecting that, the forthcoming National Budget 2010-11 should be formulated in the light of "United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)"

**As Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs signed UNCRPD in October 2008. On behalf of this press conference PDPO requests the Government to ratify the UNCRPD as ratified by our neighboring Countries i-e India, China, Bangladesh etc.** Present Condition of the PWDs in Pakistan is Poorest among the Poor and needed to be economically empowered. To bring change in the scenario has been depicted in the press conference and with the optimism of proper allocation of funds for PWDs in the national budget through their proper inclusion. Proposals have been presented to the government through the journalists.

**Proposals are as follows:**

- A.** The participation of the representatives of PDPO, the national network of DPOs, in the formulation of National Budget should be ensured.
- B.** 10% allocation of National Budget should be ensured by fixing the development goal of PWDs like Accessible infrastructure, school, parks, hospital public areas and transport etc.
- C.** In Future next year pre-budget discussions, among the Honorable Minister, Finance and Planning Ministry, Government of Pakistan along with the representatives of PDPO should be ensured.
- D.** In order to ensure the proper management of national budget, proper accountability and serious punishment should be ensured.

PDPO expressing their high optimism told that, in the consequence of adopting the above mentioned proposals by the government, the following result will directly been achieved.



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1. PWDs of this country will be the responsible manpower.
2. Gross Development Production (GDP) will be enhanced.
3. The soft image of the state will be enhanced to the International Community.
4. PWDs and their families will directly be benefited.
5. Education for All will be ensured.
6. The opportunity of employment will be enhanced.
7. Rights of citizen and safety will be preserved.
8. Status of People with Disabilities will be changed from seekers to contributors.
9. People with Disabilities will become tax payers

The press conference was conducted with the leadership of President M. Mobin Uddin, Vice-President Abid Lashari, General Secretary Ali Mukhtar Jafri, Joint Secretary Rafiq Baloch, Finance Secretary Ahsan Ullah Daudzai, Executive Member Mr. Ghulam Murtaza, Executive Member Mr. Karim Buksh and CEO Ghulam Nabi Nizamani.