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Objet : RE: Flooding in Europe - do you have information about the impact on persons with disabilities?

Thank you Gordon

We will transfer you any other feed-back, for sure.

We will use it for our advocacy work too (UNCRPD art. 11).

The way you propose to write it seems perfect to me.

I just received a phone call from the person in charge of communication of Fédération Francophone des Sourds de Belgique il y a encore des personnes sourdes en grande détresse et qui ne parviennent pas à obtenir l'aide dont elles ont besoin. Now, it's not the right time to ask her for a feed-back...

Kind regards

Olivier

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Dear Olivier

Thank you very much for this. As you say, it is a frightening perspective on the situation but it is the reality and is exactly the kind of thing that we need to make our advocacy work truly resonate with people.

To respond to your points and give you some more feedback:

- 1. We will take care to read it properly and we will ask for clarification if anything is unclear
- 2. Yes there is much in the media and we have not yet gathered all of what we need. But we do not need more from you regarding this.
- 3. If you receive more information from your members in the coming weeks, please feel free to send it in the same format. This is fine for me.
- 4. Because this is the holiday period, we will probably not produce anything public in the next few weeks, however, as mentioned in previous email, this information is going to be extremely useful in our advocacy towards the European Forum for DRR and also COP 26. So please be assured that it will be used!
- 5. To ensure anonymity, where we use quotes I will recommend that it is done something like this: "The nurse in charge of home respirators at the [regional hospital] was overwhelmed by the demands of home-ventilated patients due to the power cuts." Member of Belgian Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (DPO), July 2021. Please tell me if you think is should be done differently.

Thank you again, and please feel free to pass our thanks to those who responded to your call.

Regards Gordon

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Subject: RE: Flooding in Europe - do you have information about the impact on persons with

disabilities?

Dear Gordon

Please find here the two first feed-backs BDF received, last week, from some of its members and member of the Conseil Supérieur National des Personnes Handicapées. I guess we could receive some more during the coming weeks. Anyway, some give a frightening look on the situation and how improved emergency plans are needed...

I didn't have much time, so I just saved it as Word documents and translated it to English, French and Dutch with DeepL Translation, without proofreading. So, please use it carefully.

There is much to find in the media, but I didn't take time. Do you need it?

Have a nice day

Kind regards

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Onderwerp: Flooding in Europe - do you have information about the impact on persons with

disabilities?

Dear Klaus, Pierre, Gisele, Illya

My apologies for sending to all at once, but it is a **common message regarding the flooding in Europe**.

As always, persons with disabilities will be disproportionately impacted. In particular, this morning we read that nine persons with disabilities lost their lives because they could not be evacuated on time from a residential facility in Germany (7th paragraph in this news article).

Our questions to you are:

- 1. Do you have any specific information from your members about the impact of the flooding on their lives, or the lives of other people disabilities in their networks?
- 2. Are any of your members involved in direct response or in advocacy? (perhaps we could provide support and information).
- 3. Specifically, any quotes or photos would be of use (without anyone putting themselves in danger of course!)

I copy my colleague Natalia, who could share information via our various media.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards Gordon

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