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Attn. Community Support Service Agreement Implementation Struggle Committee

Dear our friends of disability movement in Nepal,

Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI-Japan) expresses our solidarity to the on-going movement on the issue of community support and personal assistant services in Nepal. As enshrined in the Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, independent living of persons with disabilities in the community with necessary assistance is our basic human rights. Therefore, we strongly support the position of this demonstration to demand the realization of our rights in Nepal, and express our hope that the Government of Nepal promptly carries out the agreement of the provision of the supports for independent living.

We are stunned to hear that the peaceful demonstration met with violent treatment by police, which caused injury, even arrest, of participants. We protest to such brutal treatment and strongly demand for following points to the authority:

- To stop violent treatment to the participants of demonstration immediately
- To release those who are arrested immediately
- To set the table of discussion with Community Support Service Agreement Implementation Struggle Committee and carry out the agreement on the provision of independent living supports immediately

DPI-Japan is always on the side of persons with disabilities and acts together with friends of disability movement in Nepal for realization of our rights.

From the bottom of our hearts.

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