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THE FRENCH STATE TAKES ACTION ON 3 PRIORITIES TO ADVANCE THE DISABILITY ACT 2005

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PREFECT SOPHIE BROCAS LEADS A CONFERENCE AROUND THREE PRIORITIES DISCUSSED WITH PHYSICIANS AND EXPERTS-----

Among the testimonies, Dr. Philippe Denormandie, orthopedic surgeon and also deputy director general of the Korian Group, urged the participants to move from a society to another of charitable benevolence. He called for the development of research in the field of disability. Dr. Denormandie also focused on prevention, on the individualization of care and the need to surrender the person with disability in the heart of the system.-----

This echoed with the intervention of Stephen Petitmengin, Secretary General of the Interministerial Committee of disability which presented the mission "a response with for all" declining the proposals of the report by Denis Piveteau "Zero unresolved." Mr. Petitmengin has said that "the disabled person must be at the center of public policy." He thus stressed the development of an accompanying dynamic peer and the need to evolve a logical place in institutions towards a global response logic to the needs of persons with disabilities.

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And it is about this comprehensive response that Mr. Bertrand Quentin, Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée invited the public to reflect explaining that technical and medical compensation of disability are not a panacea and that it is first a matter of "human accessibility" taking care not to adopt an inappropriate attitude towards disability situations. Veronique Poulain, author of the autobiographical book "The words they do not tell me", has also been witness to the inappropriate behaviours that are often the result of our ignorance of disability. His insight into the daily lives of her deaf parents has helped to achieve three other interventions.-----

In conclusion, Mr. Florent Martinez, vice president of the Departmental Advisory Council for the Disabled of Paris recalled how disability was a societal issue and especially "human unbearable"^[7].

THREE GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES ARE OUTLINED BY THE GOVERNOR SOPHIE BROCAS-----

The participants, were invited to reflect on their attitudes and vis-À-vis positioning of people with disabilities by sweeping popular belief: no, disability is not synonymous with misery and we do not have to save inappropriately people with disabilities in their daily difficulties of life which are proper to the human being. However, technical and medical disability compensations are not a panacea and it is primarily a question of "human accessibility".

The Prefect, Sophie Brocas, wanted to "reaffirm the Government's commitment to find a concrete expression to the principle of universal accessibility". This commitment translates into three priorities:

- 1- Increase accessibility: public and private actors which were not in compliance with the reachability obligation had until last October to file in city hall or prefecture, a "programmed agenda of accessibility" (Ad'ap);
- 2- Promote access to equality: the State adjusts its websites so that everyone can access information that is scattered there;
- 3- Solutions for all: the mission "A response with for all" now accepts the recommendations of the report of Mr. Denis Piveteau "Zero without Solutions." Source : Prefecture of Ile De France.

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