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***STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENT WITH
THE UN CRPD COMMITTEE***

***BRUSSELS, 17-18 OCTOBER 2017***

***Venue: “Orega Meeting Center”, Rue du Commerce 123, 1000 Brussels***

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| **Tuesday 17 October 2017**  |
| 13:30-14:00 | **Registration** |
| 14:00-14:15 | **Opening***Birgit Van Hout, OHCHR Regional Representative for Europe* *Catherine Naughton, Director, European Disability Forum (EDF)* |
| 14.15-15:00 | **Introduction to the UN Human Rights Mechanisms (Treaty bodies, Universal Periodic Review and Special Procedures)***Dima Yared, OHCHR Regional Office for Europe (tbc)* |
| 15:00-15.30 | **Overview of the role of the CRPD Committee***Damjan Tatic (by video message) and László Lovászy, Members of the CRPD Committee*  |
| 15:30-16:00 | **Coffee** |
| 16:00-16:30 | **Introduction to individual complaints** *Albane Prophette, OHCHR Petitions Unit* |
| 16:30-18:00 | **Stages of the reporting cycle and role of civil society and equality bodies***Secretariat of the CRPD Committee* *An-Sofie Leenknecht, EDF secretariat**Darijo Jurišić, Deputy of the Ombudswoman for Persons with Disabilities in Croatia* *Representatives of EDF national member (tbc)* |
| 18:00-19:30 | **Reception** |

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| **Wednesday 18 October 2017** |
| 09.00 – 10:30 | **Workshop 1****Practical exercises: Drafting of alternative reports and replies to the list of issues***László Lovászy, Member of the CRPD Committee* *Representative of EDF national member (tbc)**Juan Ignacio Perez Bello (IDA - tbc) and An-Sofie Leenknecht (EDF)*  | **Workshop 2****Using Concluding Observationsfor advocacy***Silvia Quan, International Disability Alliance (tbc)**Representative of EDF national member (tbc)**Carole Van Basselaere, Unia (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities), Belgium*  |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Coffee** |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | **Workshop 1 (continued)** | **Workshop 3****Practical exercises: Individual complaints***Albane Prophette, OHCHR Petitions Unit* |
| 13:00-14:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **Feedback to plenary and discussion** |
| 15:30-16:00 | **Conclusions***Anne Gaspard, Director of Equinet (tbc) and / or* *Catherine Naughton, EDF (tbc)* |

