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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the States Parties and Observers to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has the honour to communicate the following in accordance with Rule One 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) and in reference to the Letter of the President of the Conference of States Parties dated on 19 October 2020.

Pursuant to the Decisions of the Conference of States Parties adopted on 13 June 2019 (CRPD/CSP/2019/5) at its 12th session and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference, the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will comprise two in-person meetings on 30 November 2020 for the election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and four virtual meetings via an internet-based platform with interpretation available on 1 and 3 December 2020.

Credentials

Pursuant to Rules 6 and 7 (representation and credentials) and Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure (Conduct of business), the quorum is two thirds of the States Parties to the Convention at the Conference. The States Parties are kindly requested to present credentials of their delegates no later than one week before the opening of the Conference. Each State Party shall be represented at the Conference by an accredited representative whose credentials are signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In view of the COVID-19 related protocol and relevant measures, States Parties are kindly requested to transmit the following to the Secretariat by email to Guozhong Zhang (zhangg@un.org) and Anna Satarova (satarova@un.org) in PDF or an image format, as soon as possible but no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, 23 November 2020**:

- (1) One scanned copy of the official credentials; and
- (2) One scanned copy of a duly signed communication from the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York containing the information concerning the appointment of the representative participating in the in-person meetings of the thirteenth session of the Conference on 30 November 2020 for the election of the CRPD Committee members.

The list of members of the delegations copied in an email communication to the Secretariat from States Parties will not constitute an official submission. In the absence of acknowledgement of receipt by the Secretariat, the submission of the credentials is considered incomplete.

The original copy of the credentials may be deposited at the designated section of the General Assembly Hall during the first in-person meeting on 30 November 2020. States Parties are kindly requested to refrain from mailing in or hand-delivering the credentials.

Other relevant information

Due to the evolving circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, further details of arrangements for both in-person and virtual meetings of the 13th session of the Conference are expected to be confirmed in coming weeks. Once such details are confirmed, this notification will be supplemented by additional information to be published in the United Nations Journal and the United Nations ENABLE website devoted to the 13th session of the Conference: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp13.html>

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew its compliments to the States Parties and Observers to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the assurances of its highest consideration.



22 October 2020

Annexes enclosed:
Letter of the President of the Conference of States Parties