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Independent Living for All: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Societies

➔ **5 March 2015, 10-12am**
Palais des Nations, Room XXVII

Chair:
**H.E. Thomas HAJNOCZI, Permanent
Representative of Austria to the UN in Geneva**

Opening words:
**H.E. Lenín Voltaire MORENO GARCES,
UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on
Disability and Accessibility (video)**

**Catalina DEVANDAS, Special Rapporteur on
the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Speaker:
**Lisa MACNAB, Down Syndrome International:
What means Independent Living for me?**

Speaker:
**Nadia HADAD, European Network on
Independent Living: My human rights through
Independent Living?!**

Speaker:
**Frédérique WIEMEIJER, Essl Foundation &
Ingrid HEINDORF, World Future Council:
The Zero Project Report 2015 on Independent
Living & Political Participation - Social
Indicators, Innovative Practices and Policies**

Closing remarks:
**H.E. Thani THONGPHAKDI, Permanent
Representative of Thailand to the UN in
Geneva, &
H.E. Regina Cordeiro DUNLOP, Permanent
Representative of Brazil to the UN in Geneva,
&
H.E. Yisheng REN, Minister Counsellor of
China to the UN in Geneva**

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