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REFERENCE: CRPD/2024 elections

Subject: Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Missions of States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter, the Convention) and has the honour to refer to the upcoming elections of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Committee), for the period 2025-2028, which will take place during the forthcoming session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention.

The seventeenth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention shall convene from **11 to 13 June 2024**, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. States parties will elect nine members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2024.

Pursuant to article 34 paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite your respective State to nominate a candidate for membership in the Committee. Each State party shall nominate one person from its own nationals, in accordance with article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

According to article 34, paragraph 3, of the Convention, “the members of the Committee shall serve in their personal capacity and shall be of high moral standing and recognized competence and experience in the field covered by the present Convention. **When nominating their candidates, States parties are invited to give due consideration to the provision set out in article 4.3 of the present Convention according to which “in ... decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations”.**

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 4, of the Convention “the members of the Committee shall be elected by States parties, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution, representation of the different forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and participation of experts with disabilities”.

In its current composition eleven experts of the Committee are women, and seven are men; with their regional distribution as follows: 4 experts from Latin America and the Caribbean, 4 from Africa, 5 from Asia-Pacific, 0 from Eastern Europe, and 5 from Western Europe and other States. Of the 9 experts whose mandates expire on 31 December 2024: 2 are from the African regional group, 2 from Asia-Pacific, 0 from Eastern Europe, 2 from Western Europe and other States and 3 from Latin America and the Caribbean. 5 of them are women and 4 are men.

All the documents relating to the elections are available on the website of the Committee: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/events/events/2024/seventeenth-conference-states-parties-and-2024-elections>

The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/268 adopted on 9 April 2014 entitled “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” and its paragraphs 10 and 13 on the nomination and election of treaty body experts, in which the General Assembly:

Encourages States parties to continue their efforts to nominate experts of high moral standing and recognized competence and experience in the field of human rights, in particular in the field covered by the relevant treaty, and, as appropriate, to consider adopting national policies or processes with respect to the nomination of experts as candidates for human rights treaty bodies; (para. 10)

Encourages States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographic distribution, the representation of different forms of civilisation and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies; (para. 13)

Pursuant to this resolution, an Information note on the current composition of the Committee is requested. This note is available on the Committee’s website and can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Elections.aspx>

Nominations and biographical data should be submitted, using the attached form (Annex II), to the Secretary-General, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Secretariat of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, **in electronic Word format** addressed to jorge.araya@un.org with copy to robert.ouko@un.org, and ohchr-registry@un.org by **11 April 2024** at the latest.

In accordance with article 34 paragraph 6 of the Convention, the Secretary-General shall subsequently prepare a list, in alphabetical order, of all the persons nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them, and shall submit the list to the States parties.



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