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**My viewpoint on the Draft Guidelines**

**on Deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies**

1. **Proposal**

* All people with disabilities(irrespective of type j or degree ) need appropriate government support to live independently in communities. In doing so, They should not be forced on their living arrangements.
* For the person who has been living in an institution long time（abbreviated as "long-stayer"）, in the transitional period, the governments ensure the support services equivalent to community support and ensure adequate the social participation, the rights of decision-making, and the autonomy of living
* The institution supervisor must continuously support the residents who wish to change their living arrangements concerning their empowerment.
* As a principle, the institution should not invite new residents but support residents who want to leave the institution.

1. **Reason**

I live in the western part of Tokyo, Japan. I have cerebral palsy: I cannot walk, use my hands, or speak with my mouth. I have been living solo with taking the around-the-clock assistance since 2018.

I'm participating in a nationwide grassroots group for a person with disabilities called SHOGAIREN. SHOGAIREN is a group run by and for a person with generalized disabilities aiming at the society that person with severe disabilities and intractable diseases can live independently in their community. The main activities are to analyze or offer information about the policy on a person with disabilities, negotiate with governments, and hold events to enlighten living issues.

I agree with this draft. It is important to stop building new residential institutions and promote living independently in the community. But I think it is necessary to allow staying continuously in the institution for long-stayer.

Some SHOGAIREN members live in an institution. Although the fundamental reason for admission was lack of community support, they have been facing a conflict in their mind like " I wanted to make my parents feel relieved. " Also, It may need considerable physical and mental strength for long-stayer to leave a familiar setting. Forcing them to leave may be harmful.

Hance, Deinstitutionalization process which I suggest is following.

1. Expand community support and not send them t to the institution
2. Residents who want to leave the institution can take support to live independently in their community.
3. Residents who wish to stay in the institution can live. Institution supervisors ensure social participation, including going outside for them