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The Secretary,  
Technical Committee on Fundamental Human Rights,  
World Trade Centre,  
Kempton Park 1620.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Irene Homes, a registered welfare organisation giving service to ninety-one mentally handicapped adults.

We have for some years been deeply concerned with the need to ensure that disabled persons should be vouchsafed those fundamental rights which are accepted for all other citizens.

In times of economic pressure when there are many urgent needs across the whole spectrum of society, it is common for governments to give the needs of the disabled a low priority, and for the needs of the mentally disabled to be at the very bottom of the list.

It is essential that those who cannot speak effectively for themselves should have an advocate who can speak with knowledge and understanding on their behalf.

We understand that a thirteen-member Commission is to be appointed to monitor fundamental human rights, and we urge most strongly that one of this number should be a person qualified through experience in the field of disability, who can ensure that the rights of the disabled are specifically recognised in legislation.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Burnett  
Administrator.