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**Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with
Disabilities on its fifth session, 11-15 April 2011**

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I. States parties to the Convention and its Optional Protocol

1. As at 15 April 2011, the closing date of the fifth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, there were 99 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and 61 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 fifth session of the Committee

3. The session was opened by Ronald McCallum, Chairperson of the Committee, who welcomed eight new members to the Committee and invited them to make the solemn declaration provided for under rule 14 of the Committee's rules of procedure. The Chairperson underlined the work of the first four sessions which was essentially preparatory in nature to enable the Committee to undertake the functions mandated under the Convention. He noted the submission of the first report to the Committee on 3 May 2010 (Spain) and led the Committee's first dialogue with a State party, namely Tunisia.
4. The opening statement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) was delivered by Marcia Kran, Director of the Research and Right to Development Division of the Office. She welcomed the newly elected members and stressed that while it was heartening to see the level of interest in the rights of persons with disabilities, with almost one hundred ratifications of the Convention within the first four years of the opening for ratifications, it also signalled that the work of the Committee would substantially increase. As the Committee was about to conduct its first dialogue with a State party, she encouraged it to make specific, clear and targeted observations and recommendations. The Director invited the Committee to explore the issue of resources and progressive realisation of economic, social and cultural rights, noting that progressive realisation was often a neglected and a misunderstood concept to many. She concluded with a presentation of the work of OHCHR on disability rights, including through country engagement, knowledge development, development and implementation of tools, improving accessibility within the United Nations system, and treaty-body strengthening.
5. The Committee reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda and tentative programme of work of the fifth session (CRPD/C/5/1). The Committee also adopted the report of its fourth session (CRPD/C/4/3).
6. The Chairperson gave a report on the activities undertaken between the third and fifth sessions of the Committee.

III. Membership of the Committee

7. The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was established in accordance with article 34, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with its first 12 members elected by the Conference of States Parties on 3 November 2008. Elections took place on 3 September 2010 to fill the six seats on the Committee for which members' terms were expiring on 31 December 2010, as well as six additional seats established under article 34, paragraph 2, of the Convention, when the number of States parties to the Convention reached 80. Of the twelve seats open to election, four were filled by existing Committee members and eight were filled by new members.

8. The following newly elected members of the Committee made a solemn declaration, in accordance with rule 14 of the Committee's rules of procedure, at the opening of the fifth session on 11 April 2011:

- Ms. Theresia Degener
- Mr. Gábor Gombos
- Ms. Fatiha Hadj Salah
- Mr. Hyung Shik Kim
- Mr. Stig Langvad
- Ms. Silvia Judith Quan Chang
- Mr. Carlos Rios Espinosa
- Mr. Damjan Tatic

9. The list of members of the Committee as at 15 April 2011, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex II to the present report. All members attended the fifth session.

IV. Election of the Bureau

10. The election of the Bureau was conducted by Ibrahim Salama, Director of the Human Rights Treaties Division of OHCHR. The following members were elected for a term of two years, in accordance with rules 15, 16 and 17 of the Committee's Rules of procedure:

Chairperson:	Ronald McCallum
Vice-Chairperson:	Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes
Vice-Chairperson:	Edah W. Maina
Vice-Chairperson:	Jia Yang
Rapporteur:	Theresia Degener

V. Working methods

11. The Committee discussed various issues related to its working methods including, inter alia, the following:

- (a) Submission of State party reports, organization of their review and dialogue with State party representatives;
- (b) Roles and responsibilities of the new Bureau;
- (c) Working methods, membership and plan of action of the working groups;
- (d) Priorities of the Committee, if additional session time is granted in 2012;
- (e) Possible statement or guidelines for interaction between the Committee, NGOs and independent mechanisms;
- (f) Adoption of criteria for issuing media statements.

12. The Committee reviewed and adopted the revised working methods of the Committee (CRPD/C/5/4).

VI. Activities related to the Optional Protocol

13. The Committee was briefed by Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Rapporteur on Petitions, and the Petitions Section of OHCHR on the activities conducted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OP-CRPD) and the correspondence received by the Committee since the entry into force of OP-CRPD. The Committee also reviewed a Briefing note on the work of the Petitions Unit, the Fact sheet on the procedure for submitting communications under OP-CRPD and Guidelines for the submission of communications under OP-CRPD. It decided to finalize the latter two documents during the intersessional period and to post them on the Committee's webpage.

VII. Other decisions

14. The Committee reviewed and adopted its first biennial report to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly (A/66/55).

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

VIII. Future sessions

16. In accordance with the calendar of conferences adopted by the General Assembly, the Committee confirmed the dates of its sixth session, from 19 to 23 September 2011, in Geneva.

17. The Committee decided that, at its next session, it would review the initial report of Spain (CRPD/C/SPA/1) by means of a constructive dialogue and adopt lists of issues on the initial reports of China (CRPD/C/CHN/1) and Peru (CRPD/C/PER/1).

IX. Cooperation with concerned bodies

A. Cooperation with United Nations organs

18. On 11 April 2011 (44th meeting), the Committee met with the representatives of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNICEF to discuss ways of cooperation, as provided for under article 38 of the Convention.

19. At its 45th meeting, the Committee was briefed by the Special Rapporteur on Disabilities on his activities and mandate; the members of the Committee discussed ways of strengthening cooperation with the Special Rapporteur.

20. At its 51st meeting, the Committee was briefed by a representative of OHCHR's Regional Office in Brussels on the implications of the European Union's ratification of the Convention in December 2010. The Convention is the first United Nations human rights instrument to be ratified by a regional organization.

B. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations

21. At its 44th meeting on 11 April 2011, the Committee was addressed by representatives of the non-governmental organizations International Disability Alliance, Inclusion Japan and World Federation of the Deaf.

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

22. During its fifth session, the Committee held its first constructive dialogue with a State Party on its report submitted under article 35 of the Convention. It considered the initial report of Tunisia (CRPD/C/TUN/1) at its 46th, 47th and 48th meetings, held on 12 and 13 April 2011, and at its 52nd meeting, it adopted concluding observations on that report (CRPD/C/TUN/CO/1) (See the webpage of the fifth session at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Session5.aspx>).

Annexes

Annex I

States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Optional Protocol as at 15 April 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	
Bangladesh	9 May 2007	30 November 2007
Barbados	19 July 2007	
Belgium	30 March 2007	2 July 2009
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
Colombia	30 Mar 2007	

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
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	
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	
Israel	30 March 2007	

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
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
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
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
Norway	30 March 2007	
Oman	17 March 2008	6 January 2009
Pakistan	25 September 2008	
Panama	30 March 2007	7 August 2007
Paraguay	30 March 2007	3 September 2008

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
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. 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
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

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
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
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

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
Côte d'Ivoire	7 June 2007	
Croatia	30 March 2007	15 August 2007
Cyprus	30 March 2007	
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	
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

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification</i>
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	
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	

Annex II

Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention, as at 15 April 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	
Bangladesh	30 December 2007	30 December 2009		
Belgium	2 August 2009	2 August 2011		
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	
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		
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		
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		
France	18 March 2010	18 March 2012		
Gabon	1 November 2007	1 November 2009		
Germany	24 March 2009	24 March 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		

<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>
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		
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		
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		
Qatar	13 June 2008	13 June 2010		
Republic of Korea	11 January 2009	11 January 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		

<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>
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	
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

Membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and terms of office

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Term of office expiring 31 December</i>
Ms. Amna Ali Al Suwaidi	Qatar	2012
Mr. Mohammed Al-Tarawneh	Jordan	2012
Mr. Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury	Bangladesh	2012
Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes	Chile	2012
Ms. Theresia Degener	Germany	2014
Mr. Gábor Gombos	Hungary	2012
Ms. Fatiha Hadj-Salah	Algeria	2012
Mr. Hyung Shik Kim	Republic of Korea	2014
Mr. Lotfi Ben Lallahom	Tunisia	2014
Mr. Stig Langvad	Denmark	2014
Ms. Edah Wangechi Maina	Kenya	2014
Mr. Ronald McCallum	Australia	2014
Ms. Ana Peláez Narváez	Spain	2012
Ms. Silvia Judith Quan-Chang	Guatemala	2012
Mr. Carlos Rios Espinosa	Mexico	2014
Mr. Damjan Tatic	Serbia	2014
Mr. Germán Xavier Torres Correa	Ecuador	2014
Ms. Jia Yang	China	2012

Annex IV

Decisions adopted by the Committee during its fifth session

1. The Committee decided to request two additional weeks of meeting time each year, as well as funding for two weeks of meetings of a pre-sessional working group each year. Thus, each of its two annual sessions would henceforth consist of two weeks of plenary meetings and one week of meetings of a pre-sessional working group. It decided to include this request in its first biennial report to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.
2. The Committee decided to establish a working group on article 9 to formulate a general comment on accessibility.
3. The Committee decided to terminate the informal working group on disasters.
4. The Committee decided to reserve two meetings at its next session for the examination of a State party report and to adopt lists of issues for two State Parties at the same session.
5. The Committee adopted the document on its working methods (CRPD/C/5/4).

Annex V

Working groups of the Committee

1. The Committee agreed that members would serve on the following working groups:

Working group on Accessibility (article 9)

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

Working group on Legal capacity (article 12)

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

Working group on Accessibility to public transportation and airline policies

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

Annex VI

Request to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for additional meeting time

1. Pursuant to article 34 of the Convention and rules 22 and 23 of its Rules of procedure, the Committee decided to request the General Assembly to approve the holding of two annual sessions of two weeks' duration each, that is one additional week per session, as well as the establishment of a pre-session working group for each session, taking into account the programme budget implications arising from this decision.

Programme budget implications arising from the decision of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to request additional resources

Oral statement by the secretariat in connection with the decision of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to be included in its first biennial report to the Economic and Social Council at its 2011 substantive session and to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session

2. This statement is made in accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

3. With regard to the decision to be included in its first biennial report to the Economic and Social Council at its 2011 substantive session and to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, whereby the Committee would request the General Assembly to approve the holding of two sessions per year, each of two-weeks' duration, to be preceded by meetings of a pre-sessional working group of one week's duration, following review of the decision, this is to inform the Committee that it would give rise to additional requirements under the United Nations regular budget.

4. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol entered into force in May 2008. By the end of 2008, there were 46 States parties to the Convention, which increased to 76 States parties by the end of 2009. At present there are 99 States parties to the Convention. Under article 35, paragraph 1, of the Convention, States parties are required to submit their initial report within two years after the entry into force of the Convention. Consequently, by the end of 2010, reports of 46 States parties were expected to be submitted and an additional 30 State party reports are expected to be submitted by the end of 2011. At present, only 14 reports of States parties have been submitted to the Committee, including the report it is examining at its current session. It should be noted that it is the Committee's first experience of examining a State party report and in view of the many inquiries received from various States Parties about different aspects of the reporting requirement, it is assumed that only some 30 more reports will be submitted during 2011; bringing to a total of 44 reports anticipated to be submitted by the end of 2011, compared to the 76 reports expected in line with article 35, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

5. Under article 39 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Committee shall report every two years to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council on its activities, and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties. Such

suggestions and general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States Parties.

6. Under article 35 of the Convention, the Committee has the mandate to consider reports from States parties on the measures taken to give effect to its obligations under the Convention. Under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Committee can receive and consider individual communications (art. 1) and conduct inquiries into reliable information received indicating grave or systematic violation of the Convention by a State party (art. 6).

7. At present, the Committee meets for two sessions per year of one week's duration each, for which provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. In view of experience, since the establishment of the Committee, it is estimated that the Committee would review one State party report during each one-week session, considering the time required for dialogue with representatives of the State party, drafting of the concluding observations, translation of the draft and adoption by the Committee plenary. Thus, under current provisions, of the 13 reports presently received by the Committee (excluding the one that is currently under consideration), about two would be considered annually. It will thus take about six years to consider the other 13 reports before the Committee, although by the end of 2011, it should have received up to 76 reports.

8. Although the Committee is currently meeting for the first time with the full participation of its expanded membership (increase from 12 to 18 members) and the demand for meeting time would augment (for example, the more members on the Committee, the more speakers will seek to take the floor during the Committee's deliberations), the rapid increase in its workload due to a high pace of ratifications and reporting obligations that accompany ratification appears to govern the Committee's decision to request the General Assembly to approve the holding of two sessions each year of two weeks of meeting time each. During each extended session, it is estimated that the Committee would be able to consider up to four reports and over the biennium 2012-2013, consisting of two sessions of two weeks each year, the Committee would be able to consider the reports of 16 States parties.

9. The Committee has also, in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Committee (CRPD/C/4/2), and in line with the practice of other treaty bodies, decided to request the General Assembly to approve the holding of two pre-sessional working group meetings per year to enable it to formulate lists of issues and questions on the State party reports it has received.

10. The financial implications of the Committee's decision are the following: (a) meeting servicing and documentation costs will increase in the six working languages of the Committee, as well as in Braille in the six languages; (b) considering that some new members of the Committee may be deaf, provision for sign language and real-time captioning might also be required during Committee sessions; (c) additional daily subsistence allowance for the members of the Committee will be required; and (d) additional conference-servicing support costs will be required.

11. The secretariat support required to provide substantive services to the Committee in its examination of State party reports presented under article 35 of the Convention will be met initially through existing resources. Staffing requirements to undertake these as well as other associated tasks, such as engagement in the complaints or inquiry procedures, will require further review at such time as the number of States parties and of petitions received increase.

12. In respect of the expanded meeting time proposed, total additional resources of \$9,701,000 would be required for the biennium 2012-2013. These additional requirements which are enumerated in the table below are new and have not been taken into account in

the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, which is currently under preparation. The additional requirements are as follows:

	<i>US\$</i>
Section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services	9,113,200
Section 24, Human Rights	553,600
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	34,200
<i>Total</i>	9,701,000

13. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to the fact that the General Assembly, through several resolutions, one of which is its resolution 65/200, has requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session concrete proposals on the human rights treaty monitoring bodies, building on the work of the Secretary-General pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 of 24 September 2008, to increase their effectiveness and to identify efficiencies in their working methods and costs in order to better to manage their workloads and programmes of work, bearing in mind budgetary constraints and taking account of the varying burdens on each Committee.

14. In view of the aforementioned, should the draft decision be included in the Committee's report to the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, the related requirements that would arise would be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration, in the form of a programme budget implications statement when it considers the draft resolution on the report. At that time, the secretariat will review the totality of resources proposed under the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and advise the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures on how they could be met.
