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Election of New President of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI)

Date: 22 September 2025

The World Council of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) convened an Extraordinary Meeting on 19 September 2025 to elect a new President following the resignation of the previous officeholder.

In accordance with the Unified Constitution adopted in Busan, the election was conducted through a transparent and inclusive process, with nominations submitted in advance and voting held by secret ballot.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Abdus Sattar Dulal, DPI World Council Member from Bangladesh, has been elected as the new President of DPI.

Mr. Dulal brings over four decades of experience advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities, organizational leadership, and international engagement. His statement to the World Council emphasized a bold and unifying vision for DPI, including:

- Completion of DPI's legal registration and establishment of the DPI headquarters
- Convening biannual World Council meetings and organizing the next World Assembly in Bangladesh by 2027
- Appointment of a DPI Executive Director
- Development of a 10-year strategic plan and global funding proposal
- Strengthening DPI's role with the United Nations, World Bank, and other global institutions
- Quarterly reporting to the World Council on progress and governance

Mr. Dulal's leadership is rooted in lived experience, grassroots mobilization, and a deep commitment to DPI's founding motto: "A Voice of Our Own." His election marks a renewed chapter in DPI's global advocacy and organizational unity.

We extend our congratulations to President Dulal and express our gratitude to all World Council members who participated in this important decision.

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