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Dear Ms Devandas,  

We are writing on behalf of the Inclusion International network to highlight the situation of refugees with intellectual disabilities and their families. As Special Rapporteur you have a particular opportunity to raise the issues persons with intellectual disabilities and their families are experiencing in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis. We know that you will share our concerns for this very vulnerable group of people.  

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter from II to UN High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres. A copy has also been sent to High Commissioner Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein. We are calling on UNHCR to take action to ensure refugees with intellectual disabilities and their families are included in UNHCR’s work. We are asking you to support our call for action.  

Additionally, we encourage you to include a reference to refugees with intellectual disabilities and their families in your statement on 3 December, International Day of Persons with Disabilities.  

We thank you for your efforts to advance and promote the rights of persons with disabilities and their families.  

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.  

Sincerely,  

Klaus Lachwitz  
President, Inclusion International