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**Written Submission on the Draft General Comment no.4 on the Right to Inclusive Education ( article 24) from 15.1.2016**

Dear Mr. Araya,

The *Association Politics against Exclusion – Coalition for Integration and Inclusion* is a German wide NGO that strongly supports inclusion for disabled and disadvantaged persons in all fields and dimensions of life. As such we want to respond to your call for submissions on the CRPD Draft General Comment on the right to inclusive education.

Our sociopolitical intention is to uncover disabling, excluding and disadvantaging structures in institutions and society as a whole. Therefore our specific aim is to raise awareness about structures and practices that exclude. We seek to do this by means of public relation activities (organizing political conferences about inclusion and exclusion; publishing a Blackbook on Inclusion; and more) and fostering inclusion on all political levels. We cooperate with persons and institutions that work for inclusion. We support the development of inclusive cultures in teaching, learning, professional development and support systems.

This Association was founded in 2007 by academic experts who, since the end of the 1970th/beginning 1980<sup>th</sup>, have developed the field of integration and inclusion in Germany.

The Association is the political wing of a larger group of German academic experts who have gathered annually since 1986 in a conference to present their research on inclusion in education (Early Childhood and School). The University of Bielefeld organized the conference (InklusionsforscherInnen-Tagung 2016) this past year.

The attached counterstatement must be viewed in light of the fact that we, in various schools and Early Childhood Institutions, have worked on, successfully developed and further researched non-excluding concepts and practices since the end of the 1970s.

The counterstatement argues that the German education system has not changed as a whole and there appears to be a strong movement to maintain the old segregating system.

At the moment parents' choice is 'used' as an argument to maintain special schools. But the real issue is a lack of sufficient resources for inclusive schools.

The attached counterstatement was drafted by a small group of experts, and presented and discussed in Bielefeld by our Association. Academic experts in Inclusive Education have signed the document.

Sincerely,

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