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Dear Colleagues,

Further to my earlier communication dated 23 March 2020, concerning the postponement of the thirteenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, I am pleased to announce, in my capacity as the President of the Conference of States Parties, and on behalf of the Bureau of the Conference, Ecuador, Finland, Hungary, Liberia and Singapore, that the new dates have been set for the thirteenth session to take place on 30 November, 1 December and 3 December 2020.

In accordance with articles 34 and 40 of the Convention, as well as Rules 1, 17 and 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (CRPD/CSP/2008/3), the 13th session will be opened in the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 30 November, followed by the election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Following the opening and the election, four virtual meetings will be held via an internet-based platform with interpretation services: three roundtable discussions and one interactive dialogue with the UN system on the implementation of the Convention, followed by the closing of the session.

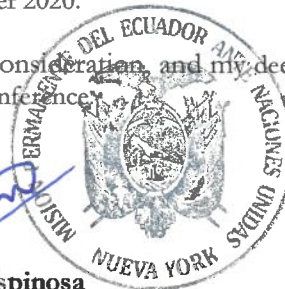
As the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, is still in the process of conducting the in-person meeting risk-assessment for the Conference, further information will be made available in the coming weeks on the modalities of the election on 30 November (in-person meetings), as well as for the four virtual meetings on 1 and 3 December 2020.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration, and my deepest appreciation for your cooperation and continuing support of the Conference.


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President of the thirteenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



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