

SALAMANCA CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

“We the undersigned participants in the Global Conference on Inclusive Education- *Confronting the Gap: Rights, Rhetoric, Reality? Return to Salamanca* held at the University of Salamanca, Spain (21-23 October, 2009)

1. Reaffirm the commitment of the Salamanca Statement (1994) and commit to develop an inclusive education system in every country of the world. We welcome the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and in particular Article 24, which gives new impetus to the Human Right of Inclusive education to be a process where mainstream children/students are supported to meet their academic and social potential and involves removing barriers in environment, attitudes, communication, curriculum, teaching, socialisation and assessment at all levels.
2. We call on all Governments to ratify the UNCRPD and to develop and implement concrete plans to ensure the development of inclusive education for all. In addition we call on international agencies such as UNESCO, UNICEF and The World Bank to increase and prioritize their efforts to support the development of inclusive education.
3. We commit ourselves to form an alliance to transform global efforts to achieve Education for All creating better education for all through the development of inclusive education and hereby launch **INITIATIVE 24** as a vehicle to achieve our goal.