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The Honourable Minister, Dr Rina Venter
 Minister of National Health & Population
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Dear Dr Venter:

FORUM ON DISABILITY ISSUES

As you are aware the launch of the above Forum took place on 7 April 1992. Owing to a deadlock situation which arose regarding the funding of the initial meeting of the Forum, the disabled representatives, also those from the various National Councils, withdrew and the meeting was prematurely adjourned.

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Nas. Raad vir Geestesgesondheid
 Nat. Council for Mental Health
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SA Nas. Raad vir Doofheid
 SA Nat. Council for the Deaf
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SA Nas. Tuberkulosevereniging
 SA Nat. Tuberculosis Association
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The S A Federal Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled accepted the responsibility of arranging a meeting of its member organisation. The aim of this meeting was to obtain clarity regarding continued interest in and commitment towards the concept of the Forum.

At this extraordinary meeting of the Federal Council held on 15 June 1992, it was unanimously decided by all the member Councils to withdraw from the Forum, as a result of the Government's general breach of the original intent of the Forum. This letter, therefore, serves as official notification of the decision not to participate further in the Forum.

It was also decided that representatives of the various National Councils will meet in the near future to establish a new private sector structure, which is termed, Disability Assembly of South Africa. The mission and aims and objectives of the Assembly is still to be finalized, but will strive to address those matters which the Disabled community consider to be critical issues. It will further formulate a Disability policy for South Africa and lobby for the acceptance thereof.

Yours sincerely

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