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The Minister of Health,

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 04 June 2003 as amended to date, especially in Articles 14, 120, 121 and 201;

Pursuant to Law n° 01/2007 of 20/01/2007 relating to protection of disabled persons in general, especially in Article 2;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet, in its session of 19/06/2009;

HEREBY ORDERS:

Article One – Purpose of this Order

This Order determines the modalities of classifying disabled persons into basic categories based on the degree of disability.

Article 2 – Categories of disabled persons on the basis of disability

Disabled persons shall be classified under the following categories:

1. Physically disabled persons;
2. Sight-impaired persons;
3. Deaf-and-dumb persons or persons with either of these disabilities;
4. Mentally disabled persons;
5. Persons with disabilities not specified in the above categories approved by the Medical committee.

Article 3 – Categories of disabled persons on the basis of the degree of disability

On the basis of the degree of disability ascertained by the Medical Committee established by relevant authorities, persons with disabilities in each category of disability specified under paragraph 2 of Article 2 are classified into the categories below in light of international disability standards:

1. between 90 and 100%;
2. between 70 and 89%;
3. between 50 and 69%;
4. between 30 and 49%;

5. below 30%.

After classification into one of the different categories specified under Article 2 and 3 of this Order, the Medical committee shall issue them a card that indicates the disability, degree of disability and the signature of the Medical Committee President.

Article 4 – Classification of disabled persons

Classification of Disabled persons shall be implemented within One year from the date this Order comes into force.

Article 5 – Report of the Medical Committee

The Medical Committee specified under Article 2 of this Order shall transmit on a yearly basis or whenever necessary a report to the Minister in charge of Health and the Minister in charge of Social Affairs copied to the Disabled Persons' Federation.

Article 6 – Repealing provision

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are hereby repealed.

Article 7 – Commencement

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.