Role of rights holders, Disabled People’s Organisations and civil society in the reporting cycle at the CRPD Committee

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REPORTING CYCLE IN BRIEF

RATIFICATION

Initial state report

Periodic report

Adoption Committee’s List of issues

Government’s written replies (after 2 months)

Concluding observations (recommendations)

Constructive dialogue between the government and UN Committee

Implementation of recommendations by state party
REPORTING CYCLE and PARTICIPATION DPOs

- RATIFICATION
  - Initial state report
  - Consultation for state party report
  - Periodic report
  - DPOs’ alternative report
  - List of issues - written submission - briefing in Geneva
  - Adoption Committee’s List of issues

- Implementation of recommendations by state party
- Concluding observations (recommendations)
- Constructive dialogue
- Government’s written replies (after 2 months)
- Alternative answer to list of issues
- Briefing by DPOs to Committee in Geneva
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

5th pre-session CRPD Committee (21-24 March 2016): adoption list of issues of Italy

15th session of CRPD Committee (29 March- 21 April 2015): constructive dialogues of
• Serbia (29-30/03)
• Slovakia (4-5/04)
• Portugal (5-6/04)
• Lithuania (6-7/04)

16th session CRPD Committee (15 August – 2 September 2016): constructive dialogue of Italy

6th pre-session (5-9 September 2016): list of issues of Cyprus
DPOs BRIEFINGS OF THE CRPD COMMITTEE
INCLUSIVENESS OF THE PROCESS

• DPOs participation in the reporting cycle should involve all persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, persons who are deaf, persons who are deafblind, persons with autism, persons under guardianship and persons living in institutions.

• Your submissions and briefing meetings should also reflect the views of women, children, older persons, migrants (refugees, illegal migrants), indigenous and ethnic minorities and LGBTI people with disabilities, from all across the country, both in rural and urban areas.
INCLUSIVENESS OF THE PROCESS

• A coalition should be formed with the different organisations since that will strengthen your views and voice.

• To draft and defend one report all together will also be more practical. The DPO movement might be fragmented but in this process DPOs can learn from each other and come to a common understanding of the Convention.
REPORTING CYCLE and DPO PARTICIPATION

RESOURCES

Guidelines for the participation of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the work of the Committee (April 2014)

Informative note of CRPD Committee secretariat on deadlines of submissions and accreditation, dates of briefing meetings, word limits, and languages for alternative submissions on http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx

CRPD committee secretariat: Mr Jorge Araya and his team (jaraya@ohchr.org)
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RESOURCES

European Disability Forum Alternative report (February 2015)

International Disability Alliance guidance document ‘Effective Use of International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms to Protect the Rights of Persons with Disabilities’ (May 2010)

International Disability Alliance:
Compilation of Concluding Observations (CO_PDF or CO_Word)
Compilation of List of Issues (LoI_PDF or LoI_Word)

Webcast of the UN CRPD Committee’s meetings: http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/category/webcast-archives/crpd/
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS?

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