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**Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with  
Disabilities on its sixth session, 19-23 September 2011**

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## **I. States parties to the Convention and its Optional Protocol**

1. As at 23 September 2011, the closing date of the sixth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, there were 104 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and 62 States parties to its Optional Protocol.
2. The lists of States parties to the Convention and the Optional Protocol are contained in annex I of the present report.

## **II. Opening of the sixth session of the Committee**

3. The sixth session was opened in a public meeting by Ronald McCallum, Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairperson noted the departure of the Secretary of the Committee and welcomed the Secretary *ad interim*. He noted the fourth session of the Conference of States Parties held in New York at the beginning of September, as well as the presentation of the Committee's first biennial report to be reviewed by the General Assembly at its 66th session in October 2011 (A/66/55), which includes a request for additional meeting time.
4. The opening statement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) was delivered by Wan-Hea Lee, Chief of the Groups in Focus Section of the Human Rights Treaties Division. She highlighted the most important developments of the treaty body system that had taken place since its last session in April 2011, including the establishment of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, the adoption by the Human Rights Council of a third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which provides for submission of complaints by individuals about alleged violations of the Convention and its first two Optional Protocols to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Human Rights Council resolution on sexual orientation. She presented updates on the treaty body strengthening process; the main decisions of the last Meeting of Chairpersons and Inter-Committee Meeting as well as the latest developments in the field of human rights and disability.
5. The Committee reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda and tentative programme of work for the sixth session (CRPD/C/6/1).
6. The Chairperson reported on the activities undertaken between the fifth and sixth sessions of the Committee.

## **III. Membership of the Committee**

7. The list of members of the Committee, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex IV to the biennial report (A/66/55). All members attended the sixth session.

## **IV. Working methods**

8. The Committee discussed various issues related to its working methods, including, inter alia, the following:
  - (a) Ways of dealing with the growing number of reports submitted by State parties;

- (b) Practices adopted by the Committee, such as encouraging State parties to include persons with disabilities in their delegations;
- (c) Enforcement of the Committee's rules of procedure which prohibits members from being present during the consideration of the report of the State party of which they are nationals;
- (d) Functioning of the working groups established by the Committee;
- (e) The feasibility of holding of a day of general discussion in September 2012.

## **V. Drafting of general comments**

9. The Chairperson of the Working Group on a general comment on article 12, Edah Maina, announced that the group would prepare an outline of the draft general comment and re-circulate the draft text.

10. The Committee will call for papers to be submitted by stakeholders in preparation of a draft general comment on article 9, under the leadership of the Working Group on accessibility

## **VI. Activities related to the Optional Protocol**

11. The Special Rapporteur on communications, Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, briefed the Committee about the activities carried out under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities since the fifth session of the Committee, and provided an overview of the correspondence received by the Committee. The Committee approved the decisions taken by the Special Rapporteur with regard to the three registered communications, and extended her mandate to the end of 2012.

## **VII. Other decisions**

12. The Committee reviewed and adopted the report of its fifth session (CRPD/C/5/3).

13. The Committee took a number of other decisions, which are listed in annex IV of the present report.

## **VIII. Future sessions**

14. The 7th session of the Committee is scheduled to take place from 16 to 20 April 2012. If the General Assembly grants the Committee's request for additional meeting time, the Committee will hold its 7th session from 10 to 27 April. If additional time is not granted, the 7th session would be held on the originally planned dates, from 16 to 20 April.

15. The Committee decided that, at its next session, it would review the initial report of Peru (CRPD/C/PER/1) and adopt lists of issues on the initial reports of China (CRPD/C/CHN/1), Argentina (CRPD/C/ARG/1) and Hungary (CRPD/C/HUN/1).

16. The Committee appointed the following members as country rapporteurs: Ana Pelaez Narvaez, rapporteur for Argentina; Damjam Tatic, rapporteur for Hungary and Silvia Quan-Chang, rapporteur for Paraguay.

**IX. Cooperation with concerned bodies****A. Cooperation with United Nations organs**

17. On 19 September 2011 (54th meeting), the Committee met with representatives of WHO, ILO, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, OHCHR, UNICEF and UNHCR to discuss ways of cooperation, as provided for under article 38 of the Convention.

**B. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations**

18. At its 54th meeting on 19 September 2011, the Committee was addressed by representatives of the non-governmental organizations Human Rights Watch and International Disability Alliance.

**X. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with article 35 of the Convention**

19. During its sixth session, at its 56th and 57th meetings held on 20 September 2011, the Committee considered the initial report submitted by Spain (CRPD/C/ESP/1) under article 35 of the Convention, and at its 63rd meeting, it adopted concluding observations on that report (CRPD/C/ESP/CO/1) (See the webpage of the sixth session at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Session6.aspx>).

## Annexes

### Annex I

#### States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Optional Protocol as at 23 September 2011

##### A. States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Albania	22 December 2009	
Algeria	30 March 2007	4 December 2009
Andorra	27 April 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	30 March 2007	
Argentina	30 March 2007	2 September 2008
Armenia	30 March 2007	22 September 2010
Australia	30 March 2007	17 July 2008
Austria	30 March 2007	26 September 2008
Azerbaijan	9 January 2008	28 January 2009
Bahrain	25 June 2007	22 September 2011
Bangladesh	9 May 2007	30 November 2007
Barbados	19 July 2007	
Belgium	30 March 2007	2 July 2009
Belize	9 May 2011	2 June 2011
Benin	8 February 2008	
Bhutan	21 September 2010	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	13 August 2007	16 November 2009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29 July 2009	12 March 2010
Brazil	30 March 2007	1 August 2008
Brunei Darussalam	18 December 2007	
Bulgaria	27 September 2007	
Burkina Faso	23 May 2007	23 July 2009
Burundi	26 April 2007	
Cambodia	1 October 2007	
Cameroon	1 October 2008	
Canada	30 March 2007	11 March 2010
Cape Verde	30 March 2007	
Central African Republic	9 May 2007	
Chile	30 March 2007	29 July 2008
China	30 March 2007	1 August 2008

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Colombia	30 Mar 2007	10 May 2011
Comoros	26 September 2007	
Congo	30 March 2007	
Cook Islands		8 May 2009 (a)
Costa Rica	30 March 2007	1 October 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	7 June 2007	
Croatia	30 March 2007	15 August 2007
Cuba	26 April 2007	6 September 2007
Cyprus	30 March 2007	27 June 2011
Czech Republic	30 March 2007	28 September 2009
Denmark	30 March 2007	24 July 2009
Dominica	30 March 2007	
Dominican Republic	30 March 2007	18 August 2009
Ecuador	30 March 2007	3 April 2008
Egypt	4 April 2007	14 April 2008
El Salvador	30 March 2007	14 December 2007
Estonia	25 September 2007	
Ethiopia	30 March 2007	7 July 2010
European Union	30 March 2007	23 December 2010 (c)
Fiji	2 June 2010	
Finland	30 March 2007	
France	30 March 2007	18 February 2010
Gabon	30 March 2007	1 October 2007
Georgia	10 July 2009	
Germany	30 March 2007	24 February 2009
Ghana	30 March 2007	
Greece	30 March 2007	
Grenada	12 July 2010	
Guatemala	30 March 2007	7 April 2009
Guinea	16 May 2007	8 February 2008
Guyana	11 April 2007	
Haiti		23 July 2009 (a)
Honduras	30 March 2007	14 April 2008
Hungary	30 March 2007	20 July 2007
Iceland	30 March 2007	
India	30 March 2007	1 October 2007
Indonesia	30 March 2007	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		23 October 2009 (a)
Ireland	30 March 2007	

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Israel	30 March 2007	
Italy	30 March 2007	15 May 2009
Jamaica	30 March 2007	30 March 2007
Japan	28 September 2007	
Jordan	30 March 2007	31 March 2008
Kazakhstan	11 December 2008	
Kenya	30 March 2007	19 May 2008
Kyrgyzstan	21 September 2011	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	15 January 2008	25 September 2009
Latvia	18 July 2008	1 March 2010
Lebanon	14 June 2007	
Lesotho		2 December 2008 (a)
Liberia	30 March 2007	
Libya	1 May 2008	
Lithuania	30 March 2007	18 August 2010
Luxembourg	30 March 2007	
Madagascar	25 September 2007	
Malawi	27 September 2007	27 August 2009
Malaysia	8 April 2008	19 July 2010
Maldives	2 October 2007	5 April 2010
Mali	15 May 2007	7 April 2008
Malta	30 March 2007	
Mauritius	25 September 2007	8 January 2010
Mexico	30 March 2007	17 December 2007
Micronesia (Federated States of)	23 September 2011	
Monaco	23 September 2009	
Mongolia		13 May 2009 (a)
Montenegro	27 September 2007	2 November 2009
Morocco	30 March 2007	8 April 2009
Mozambique	30 March 2007	
Namibia	25 April 2007	4 December 2007
Nepal	3 January 2008	7 May 2010
Netherlands	30 March 2007	
New Zealand	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Nicaragua	30 March 2007	7 December 2007
Niger	30 March 2007	24 June 2008
Nigeria	30 March 2007	24 September 2010



<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Norway	30 March 2007	
Oman	17 March 2008	6 January 2009
Pakistan	25 September 2008	5 July 2011
Palau	20 September 2011	
Panama	30 March 2007	7 August 2007
Papua New Guinea	2 June 2011	
Paraguay	30 March 2007	3 September 2008
Peru	30 March 2007	30 January 2008
Philippines	25 September 2007	15 April 2008
Poland	30 March 2007	
Portugal	30 March 2007	23 September 2009
Qatar	9 July 2007	13 May 2008
Republic of Korea	30 March 2007	11 December 2008
Republic of Moldova	30 March 2007	21 September 2010
Romania	26 September 2007	31 January 2011
Russian Federation	24 September 2008	
Rwanda		15 December 2008 (a)
San Marino	30 March 2007	22 February 2008
Saudi Arabia		24 June 2008 (a)
Senegal	25 April 2007	7 September 2010
Serbia	17 December 2007	31 July 2009
Seychelles	30 March 2007	2 October 2009
Sierra Leone	30 March 2007	4 October 2010
Slovakia	26 September 2007	26 May 2010
Slovenia	30 March 2007	24 April 2008
Solomon Islands	23 September 2008	
South Africa	30 March 2007	30 November 2007
Spain	30 March 2007	3 December 2007
Sri Lanka	30 March 2007	
St. Lucia	22 September 2011	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		29 October 2010 (a)
Sudan	30 March 2007	24 April 2009
Suriname	30 March 2007	
Swaziland	25 September 2007	
Sweden	30 March 2007	15 December 2008
Syrian Arab Republic	30 March 2007	10 July 2009
Thailand	30 March 2007	29 July 2008

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	30 March 2007	
Togo	23 September 2008	1 March 2011
Tonga	15 November 2007	
Trinidad and Tobago	27 September 2007	
Tunisia	30 March 2007	2 April 2008
Turkey	30 March 2007	28 September 2009
Turkmenistan		4 September 2008 (a)
Uganda	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Ukraine	24 September 2008	4 February 2010
United Arab Emirates	8 February 2008	19 March 2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 March 2007	8 June 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	30 March 2007	10 November 2009
United States of America	30 July 2009	
Uruguay	3 April 2007	11 February 2009
Uzbekistan	27 February 2009	
Vanuatu	17 May 2007	23 October 2008
Viet Nam	22 October 2007	
Yemen	30 March 2007	26 March 2009
Zambia	9 May 2008	1 February 2010

**B. States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Algeria	30 March 2007	
Andorra	27 April 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	30 March 2007	
Argentina	30 March 2007	2 September 2008
Armenia	30 March 2007	
Australia		21 August 2009 (a)
Austria	30 March 2007	26 September 2008
Azerbaijan	9 January 2008	28 January 2009
Bangladesh		12 May 2008 (a)
Belgium	30 March 2007	2 July 2009
Benin	8 February 2008	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	13 August 2007	16 November 2009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29 July 2009	12 March 2010
Brazil	30 March 2007	1 August 2008

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Bulgaria	18 December 2008	
Burkina Faso	23 May 2007	23 July 2009
Burundi	26 April 2007	
Cambodia	1 October 2007	
Cameroon	1 October 2008	
Central African Republic	9 May 2007	
Chile	30 March 2007	29 July 2008
Congo	30 March 2007	
Cook Islands		8 May 2009 (a)
Costa Rica	30 March 2007	1 October 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	7 June 2007	
Croatia	30 March 2007	15 August 2007
Cyprus	30 March 2007	27 June 2011
Czech Republic	30 March 2007	
Dominican Republic	30 March 2007	18 August 2009
Ecuador	30 March 2007	3 April 2008
El Salvador	30 March 2007	14 December 2007
Fiji	2 June 2010	
Finland	30 March 2007	
France	23 September 2008	18 February 2010
Gabon	25 September 2007	
Georgia	10 July 2009	
Germany	30 March 2007	24 February 2009
Ghana	30 March 2007	
Greece	27 September 2007	
Guatemala	30 March 2007	7 April 2009
Guinea	31 August 2007	8 February 2008
Haiti		23 July 2009 (a)
Honduras	23 August 2007	16 August 2010
Hungary	30 March 2007	20 July 2007
Iceland	30 March 2007	
Italy	30 March 2007	15 May 2009
Jamaica	30 March 2007	
Jordan	30 March 2007	
Kazakhstan	11 December 2008	
Latvia	22 January 2010	31 August 2010
Lebanon	14 June 2007	
Liberia	30 March 2007	
Lithuania	30 March 2007	18 August 2010
Luxembourg	30 March 2007	

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Madagascar	25 September 2007	
Mali	15 May 2007	7 April 2008
Malta	30 March 2007	
Mauritius	25 September 2007	
Mexico	30 March 2007	17 December 2007
Mongolia		13 May 2009 (a)
Montenegro	27 September 2007	2 November 2009
Morocco		8 April 2009 (a)
Namibia	25 April 2007	4 December 2007
Nepal	3 January 2008	7 May 2010
Nicaragua	21 October 2008	2 February 2010
Niger	2 August 2007	24 June 2008
Nigeria	30 March 2007	24 September 2010
Panama	30 March 2007	7 August 2007
Paraguay	30 March 2007	3 September 2008
Peru	30 March 2007	30 January 2008
Portugal	30 March 2007	23 September 2009
Qatar	9 July 2007	
Romania	25 September 2008	
Rwanda		15 December 2008 (a)
San Marino	30 March 2007	22 February 2008
Saudi Arabia		24 June 2008 (a)
Senegal	25 April 2007	
Serbia	17 December 2007	31 July 2009
Seychelles	30 March 2007	
Sierra Leone	30 March 2007	
Slovakia	26 September 2007	26 May 2010
Slovenia	30 March 2007	24 April 2008
Solomon Islands	24 September 2009	
South Africa	30 March 2007	30 November 2007
Spain	30 March 2007	3 December 2007
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		29 October 2010 (a)
Sudan		24 April 2009 (a)
Swaziland	25 September 2007	
Sweden	30 March 2007	15 December 2008
Syrian Arab Republic		10 July 2009 (a)
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	29 July 2009	
Togo	23 September 2008	1 March 2011
Tunisia	30 March 2007	2 April 2008
Turkey	28 September 2009	

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<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Turkmenistan		10 November 2010 (a)
Uganda	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Ukraine	24 September 2008	4 February 2010
United Arab Emirates	12 February 2008	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	26 February 2009	7 August 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	29 September 2008	10 November 2009
Yemen	11 April 2007	26 March 2009
Zambia	29 September 2008	

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## Annex II

### Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention, as at 23 September 2011

<i>State party</i>	<i>Entry into force (date of ratification+30 days)</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date examined</i>
Algeria	4 January 2010	4 January 2012		
Argentina	2 October 2008	2 October 2010	6 October 2010	
Armenia	22 October 2010	22 October 2012		
Australia	17 August 2008	17 August 2010	3 December 2010	
Austria	26 October 2008	26 October 2010	2 November 2010	
Azerbaijan	27 February 2009	27 February 2011	16 February 2011	
Bahrain	22 October 2011	22 October 2013		
Bangladesh	30 December 2007	30 December 2009		
Belgium	2 August 2009	2 August 2011	28 July 2011	
Belize	2 July 2011	2 July 2013		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	16 December 2009	16 December 2011		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 April 2010	12 April 2012		
Brazil	1 September 2008	1 September 2010		
Burkina Faso	23 August 2009	23 August 2011		
Canada	11 April 2010	11 April 2012		
Chile	29 August 2008	29 August 2010		
China	1 September 2008	1 September 2010	30 August 2010	
Colombia	10 June 2011	10 June 2013		
Cook Islands	8 June 2009	8 June 2011		
Costa Rica	1 November 2008	1 November 2010	29 March 2011	
Croatia	15 September 2007	15 September 2009		
Cuba	6 October 2007	6 October 2009		
Cyprus	27 July 2011	27 July 2013		
Czech Republic	28 October 2009	28 October 2011		
Denmark	24 August 2009	24 August 2011		
Dominican Republic	18 September 2009	18 September 2011		
Ecuador	3 May 2008	3 May 2010	8 September 2011	
Egypt	14 May 2008	14 May 2010		
El Salvador	14 January 2008	14 January 2010	5 January 2011	
Ethiopia	7 August 2010	7 August 2012		
European Union	23 January 2011	23 January 2013		

<i>State party</i>	<i>Entry into force (date of ratification+30 days)</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date examined</i>
France	18 March 2010	18 March 2012		
Gabon	1 November 2007	1 November 2009		
Germany	24 March 2009	24 March 2011	19 September 2011	
Guatemala	7 March 2009	7 March 2011		
Guinea	8 March 2008	8 March 2010		
Haiti	23 August 2009	23 August 2011		
Honduras	14 March 2008	14 March 2010		
Hungary	20 August 2007	20 August 2009	14 October 2010	
India	1 November 2007	1 November 2009		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23 November 2009	23 November 2011		
Italy	15 June 2009	15 June 2011		
Jamaica	30 April 2007	30 April 2009		
Jordan	30 April 2008	30 April 2010		
Kenya	19 June 2008	19 June 2010		
Lao People's Democratic Republic	25 October 2009	25 October 2011		
Latvia	1 April 2010	1 April 2012		
Lesotho	2 January 2009	2 January 2011		
Lithuania	18 September 2010	18 September 2012		
Malawi	27 September 2009	27 September 2011		
Malaysia	19 August 2010	19 August 2012		
Maldives	5 May 2010	5 May 2012		
Mali	7 May 2008	7 May 2010		
Mauritius	8 February 2010	8 February 2012		
Mexico	17 January 2008	17 January 2010	27 April 2011	
Mongolia	13 June 2009	13 June 2011		
Montenegro	2 December 2009	2 December 2011		
Morocco	8 May 2009	8 May 2011		
Namibia	4 January 2008	4 January 2010		
Nepal	7 June 2010	7 June 2012		
New Zealand	25 October 2008	25 October 2010		
Nicaragua	7 January 2008	7 January 2010		
Niger	24 July 2008	24 July 2010		
Nigeria	24 October 2010	24 October 2012		
Oman	6 February 2009	6 February 2011		
Pakistan	5 August 2011	5 August 2013		
Panama	7 September 2007	7 September 2009		
Paraguay	3 October 2008	3 October 2010	21 October 2010	
Peru	27 February 2008	27 February 2010	8 July 2010	
Philippines	15 May 2008	15 May 2010		
Portugal	23 October 2009	23 October 2011		

<i>State party</i>	<i>Entry into force (date of ratification+30 days)</i>	<i>Date due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Date examined</i>
Qatar	13 June 2008	13 June 2010		
Republic of Korea	11 January 2009	11 January 2011	27 June 2011	
Republic of Moldova	21 October 2010	21 October 2012		
Romania	27 February 2011	27 February 2013		
Rwanda	15 January 2009	15 January 2011		
San Marino	22 March 2008	22 March 2010		
Saudi Arabia	24 July 2008	24 July 2010		
Senegal	7 October 2010	7 October 2012		
Serbia	31 August 2009	31 August 2011		
Seychelles	2 November 2009	2 November 2011		
Sierra Leone	4 November 2010	4 November 2012		
Slovakia	26 June 2010	26 June 2012		
Slovenia	24 May 2008	24 May 2010		
South Africa	30 December 2007	30 December 2009		
Spain	3 January 2008	3 January 2010	3 May 2010	20 September 2011
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	29 November 2010	29 November 2012		
Sudan	24 May 2009	24 May 2011		
Sweden	15 January 2009	15 January 2011	7 February 2011	
Syrian Arab Republic	10 August 2009	10 August 2011		
Thailand	29 August 2008	29 August 2010		
Togo	1 April 2011	1 April 2013		
Tunisia	2 May 2008	2 May 2010	1 July 2010	12 April 2011
Turkey	28 October 2009	28 October 2011		
Turkmenistan	4 October 2008	4 October 2010		
Uganda	25 October 2008	25 October 2010		
Ukraine	4 March 2010	4 March 2012		
United Arab Emirates	19 April 2010	19 April 2012		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8 July 2009	8 July 2011		
United Republic of Tanzania	10 December 2009	10 December 2011		
Uruguay	11 March 2009	11 March 2011		
Vanuatu	23 November 2008	23 November 2010		
Yemen	26 April 2009	26 April 2011		
Zambia	1 March 2010	1 March 2012		



## **Annex III**

### **Decisions adopted by the Committee during its sixth session**

1. The Committee decided to support a proposal presented jointly by Microsoft, Ability.net and the University of Middlessex to conduct an assessment on accessibility of the Committee's meetings, during its forthcoming 7th session, with a view to making concrete proposals.
2. The Committee will continue to respond to the invitation of the Human Rights Council Task Force on accessibility and make recommendations and proposals on how to improve access by persons with disabilities to the work of the Council, to Palais des Nations, as well as to information, communication and technology services at the United Nations Office at Geneva.
3. The Working group on accessibility to public transportation and on airline policies will send a letter to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and meet with its representatives during the 7th session.
4. The Committee will send a letter to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) expressing concerns about the possible impact of the Commission's review of its Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters on the right of persons with disabilities to vote.
5. The Committee will hold a day of general discussion during its 8th session if its request for additional meeting time is approved by the General Assembly.
6. The Committee extended the mandate of Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes as Special Rapporteur on communications for one year, until the end of the 8th session.
7. The Committee will send a letter to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in support of its Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) initiative.

## **Annex IV**

### **Working groups of the Committee**

1. The Committee agreed on the composition of the following working groups:

#### **Working group on a general comment on Accessibility (article 9)**

Chair: Mohammed Al-Tarawneh  
Vice-chair: Damjan Tatic  
Members: Jia Yang, Lotfi Ben Lallahom, Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury,  
Gabor Gombos, Stig Langvad

#### **Working group on a general comment on Legal capacity (article 12)**

Chair: Edah Maina  
Vice-chair: Gabor Gombos  
Members: Maria Soledad Cisternas, Amna Al-Suwaidi,  
Ronald McCallum, Carlos Rios Espinosa,  
Theresia Degener

#### **Working group on Accessibility to public transportation and on Airline policies**

Chair: Mohammed Al-Tarawneh  
Members: Jia Yang, Lotfi Ben Lallahom, Monsur A. Chowdhury, Fatiha Hadj-  
Salah, Carlos Rios Espinosa

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