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### Ministerial Order 1 of 2009

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#### The Minister of Infrastructure,

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 25;

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 constructing buildings providing various public services to ease the access of persons with disabilities.

### Article 2 – Definitions

The term “**buildings where various services are provided**” shall mean all buildings, whether private or public or parastatal as well as those belonging to various religious denominations and all other buildings used for the provision of various services.

The term “**public services**” shall mean all services rendered to the population for various reasons in their best interest.

The term “**buildings that facilitate access for persons with disabilities**” shall mean buildings constructed in a way that access thereto by persons with disabilities is facilitated or eased.

The term “**building permit**” shall mean a document issued by a competent public Organ authorizing the recipient to start construction.

### Article 3 – Building facilities for persons with disabilities

All buildings shall be equipped with the necessary facilities to enable persons with disabilities have access to services therein. In particular whether a public or private building meant to provide services to the public, must provide passage ways for persons with disabilities so as to have easy access to services being offered.

Buildings constructed prior to the publication of this Order in the *Official Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda must conform to the requirements stipulated under paragraph one of this Article.

#### **Article 4 – Parking space for vehicles**

All buildings offering services must provide special parking space for vehicles of persons with disabilities, whether motorized or non-motorized. These spaces should be near main entrances with facilities to enable the rescue, self assistance, calls for help when necessary of persons with disabilities in an expeditious way.

#### **Article 5 – Building permit**

Without prejudice to the legal provisions relating to urban planning and construction, building permit applicants in respect of buildings specified under Article 3 of this Order must demonstrate the observance of laws in general and of those relating to persons with disabilities in particular.

#### **Article 6 – Repealing provision**

All prior legal 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.