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## Global News

### • **First UN Security Council resolution referring to persons with disabilities**

The UN Security Council included a number of references to persons with disabilities in its recent resolution on protection of civilians in armed conflict. To access this resolution, 1894, please click the links here: [PDF Version](#) or [Word Version](#)

### • **CRPD Ratifications Reach 76**

The ratifications of the CRPD in November and early December by Montenegro, United Republic of Tanzania, Bolivia and Algeria have increased to 76 the number of States Parties to the CRPD. Ratification by Montenegro, United Republic of Tanzania and Bolivia of the Optional Protocol increased to 48 the number of the States Parties to the OP.

## Treaty Bodies

### • **The CRPD Committee adopts its Reporting Guidelines**

Recently, the CRPD Committee published on its website the Guidelines on treaty-specific documents to be submitted by States parties under Article 35, Paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. To access the Guidelines, please click on the links here: [PDF Version](#) or [Word Version](#)

• **The 43rd Session of the CAT Committee** adopted Concluding Observations (from Azerbaijan, Colombia, El Salvador, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Spain and Yemen) from November 2-20, all of which included references to persons with disabilities. [Click here](#) for the relevant information.

The CAT Committee, SPT Committee and CRPD Committee held a public joint event in the afternoon of November 17th on torture and persons with disabilities. [Click here](#) to access the press release of this event.

• **The 43rd session of the CESCRC Committee** adopted Concluding Observations (Republic of Korea, Poland, Chad, Madagascar and Democratic Republic of the Congo) from November 2-20, all of which included references to persons with disabilities. For the disability analysis of these Concluding Observations, please [click here](#).

During this session, CESCRC adopted General Comment number 21 on the Right of everyone to take part in cultural life. It includes a short section on persons with disabilities, which quotes sections of the CRPD. To access this General Comment, please [click here](#).

The 43rd Pre-Sessional Working Group of the CESCRC Committee took place from the 23rd to the 26th of November. The working Group considered reports from Uruguay, Afghanistan, Netherlands, Switzerland and the Dominican Republic.

IDA prepared a document with suggested questions for the list of issues and some of these questions have influenced the list of issues of reviewed States such as Uruguay, Switzerland and the Dominican Republic. For the detailed disability analysis of state reports and list of issues, please [click here](#).

## UPR Working Group

The UPR Working Group held its 6th session from November 30th to December 11th. In this session the following countries have been reviewed: Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Norway, Portugal and Albania. IDA prepared a document with suggested questions and recommendations to 13 out of 16 countries that have been reviewed (Cote d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Norway, Portugal, and Albania). Some of these suggestions have influenced the questions and recommendations made to the countries reviewed. For an analysis of the references to persons with disabilities in the UPR Working Group reports, please [click here](#).

## Upcoming Meetings

**IDA Seminar on shadow reporting, January 2010**, will be held on shadow reporting to the CRPD Committee and other human rights treaty bodies in Geneva on January 7 and 8, 2010. This seminar is part of a process that will lead to the production of a guidance document targeting national disability NGOs. For more information on the Seminar, please [click here](#).

**The CRC Committee, in its 53rd Session** from January 11-29, 2010, will consider reports from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ecuador, El Salvador, Norway, Mongolia, Paraguay and Tajikistan. [Click here](#) for the references to children with disabilities in state reports, list of issues and written replies.

**The 45th session of the CEDAW Committee** will consider, from the 18th of January to the 5th of February 2010, reports from Botswana, Egypt, Malawi, the Netherlands, Panama, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan.

[Click here](#) for the references to women with disabilities in state reports, list of issues and written replies.

The Pre-Sessional Working Group for the 47th Session will take place from February 8-12, 2010. The working Group will consider reports from the Bahamas, Burkina Faso, Czech Republic, Malta, Tunisia and Uganda. For the detailed disability analysis of these reports, please [click here](#).

### **About the IDA Disability Rights Bulletin**

*This bulletin is intended for experts advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities, in particular within the Geneva-based human rights framework. It is prepared by the IDA CRPD Forum, which also provides support to the Group of States Friends of the CRPD.*

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