



IDA's Compilation of CRPD Committee's Concluding Observations

*Article 30 CRPD
(Participation in cultural life,
recreation, leisure and sport)*

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Article 30 - Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

1. States Parties recognize the right of persons with disabilities to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life, and shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities:

a) Enjoy access to cultural materials in accessible formats;

b) Enjoy access to television programmes, films, theatre and other cultural activities, in accessible formats;

c) Enjoy access to places for cultural performances or services, such as theatres, museums, cinemas, libraries and tourism services, and, as far as possible, enjoy access to monuments and sites of national cultural importance.

2. States Parties shall take appropriate measures to enable persons with disabilities to have the opportunity to develop and utilize their creative, artistic and intellectual potential, not only for their own benefit, but also for the enrichment of society.

3. States Parties shall take all appropriate steps, in accordance with international law, to ensure that laws protecting intellectual property rights do not constitute an unreasonable or discriminatory barrier to access by persons with disabilities to cultural materials.

4. Persons with disabilities shall be entitled, on an equal basis with others, to recognition and support of their specific cultural and linguistic identity, including sign languages and deaf culture.

5. With a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others in recreational, leisure and sporting activities, States Parties shall take appropriate measures:

a) To encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels;

b) To ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organize, develop and participate in disability-specific sporting and recreational activities and, to this end, encourage the provision, on an equal basis with others, of appropriate instruction, training and resources;

c) To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting, recreational and tourism venues;

d) To ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities, including those activities in the school system;

(e) To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to services from those involved in the organization of recreational, tourism, leisure and sporting activities.

**Bangladesh
Indonesia
Japan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Korea
Hungary
Jamaica
Switzerland
Venezuela
France
Estonia
Albania
Australia
Ecuador
El Salvador
Greece
India
Iraq
Kuwait
Myanmar
Cuba
Niger
Norway
Rwanda
Senegal
Spain
Turkey
Vanuatu
Algeria
Bulgaria
Malta
Philippines
South Africa
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Haiti
Nepal
Oman
Russian Federation
Seychelles
Slovenia
Sudan
Luxembourg
Montenegro
Morocco
Panama
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Armenia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Cyprus
Honduras
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Jordan**

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Guatemala
Italy
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Czech Republic
Dominican Republic
Germany
Turkmenistan
New Zealand
Denmark
Republic of Korea
Belgium
Ecuador
Mexico
Sweden
Azerbaijan
Costa Rica
El Salvador**

There are no recommendations on Poland, Latvia, Canada, Ethiopia, Uruguay, Chile, Mongolia, Australia, Austria, Paraguay, Argentina, China, Hungary, Peru, Spain, Tunisia, Mexico, China, New Zealand and Singapore.

Bangladesh

57. The Committee is concerned that:

(a) The lack of accessibility of all museums, cultural and recreational centres, tourist attractions and stadiums, including provision in public libraries of information in accessible formats for persons who are blind or visually impaired, including the lack of sufficient budgetary allocations to enable persons with disabilities participate actively in sports and recreational activities, including in rural and remote areas.

(b) The State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or otherwise printed disabled;

58. The Committee recommends that the State party take concrete measures to eliminate all barriers militating against the participation of persons with disabilities in cultural life, recreational and sports activities and encourage their participation on an equal basis with others, including expediting action on the establishment of the national disability sports centre, as well as to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled as soon as possible.

Indonesia

62. The Committee is concerned at the limited efforts undertaken to provide accessibility and infrastructure that guarantee persons with disabilities equal enjoyment of sites of cultural value, including in cultural buildings, theatres and tourist sites.

63. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

Japan

63. The Committee is concerned about:

(a) Limited accessibility at tourist locations and entertainment facilities;

(b) Barriers to access television programs, cultural activities, and electronic publications;

(c) Restrictions on participation in sporting events, in particular, as regards persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind.

64. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Enhance efforts to ensure accessibility at tourist locations and entertainment facilities, including those of a small scale;

(b) Secure the access to television programs and cultural activities in accessible formats, and strengthen measures to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to increase the availability of accessible published works;

(c) Ensure the access to sport activities for all persons with disabilities, including the provision of reasonable accommodation.

Lao People's Democratic Republic

56. The Committee notes:

(a) That the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled;

(b) With concern the low participation of persons with disabilities, including women and children with disabilities belonging to ethnic groups, in cultural life, and recreational and sports activities.

57. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Take all appropriate measures to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled;

(b) Eliminate social and environmental barriers hindering the participation of persons with disabilities, in particular women and children with disabilities belonging to ethnic groups, in cultural life, and recreational and sports activities, and encourage their participation on an equal basis with others.

Republic of Korea

61. The Committee is concerned about the lack of specific measures put in place to effectively implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print-Disabled and the insufficient measures taken to promote the participation of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

62. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty through close consultation with representative organizations of persons with disabilities. It also recommends that the State party increase its efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, enjoy their right to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

Hungary

58. The Committee is concerned about the remaining barriers to access to recreational, leisure and sporting venues and activities for persons with disabilities, particularly persons with intellectual disabilities and children with disabilities.

59. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure access to general recreational, leisure and sporting venues and activities for persons with disabilities, with a particular emphasis on persons with intellectual disabilities and children with disabilities, on an equal basis with others, and provide them with the necessary assistance and support to achieve this objective.

Jamaica

54. The Committee is concerned:

(a) That despite the adoption of the Copyright Amendment Act in 2015 to facilitate access to published work for persons with disabilities who are blind or visually impaired, the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty and has not adopted national legislation;

(b) At the limited access for deaf persons to arts and cultural events, as sign language interpretation service is not generally provided in most cultural places;

(c) That cultural centres, theatres and library services which provide access to the Internet by persons with disabilities, including computers with speech software for persons with visual impairments, are sometimes inaccessible and far away from the community, and that the availability of audio materials is very limited.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt measures to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others, as well as to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Switzerland

57. The Committee notes with concern the insufficient measures to implement the Marrakesh Treaty and to recognize the specific cultural and linguistic identity of deaf persons.

58. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Strengthen measures to implement the Marrakesh Treaty and to increase the availability of accessible published works;
- (b) Recognize the specific cultural and linguistic identity of deaf persons, including sign languages and deaf culture.

Venezuela

50. The Committee takes note of the process of updating the electoral register to identify more voters with disabilities, but remains concerned about their limited participation in the reform and the fact that persons with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, are underrepresented in electoral processes and selection procedures for decision-making bodies.

51. The Committee recommends that persons with disabilities, especially women with disabilities and persons with intensive support needs, should be consulted through their representative organizations about potential electoral policy and law reforms to guarantee that they are able to vote, be elected to public office and participate in decision-making bodies.

Djibouti

53. The Committee is concerned about the lack of sufficient access for persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, to inclusive sporting, leisure and cultural activities and services. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

54. The Committee recommends that the State party adopts measures to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others, as well as to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

France

60. The Committee is concerned about lack of information on measures to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, and about access to mainstream sporting, recreational and tourism venues for persons with disabilities, the lack of play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities for children with disabilities. It also notes with concern the lack of support to the organizational structure for Deaf sports and the lack of recognition of Deaf Olympic.

61. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Take appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation at the national level of the relevant European Union legislation enacted following the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled;

Set up specific budgets to promote the right of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others;

Take measures to encourage the Deaf Olympic and give effect to the recommendations issued by the Defender of Rights, in 2008.

Estonia

58. The Committee is concerned about the lack of access for persons with disabilities to cultural materials, places for cultural performances and services. It is also concerned about the lack of access for persons with intellectual disabilities to recreational, leisure and

sporting activities, in which they are impeded from participating on an equal basis with others.

59. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure access to places for cultural performances, ensure the provision by museums of information in sign language and provide cultural materials in accessible formats. The State party should promote inclusive recreational, leisure and sporting activities for both adults and children with disabilities.

Albania

49. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities, particularly children, face barriers to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

50. The Committee recommends that the State party itemize a budget to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities, particularly children, to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Australia

55. The Committee is concerned about the lack of specific measures put in place to effectively implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print-Disabled and the insufficient measures taken to promote the participation of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

56. The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty through close consultation with representative organizations of persons with disabilities. It also recommends that the State party increase its efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, enjoy their right to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

Ecuador

53. The Committee is concerned at a lack of accessibility for persons with disabilities in all sport, recreational and cultural facilities and at the lack of participation by children with disabilities in sports and cultural events. It is also concerned at the insufficient nature of the steps taken to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

54. The Committee recommends that the State party guarantee physical and communication access for persons with disabilities at sports, cultural and recreational facilities by putting in place the necessary accessibility measures in both urban and rural areas; that it provide more training for the public employees working in such facilities; and that sign language guides and information in accessible formats, such as Braille and other modes and means of communication, be used to foster the participation of children with disabilities in sport and cultural events. It also recommends that the State party take targeted action to implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

El Salvador

56. The Committee is concerned that accessible tourist viewing points, as well as the development of accessibility for sporting events in general, have focused on physical accessibility.

57. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to ensure that all tourist viewing points and sports events open to the public use accessible communication modes, means and formats and that persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, have full access to sports, cultural and other leisure centres, in both urban and rural areas. It also recommends that the State party collect disaggregated data on the number of persons with disabilities who participate in mainstream sports and recreation programmes, particularly those living in rural and remote areas.

Greece

44. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities face barriers in their participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others due to, inter alia, the limited access to cultural materials and activities in accessible formats, cultural performances and services, sporting activities, monuments and sites of national cultural importance.

45. The Committee recommends that the State party take all steps necessary to provide and promote inclusive and accessible facilities for recreational, leisure and sporting activities, guaranteeing equal access and ensuring the participation of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation at the national level of the relevant European Union legislation enacted following the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

India

62. The Committee is concerned about the lack of measures to ensure access to mainstream recreation, cultural activities, leisure and sports by persons with disabilities, and the insufficient measures to further promote the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty.

63. The Committee recommends that the State party monitor the accessibility of leisure and sports sites, recognize cultural identities and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities in cultural performances and cultural exchanges. It also recommends that the State party adopt policies to incentivize publishers to make reading material available in accessible formats, and promote the cross-border exchange of resources in accordance with the Marrakesh Treaty.

Iraq

55. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

56. The Committee encourages the State party to expedite review of the draft bill to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty.

57. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities face barriers in participating in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others.

58. The Committee recommends that the State party itemize a budget to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others, including measures that provide assistance as needed.

Kuwait

58. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled. It is also concerned about the lack of information about measures taken to:

Promote deaf culture and the linguistic identity of persons who are deaf;

Ensure access to all cultural, recreational, tourism-related and sporting events and services for children and adults with disabilities;

Ensure equal access to and the full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all mainstream sporting activities and facilities.

59. The Committee recommends that the State party ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty. It also recommends that the State party:

In close consultation with and with the active participation of organizations of deaf persons, promote deaf culture and the linguistic identity of persons who are deaf;

Ensure the accessibility of cultural, recreational, tourism-related and sporting events and services in the public and private sectors, beyond those specifically dedicated to persons with disabilities, to children and adults with disabilities;

Ensure equal access to and the full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all mainstream sporting activities and facilities.

Myanmar

57. The Committee is concerned that:

The participation of persons with disabilities, particularly children with disabilities, in cultural life, recreational and sports activities remains low;

The State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

58. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Eliminate social and environmental barriers hindering the participation of persons with disabilities, in particular children with disabilities, in cultural life, recreational and sports activities and encourage their participation on an equal basis with others;

Take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Cuba

49. The Committee is concerned that

Access to sports and leisure facilities, which hinders the effective participation of persons with disabilities in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities is lacking;

The State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

50. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Implements measures that promote the participation of persons with disabilities in sports at all levels, including in national and international sport competitions, take steps to support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in sports and cultural activities based on the human rights model of disability enshrined in the Convention, and adopt accessibility plans with regard to historical, heritage and tourist sites and cultural and leisure facilities;

Take all necessary measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty.

Niger

49. The Committee is concerned about:

The lack of accessibility of sporting, recreation and cultural centres, for persons with disabilities, and the lack of financial resources for persons with disabilities to engage in such activities;

The fact that the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled is not yet ratified.

50. The Committee recommends that the State Party adopt measures to ensure that all sports, recreational and cultural facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities, including persons with physical disabilities, blind and visually impaired persons, and

persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, and provide budgetary allocations to ensure that they participate actively in such activities; and ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty.

Norway

47. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities, children in particular, face barriers to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

48. The Committee recommends that the State party take all necessary steps to secure and promote inclusive and accessible facilities for recreational, leisure and sporting activities, including UNESCO World Heritage sites, providing equal access and ensure the participation of persons with disabilities, particularly children. It also encourages the State party to promptly ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Rwanda

55. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not signed or ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. It is also concerned by the lack of efforts to increase accessible spaces of recreation and leisure, both in rural and urban areas, and limited opportunities for persons with disabilities, including children, to participate in sports and cultural activities.

56. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to sign, ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty. It also recommends that the State party take concrete measures to increase accessible and inclusive spaces of recreation and leisure, and support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in sports and cultural activities.

Saudi Arabia

53. The Committee is concerned at the limited participation of women and girls with disabilities in physical education at school, in national tournaments and in sports leagues.

54. The Committee recommends that the State party support and encourage the participation of women and girls with disabilities in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities in and outside of school.

Senegal

51. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or otherwise printed disabled.

52. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Spain

56. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or otherwise printed disabled.

57. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all necessary measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Turkey

58. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or otherwise printed disabled.

59. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

60. The Committee is concerned about the limited information about participation of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities and sports facilities.

61. The Committee recommends that the State party take measures to promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others in mainstream sporting activities at all levels.

Vanuatu

50. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or otherwise printed disabled.

51. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Algeria

50. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. It is also concerned about insufficient measures to provide access to tourist sites, museums, art galleries, cultural centres, public parks and other public cultural facilities for all persons with disabilities and to encourage the participation of children with disabilities in recreational, leisure and sporting activities.

51. The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, to ensure the accessibility of tourist sites, museums, art galleries, cultural centres, public parks and other public spaces for all persons with disabilities and to encourage the participation of young persons with disabilities in recreational, sport, and cultural activities on an equal basis with others.

Bulgaria

63. The Committee is concerned that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

64. The Committee encourages the State party to promptly ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

65. The Committee is concerned about the State party's insufficient efforts to support access to and participation of persons with disabilities in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities

66. The Committee recommends that the State party take steps to support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities.

Malta

43. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities face barriers to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others and that their

participation in most cases still depends on assistance by a relative or caregiver. It also notes that the State party is awaiting the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled by the European Union.

44. The Committee recommends that the State party itemize a budget to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others, including measures that provide assistance as needed. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to prepare the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty upon its ratification in order to allow access to materials to persons with visual impairments, or otherwise print disabled.

Philippines

52. The Committee is concerned that the State Party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

53. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

54. The Committee is concerned about the policy of granting national funding only for the Paralympics, and Special Olympics to participate in competitions abroad, excluding persons with disabilities enrolled in other sports. It is also concerned about the lack of measures to promote inclusion of persons with disabilities in cultural and recreational activities.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Allocate public funds for equal access and practice of sports by all persons with disabilities;

Adopt measures to ensure all persons with disabilities to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport;

Adopt a strategy and allocate resources at the national and local levels to develop inclusive facilities, programmes and activities for persons with disabilities, in areas such as theatre, dance, music, in partnership and close consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities.

South Africa

48. The Committee is concerned about the delay in revising the Copyright Act (1978) and ratifying the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

49. The Committee recommends that the State party expedite action to complete the process of the revision of the Copyright Act (1978) and the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty.

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

54. The Committee is concerned about the State party's insufficient efforts to support access to and participation of persons with disabilities in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities. The Committee regrets that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party take steps to support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities. It also encourages the State party to promptly ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Haiti

54. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities face barriers to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party itemize a budget to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Nepal

43. The Committee is concerned about how the National Sports Policy, 2010, which was adopted to develop and expand para-sports in order to encourage persons with disabilities to participate in sports of their interest, has been effective in ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities under article 30, particularly those with visual, speech and hearing impairment. The Committee also notes that while the State party has signed the Marrakesh Treaty, it is yet to ratify it.

44. The Committee recommends that the State party take appropriate action and measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can participate in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting programs. The Committee also encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Oman

53. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled. It is also concerned about insufficient measures to develop deaf culture as well as measures adopted to provide accessibility to tourist sites, museums, art galleries, cultural centres, public parks and other public cultural facilities for all persons with disabilities, including the participation of children in recreational, leisure and sporting activities.

54. The Committee recommends that the State Party take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as well as adopt measures for the development of deaf culture and to ensure the accessibility of tourist sites, museums, art galleries, cultural centres, public parks and other public spaces for all persons with disabilities, including the participation of children with disabilities in recreational, sport and cultural activities.

Russian Federation

60. The Committee is concerned that there is a lack of transparent information on the implementation of laws mentioned in paragraph 191 of the Replies to the List of Issues, with special regards to procedures for assisting persons with disabilities to exercise their cultural rights and that there is no information about the implementation of the Federal Act No. 34 with regard to mandatory audio description and captioning of movies. The Committee is also concerned that apart from persons with physical disabilities, persons with sensory or other types of disabilities do not seem to be covered by the services for tourists, including accommodation. The Committee furthermore notes with concern that there are no mandatory standards of accessibility for tourist services.

61. The Committee recommends that the State party improve the access to culture to all persons with disabilities, including persons with sensory disabilities, by establishing transparent procedures and the evaluation mechanisms, as well as binding standards for the tourist and cultural infrastructures and services in the Russian Federation in line with the General Comment No. 2 (2014) on accessibility.

Seychelles

51. The Committee notes with concern that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

52. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled as soon as possible.

Slovenia

51. The Committee notes with concern that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

52. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled as soon as possible.

Sudan

61. The Committee is concerned about the State party's insufficient efforts to support access and participation of persons with disabilities in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities. The Committee is concerned that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

62. The Committee recommends that the State party take steps to support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities. It also recommends that the State party promptly ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Luxembourg

52. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities face barriers to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

53. The Committee recommends that the State party itemize a budget to promote and protect the right of persons with disabilities to participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport on an equal basis with others. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Montenegro

54. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. The Committee is also concerned that sports centres do not sufficiently promote inclusive regular sports programmes.

55. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible. It recommends that the State party allocate the necessary resources to increase access to inclusive sports to persons with disabilities of all ages.

Morocco

56. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

57. The Committee recommends that the State party expedite action to complete the process for the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty.

Panama

58. The Committee is concerned at the lack of effective implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. Furthermore, it is concerned by the lack of State efforts at all levels to support access for persons with disabilities, especially children, to accessible sports activities.

59. The Committee recommends that the State party take steps to support and encourage the participation of persons with disabilities, including children, in sports. It also recommends that the State party adopt accessibility plans with regard to historical, heritage and tourist sites and cultural and leisure facilities. Lastly, it recommends that the State party promptly take all necessary measures to implement the Marrakesh Treaty.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

62. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. It is also concerned about the low level of accessibility to sports stadiums with individual seating for persons with disabilities and their families, friends and personal assistants, and to national heritage sites, including those appointed as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) heritage sites.

63. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Take all necessary steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled as soon as possible;

Adopt a concrete plan of action, with resources and measurable objectives, to implement legislation, regulation and standardization to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to inclusive participation in all sports facilities and heritage sites, including UNESCO heritage sites.

Armenia

53. The Committee is concerned about the limited access and participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, especially those living in rural areas, with respect to sports and cultural activities and events. The Committee is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

54. The Committee recommends that the State party take appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to and actively participate in cultural and sports activities and have equal access to facilities and services, such as libraries, sports and other cultural events and facilities. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty without delay.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

54. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments and persons with print disabilities. The Committee is also concerned that despite the fact that there is an adopted strategy for the period 2016-2021 for promoting the accessibility of educational, cultural and sports facilities, no significant progress can be identified so far.

55. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible. It also recommends that, in line

with paragraph 15 of general comment No. 2 (2014), more attention be paid to educational, cultural and sport facilities in terms of coordination based on the suggested action plan.

Cyprus

59. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

60. The Committee recommends that the State party take all steps necessary to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Honduras

63. El Comité toma nota con beneplácito de la ratificación del Tratado de Marrakech para Facilitar el Acceso a las Obras Publicadas a las Personas Ciegas, con Discapacidad Visual o con Otras Dificultades para Acceder al Texto Impreso. Sin embargo le preocupa la falta de accesibilidad a sitios históricos, culturales, patrimoniales y turísticos para las personas con discapacidad en el Estado parte.

64. El Comité recomienda al Estado parte que adopte planes de accesibilidad, con indicadores y plazos concretos, en sitios de valor histórico y patrimonial, sitios turísticos e instalaciones donde se desarrollan actividades culturales y recreativas. Asimismo, el Comité alienta al Estado parte a fortalecer el acceso a la información y a la lectura para personas ciegas y con baja visión promoviendo la colaboración con editoriales, bibliotecas, centros de documentación, centros educativos y universidades, entre otros.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

56. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

57. The Committee encourages the State party to take all necessary steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Jordan

57. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, which provides for access to published material by blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons who have other difficulties in accessing printed materials.

58. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Republic of Moldova

54. The Committee is concerned about the limited access that persons with disabilities have to cultural activities and sport facilities and that athletes with disabilities are not supported on an equal basis with other athletes. It is also concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party take appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities participate in cultural activities and sport, and that athletes with disabilities receive support on an equal basis with other athletes. It encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Bolivia

67. The Committee is concerned at:

The scant support provided to sportsmen and women with disabilities, especially elite sportsmen and women, and their lack of opportunities to participate in international competitions;

The lack of accessibility to historic, cultural, heritage and tourist sites;

The fact that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

68. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Allocate the necessary material and human resources to promote sports among persons with disabilities at the educational, recreational and elite levels;

Adopt accessibility plans, including indicators and specific time frames, at sites of historical and heritage value, tourist attractions and facilities that host cultural and recreational activities;

Ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Colombia

66. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

67. The Committee encourages the State party to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Guatemala

69. The Committee notes the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled and the efforts to promote the creation of a national network of entities that are authorized to produce published material in accessible formats.

70. However, the Committee is concerned that Decree No. 33-98 on copyright and related rights has not yet been brought into line with the Marrakesh Treaty and that a national network of entities that are authorized to produce published material in accessible formats has not been created.

71. The Committee encourages the State party to expedite the harmonization of Decree No. 33-98 on copyright and related rights with the Marrakesh Treaty and the creation of a national network of entities that are authorized to produce published material in accessible formats. It further encourages the State party to improve access to information and reading for persons who are blind or visually impaired and to promote collaboration with publishing houses, libraries, documentation centres, schools and universities, among others.

Italy

75. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

76. The Committee recommends that the State party streamline all efforts for the prompt ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty.

United Arab Emirates

55. The Committee is concerned about the lack of measures taken to include persons with disabilities, especially children, in recreational, sport and cultural activities, which remain mostly segregated.

56. The Committee recommends that the State party set up a comprehensive strategy for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in recreational, sport and cultural activities and in society at large.

Lithuania

59. The Committee is concerned at reports stating that public cultural spaces such as the World Heritage sites of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) largely remain inaccessible to persons with disabilities. It is also concerned about the lack of State party documentation on how European Union structural funds contribute to the removal of barriers to accessibility.

60. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close collaboration with representative organizations of persons with disabilities, take the steps necessary to secure and promote inclusive and accessible facilities for recreational, leisure and sporting activities, including UNESCO World Heritage sites, providing equal access to and participation for persons with disabilities, as set out in targets 11.2 and 11.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Portugal

56. The Committee is concerned that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, which provides access to printed works for persons who are blind or partially sighted or experience other difficulties to access such publications.

57. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify the World Intellectual Property Organization Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Serbia

61. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, which provides for access to published material by blind persons and persons with visual impairments or print disabilities.

62. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Slovakia

79. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

80. The Committee recommends that the State party ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

81. The Committee is concerned about the lack of accessibility of libraries for all persons with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities.

82. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure that public libraries increase their accessibility and stock of easy-to-read, digital, audio and Braille publications.

Thailand

61. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

62. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Uganda

58. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

59. The Committee recommends that the State party take all steps necessary to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Brazil

54. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which would enable persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled to access published works. It is also concerned that tourist areas and facilities are not fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

55. The Committee recommends that the State party ratify the Marrakesh Treaty. It further recommends to take appropriate measures to ensure that libraries are accessible to all persons with disabilities, including persons with cognitive or psycho-social impairments and those who are deaf-blind. It further recommends to step up its efforts to make tourism in Brazil fully accessible.

European Union

70. The Committee is concerned that the European Union has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or print disabilities in accessing printed materials.

71. The Committee encourages the European Union to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Gabon

64. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or print disabilities in having access to printed materials.

65. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Kenya

53. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

54. The Committee encourages the State party to take all necessary steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Mauritius

41. The Committee regrets that the State party has not yet acceded to the Marrakesh Treaty. It is also concerned with the lack of policies regarding accessibility in tourism and travel sector.

**42. The Committee recommends that the State party
Accede to the Marrakesh treaty as soon as possible;
Ensure accessibility of libraries, audiovisual materials and broadcast services to persons with disabilities;**

Ensure that tourism policies and practices are accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, and disseminate the World Tourism Organization Recommendations on Accessible Tourism for all among travel agents and tourism agencies.

Qatar

53. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons with print disabilities in having access to printed materials.

54. The Committee recommends that the State party adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Ukraine

56. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

57. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Cook Islands

53. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not acceded the Marrakesh treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, and that libraries do not have books available in Braille, easy to read formats and available digital resources. It is further concerned that there are no policies in place in the tourism and travel sector to facilitate tourist travel by persons with disabilities

54. The Committee recommends that the State party:

Accede the Marrakesh treaty as soon as possible;

Ensure libraries have books available in Braille, easy to read formats and accessible digital resources;

Ensure that tourism policies and practices are inclusive of persons with disabilities, and disseminate the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Recommendations on Accessible Tourism for All among travel agents and tourism agencies.

Croatia

47. The Committee is concerned about the low participation of persons with disabilities in cultural life. It is further concerned that Croatia has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

48. The Committee recommends the State party to take appropriate steps to ensure accessibility of mainstream cultural facilities and to take appropriate measures, e.g. disability art festivals, to enable persons with disabilities to have the opportunity to develop and utilize their creative, artistic and intellectual potential. It is recommended that the State Party ratifies the Marrakesh Treaty.

Czech Republic

58. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons who have other difficulties in accessing printed materials.

59. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Dominican Republic

56. Al Comité le preocupa que el Estado parte aún no haya ratificado el Tratado de Marrakech para Facilitar el Acceso a las Obras Publicadas a las Personas Ciegas, con Discapacidad Visual o con Otras Dificultades para Acceder al Texto impreso. Asimismo, le preocupa la poca accesibilidad de los sitios turísticos, monumentos históricos y patrimoniales, museos y otras instalaciones para el desarrollo de actividades artísticas y culturales.

57. El Comité recomienda al Estado parte:

Ratificar el Tratado de Marrakech; e

Implementar un plan para hacer accesibles los sitios turísticos, monumentos históricos e instalaciones, donde se desarrollan actividades artísticas y culturales y fomentar la participación de personas con discapacidad en las mismas.

Germany

55. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet acceded to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

56. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures including ratifying to and implementing the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible in order to facilitate access to published material for blind persons, persons with visual impairments and persons with other difficulties in accessing published works.

Turkmenistan

51. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

52. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures in order to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

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New Zealand

63. The Committee notes that only about 10 per cent of television programmes are captioned and only about one to two hours of television programmes each day are audio-described.

64. The Committee recommends that the State party take further measures to increase the captioning and audio description of television programmes.

65. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the World Intellectual Property Organization Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons who have other difficulties in accessing printed materials.

66. The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate steps to speedily ratify the Marrakesh Treaty.

Denmark

62. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons who have other difficulties in accessing printed materials.

63. The Committee encourages the State party to take all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Republic of Korea

57. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons with other difficulties in having access to printed materials.

58. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Belgium

40. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, adopted in 2013 by the World Intellectual Property Organization, which facilitates access to published material for blind persons, persons with visual impairments and persons with other difficulties in accessing published works.

41. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Ecuador

46. The Committee is concerned that facilities for sports and cultural development at the national level may not have undergone the necessary adaptation for access and use by persons with disabilities. The Committee is also concerned that school and sports centres do not promote inclusive sports programmes for persons with disabilities, especially for the very young. The Committee further expresses its concern that theatres, cinemas and other recreational and cultural facilities do not have the necessary infrastructure and qualified staff for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

47. The Committee recommends that the State party launch a national plan for accessible sport and update its cultural and recreational policy so that its main facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. The Committee also recommends that the plans and instruments used for overseeing theatres, cinemas and other recreational facilities take account of their accessibility to persons with disabilities, and that sanctions be imposed when such facilities do not have conditions suited to all users.

48. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not yet ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which would enable persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled to have access to published works.

49. The Committee encourages the State party to take all the necessary steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Mexico

57. The Committee notes that the State party has yet to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

58. The Committee encourages the State party to take all necessary steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Sweden

53. The Committee is concerned that the State party has not signed or ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which allows access to published material to

blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons with other difficulties in having access to printed materials.

54. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to sign, ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

Azerbaijan

46. The Committee is concerned about the fact that the State party has not signed or ratified the World Intellectual Property Organization Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled which allows the access to published material to blind persons, persons with visual impairments or persons with other difficulties in having access to printed materials.

47. The Committee encourages the State party to adopt all appropriate measures to sign, ratify and implement the Marrakesh treaty as earliest as possible.

Costa Rica

61. The Committee is concerned about the fact that the State party has still not ratified the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which would enable persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled to access published works.

62. The Committee urges the State party to take the appropriate steps to ratify and implement the Marrakesh Treaty as soon as possible.

El Salvador

61. The Committee is concerned at the lack of measures regarding access to and participation in cultural activities, such as the theatre and museums, and at the meagre progress in private-sector promotion of participation in cultural life by persons with disabilities, including children and adolescents.

62. The Committee recommends that the State party continue to devise policies and measures to ensure participation in cultural life, recreational activities, relaxation and sports by persons with disabilities, including the conclusion of public-private agreements with civil society organizations and businesses to establish accessible recreational and cultural spaces.