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Hon Speaker, Hon Members,

I raise in support on the motion brought up by Honorable Matias Mbundu for the RP party. There is a need of special schools in the country specifically in the regions to cater for the section in our society.

In both Kavango regions for example there are special units in some selected schools to cater for these kids. Since these units are in mainstream schools, some parents are reluctant to send kids whose disabilities are too severe. These kids are kept in their houses, they never saw a classroom the fact is that these are special children and their interest and aspirations are way too far from the kids in the mainstream. As a result these kids are disadvantaged and the goal of accessible, equitable education remains an unfulfilled dreams.

It is imperative for government to wholeheartedly endorse this endeavor by providing comprehensive training to educator in both primary and secondary schools, ensuring a seamless transition for students from primary to secondary education. Moreover, there is a pressing need for well-equipped facilities, such as Braille resources for visually impaired students, wheelchair, accessible classrooms, and similar accommodations. These measures exemplify effective government support for the resurgence of specialized schools. For instance, the Andreas Kandjimi School in Kavango East/West caters to deaf and blind students who reside in the hostels of Dr Romanus Kampungu Secondary School. Embracing and supporting this initiative is crucial, as it addresses the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities, requiring our collective assistance.

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