

President of Russia

## To the participants and guests of the First World Congress for Persons with Disabilities

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Dear Friends!

I am greeting you in Yekaterinburg, due to the opening of the First World Congress for Persons with Disabilities.

I consider your forum, which is dedicated to the crucial issues of raising the quality of life for people with disabilities, to be a major event of public significance and an important contribution to solving a wide range of issues related to creating the necessary conditions for professional and creative self-fulfillment of people with disabilities, and allowing them to live active lives. And of course, the Congress's platform will allow you to share experiences, discuss promising ideas and learn new best practices and inclusive technologies.

I am confident that your meeting will be fruitful and will serve to develop useful recommendations and strengthening of international humanitarian connections and personal, human contacts.

I wish you success.

## **Vladimir Putin**

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