

MISIÓN PERMANENTE DEL ECUADOR  
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS  
NUEVA YORK

7 December 2020

Excellencies,

Further to my earlier letter dated 30 November 2020<sup>1</sup> concerning the results of the secret ballot held at the plenary meeting of the thirteenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held on 30 November 2020, I am pleased to announce, in my capacity as the President of the Conference of States Parties and on behalf of my colleagues in the bureau Vice Presidents from Finland, Hungary, Liberia and Singapore, that the thirteenth session of the Conference of States Parties will hold its 7th meeting to conduct the second restricted ballot to elect one member for the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in the combined Conference Room 1+2+3, UNHQs New York, on 11 December 2020.

There remains one seat to be filled from among the candidates. In accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Conferences of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD/CSP/2008/3), the third round of balloting shall be restricted to the candidates, Ms. Saowalak THONGKUAY (Thailand) and Mr. Magino CORPORÁN LORENZO (Dominican Republic) who obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot and the number of candidates shall be limited to not more than twice the places remaining to be filled, namely two. The candidates who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of votes of the representatives of States Parties present and voting shall be declared elected. In accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure, a quorum shall be constituted by the representatives of two thirds of the States parties to the Convention.

### Registration

The attendance is strictly limited to one representative per State Party to the Convention. States Parties shall consult the announcement published in the UN Journal and submit a registration for their designated representative via the devoted "Registration" [link](#)<sup>2</sup>, prior to the meeting.

### Conduct of the election

The thirteenth session of the Conference of States Parties will hold the 7th meeting that will open at 10 a.m on 11 December 2020 to conduct a third round of balloting to elect the one remaining member for the Committee.

Three check-in points will be set up in front of the Conference Room 1, 2 and 3 all of which will be open from 9 a.m for registered delegates to sign in and pick up their ballot papers.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter of the President is available at: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/12/Letter-ANNOUNCEMENT-aftrenon-30-Nov.-result-of-the-2nd-round-balloting.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cosp13-inperson-11Dec>

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For practical reasons due to room capacities, States Parties are suggested to follow the suggested list contained in the document **Annex A** entitled “ Expediated Arrival List of States Parties” to sign-in, pick up their ballot papers in front of their designated conference room, and cast their ballots in their own room.

For sake of health and wellbeing of all delegates and support staff members of the United Nations, participants are reminded to wear a mask and keep a safe social distance of 2 meters all the time, before and during the meeting.

**Conference Room 1** : State Parties 1(Afghanistan) -60 (Gabon)

**Conference Room 2**: State Parties 61(Gambia) -120 (Niger)

**Conference Room 3**: State Parties 121(Nigeria) -182 (Zimbabwe)

Once delegates sign-in with their valid UN Ground Pass, they will be allocated ballot papers and enter their devoted meeting room.

Other relevant information including the results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of balloting and logistical arrangements for the meeting will be made available at the website <http://bit.ly/un-cosp13>.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Cristian Espinosa  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations,  
President of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on  
the Rights of Persons with Disabilities