**Proposal for a resolution to the 11th EBU General Assembly**

**Rome, October 28th -30th 2019**

**Resolution on the World Blindness Summit**

**submitted by ACAPO, Danks Blindesamfund, the Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted of Slovenia and ONCE**

**Preamble**

* 1. Considering that EBU is one of the six regional organizations of the World Blind Union and it shares the same principles and values of this organization.
  2. Recognizing that the UNCRPD is a fundamental instrument to defend the rights and dignity of blind and partially sighted persons all over of the world.
  3. Recalling that the Sustainable Development Goals demand concrete action needed to make the situations of blind and partially sighted persons visible in policy making as enshrined in the list of priorities of the strategic programme of the EBU in the coming years in line with the title of this 11th General Assembly “LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: EBU DRIVING FULL INCLUSION THROUGH THE SDGS”
  4. Recalling that despite of these instruments blind and partially sighted persons in the world still do not fully enjoy their human rights, fundamental freedoms and face restrictions in their daily lives.
  5. Noting the decision of the World Blind Union and ICEVI that the WBU/ICEVI Assemblies and associated events will be held in Madrid, Spain, from 17th June 2020 to 24th June 2020 and the inclusion of an international technology exhibition at the same time. Taking note that this world meetings, together with other important events, will be called *World Blindness Summit – Changing what it means to be blind*.

**The signatory organizations propose the following:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE 11th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EBU:**

1. Supports the celebration of the World Blindness Summit in Madrid that will aim at advancing in the implementation of the SDGs and UN CPRD agenda for blind and partially sighted persons over the world.
2. Calls on all European organisations of blind and partially sighted persons to make sure that they fully participate in the events of the World Blindness Summit
3. Encourages all EBU members to support the participation of other WBU national member organisations, including European countries, to participate in the World Blindness Summit.
4. Supports European candidates running for different positions in the WBU coming elections.
5. Commits to involve European TEC business community to present technology for blind and partially sighted persons for the international technology exhibition “TIFLOINNOVA” that will take place during the World Blindness Summit.