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MESSAGE ON INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

Respected Members of the Pakistan Disabled Foundation, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we gather to observe International White Cane Safety Day on October 15, 2025, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all participants and organizers of the National Seminar at the Karachi Press Club. This event underscores a critical aspect of our societal framework, the importance of mobility and transportation for our disabled community, particularly for our visually impaired citizens.

The Pakistan Disabled Foundation has taken a commendable initiative by organizing this seminar, which seeks not only to highlight the challenges faced by differently abled individuals, but also to advocate for their rights and needs. I firmly believe that every member of our society, regardless of their physical limitations, deserves the opportunity to lead a life of dignity and independence. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that they have access to the necessary resources and facilities that enable them to perform their daily activities effectively.

The UN Charter of 2006 and our own National Policies emphasize the importance of inclusivity and empowerment for differently abled persons. Today, we must reaffirm our commitment to these principles. The discussions that will unfold during this seminar are vital for shaping policies that foster an environment where all citizens can thrive. I encourage all decision-makers and authorities involved in traffic and transport to actively engage in this dialogue, ensuring that the rights and needs of individuals with special needs are prioritized in our national agenda.

Moreover, the provision of assistive devices, winter clothing, and essential supplies to those affected by recent floods is an admirable step toward alleviating the hardships faced by many families. It is imperative that we come together as a community to support one another in these challenging times.

Let us remember that building an inclusive society is not just a moral obligation but a reflection of our shared humanity. Together, we can create a world where every individual, regardless of their abilities, can contribute to our society and enjoy equal opportunities.

Thank you for your efforts, and I wish you a successful seminar. May this gathering inspire meaningful action and foster a brighter future for all.


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