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## GLOBAL NEWS

### • CRPD ratifications reach 112

The ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol (OP) by Mauritania on 3 April 2012 brings a total of 112 States Parties to the CRPD, while the OP has 64 ratifications.

The number of signatures to the CRPD is 153 while the OP has 90 signatures.

Please click the link to check the list of [Signatories and State Parties](#).

### • State Reports submitted to the CRPD Committee

Kenya and Ukraine have recently submitted their national reports to the CRPD Committee. For the moment, the reports are only available in English for Kenya and in Russian for Ukraine.

Please [click here](#) to access the CRPD Committee website section where you can find all reports presented so far to the CRPD Committee.

## NEW YORK NEWS

### • Preparatory meeting for the fifth Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (September 12-14, 2012)

On 13 April 2012, the Bureau Members of the Conference of States Parties (COP) (Sweden, Hungary, Jamaica, Sierra Leone and Thailand) invited interested Member States (Mexico, Philippines) and civil society representatives to discuss possible themes for the upcoming COP. The following topics were suggested by IDA and other participants: children with disabilities, women with disabilities and older persons with disabilities. IDA also presented briefly Civil Society CRPD Forum to be held the day prior of the COP.

## GENEVA NEWS

• The **Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** met for its 7th session from 16 - 20 April 2012 during which it examined the report of Peru and adopted list of issues on Argentina, China and Hungary. For the first time, the session was webcast live by IDA at [www.treatybodywebcast.org](http://www.treatybodywebcast.org) (the archived videos of the public opening and review of Peru will be available at the same website).

To read the Committee's Concluding Observations on Peru, please [click here](#); and [here](#) to read the parallel report, and list of issues submissions of CONFENADIP, the National Confederation of People with Disabilities of Peru in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The submission of REDI (Red por los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad), the Argentine network of cross disability DPOs, is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#); and the Hungarian Disability Caucus made submissions in the form of a [parallel report](#) and a specific submission on the [list of issues](#). IDA made three separate submissions on [China](#), [Hong Kong](#) and [Macao](#). Further submissions by DPOs and NGOs concerning China and Hong Kong are available on the Committee's [7th session website](#). To read a summary of the public sessions of the 7th session

which includes the list of adopted decisions, [click here](#).

IDA sponsored two side events (one on mainland China and Hong Kong) and one on Hungary and Argentina, during which DPO representatives conveyed information to the CRPD Committee members. IDA also facilitated a private meeting of the Committee with the Peruvian DPO representatives prior to the start of the constructive dialogue with the Government of Peru.

The [8th session](#) will take place from 17-28 September 2012 in which the reports of Argentina, China and Hungary will be reviewed and the list of issues adopted with respect to Paraguay.

## GENEVA NEWS

### Treaty Bodies

- The **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** will be meeting from 30 April - 18 May 2012 for its 48th session during which it will examine the reports of Ethiopia, New Zealand, Peru, Slovakia and Spain. [Click here](#) to read IDA's recommendations for Concluding Observations, [here](#) to read IDA's disability analysis of the State reports. With respect to Peru, the Peruvian National Confederation of Persons with Disabilities (CONFENADIP) made its own submission available [here](#).

The **CESCR Committee** will also hold a **Pre-Sessional Working Group** from 21-25 May 2012 to adopt lists of issues on Azerbaijan, Iceland, Iran, Jamaica and Japan, and in the absence of State reports: Republic of Congo and Equatorial Guinea. With respect to Iceland, together with Organi-

sation of Disabled Persons in Iceland (ODI) and the European Disability Form (EDF), IDA made a joint submission, available [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read IDA's submissions for the list of issues and [here](#) to read IDA's disability analysis of the State reports available.

- The **Committee against Torture** will be holding its 48th session from 7 May - 1 June 2012 in which it will examine the reports of Albania, Armenia, Canada, Cuba, Czech Republic, Greece, Rwanda and Syrian Arab Republic. [Click here](#) to read IDA's recommendations for Concluding Observations, and [here](#) to read IDA's disability analysis of the State reports. The European Network of (ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry and the European Disability Forum made a joint submission on the Czech Republic available [here](#).

The Committee will also adopt lists of issues on Senegal, Togo, Tajikistan and Qatar. To read IDA's proposed questions for the list of issues, [click here](#), and [here](#) to read the disability analysis of those State reports.

- The **Committee on the Rights of the Child** will meet for its 60th session from 29 May - 15 June 2012 in which it will review the reports of Algeria, Australia, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and Viet Nam. [Click here](#) to read IDA's recommendations for Concluding Observations, and [here](#) to read IDA's disability analysis of the State reports.

The CRC Committee launched a call out for inputs by civil society, including DPOs, on their upcoming General Comment on child rights and business. Further Information is available on

the CRC Committee's website [here](#). To read IDA's submission in response to this request, [click here](#).

### Universal Periodic Review

- The **UPR Working Group** 13th session will take place from 21 May to 4 June 2012 in Geneva. The countries that will be reviewed are Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, UK, India, Brazil, Philippines, Algeria, Poland, Netherlands and South Africa. For an analysis of the references to persons with disabilities in the reports that will be taken into account by the UPR Working Group in this session, please, [click here](#).

- **List of deadlines:** To see the list of deadlines for the coming month on parallel reporting and submissions by DPOs/NGOs to the human rights treaty bodies, please [click here](#).

### *About the IDA Disability Rights Bulletin*

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