

UN Human Rights Council 61: Panel on disabilities

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UK Statement for panel discussion on the rights of persons with disabilities. Disability-inclusive infrastructure, including transport and housing.

Thank you, Mr President.

The United Kingdom thanks the panellists for their contributions to this important discussion. We fundamentally agree that disability-inclusive transport and housing plays an important role in realising the rights of disabled people, particularly in enabling independent and community living.

On housing, the Disabled Facilities Grant, administered by local authorities in England, helps to meet the cost of adaptations for disabled people to make their homes safe and suitable for their needs.

With regards to transport, our goal is for disabled passengers to travel confidently, easily and with dignity. The new Bus Services Act includes a comprehensive package of measures to improve accessibility, including helping local authorities to deliver safer, more accessible bus stations and stops as well as mandating more streamlined disability training for bus drivers and frontline staff.

We are also glad to be working closely with disabled people, operators and regulators to develop an Accessible Travel Charter, to embed accessibility across the transport system.

Mr President, how can States further utilise assistive technologies to enhance accessibility and service delivery across transport and housing infrastructure?

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