Information on the CRPD Reprisal Procedure

The Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies endorsed the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (the San José Guidelines) ([HRI/MC/2015/6](http://undocs.org/en/HRI/MC/2015/6)) at their twenty-seventh meeting, held in San José from 22 to 26 June 2015.  The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) reviewed and endorsed the Guidelines in its fourteenth session held in August-September 2015.  The Committee also decided to appoint a focal point on reprisals.

Information received regarding allegations of reprisals is confidential.  The focal point on reprisals, along with the Secretariat, reviews and verifies the information received pertaining to allegations of intimidation and reprisals against individuals and groups who seek to cooperate, are cooperating, or have cooperated with the Committee. S/he is also tasked with suggesting the appropriate course of action. This is done on a case by case basis, always with the consent and agreement of the persons concerned and in line with the principle of “do no harm”.  For examples of the possible course of action, please refer to the San José Guidelines, paras. 18-31.

**CRPD Focal Point for Reprisals (2019-2020)**

Mr. Robert Martin and Ms. Rosemary Kayess

**How to report an allegation of reprisal**

A human rights defender and other individuals who are victims of acts of intimidation or reprisals for seeking to cooperate, cooperating or having cooperated with the Committee may submit information orally or in writing and in confidence to the focal point for Reprisals through the CRPD secretariat at crpd@un.org.  In order to make an assessment of the allegation, the information should provide the necessary details, including a description of the act(s) of intimidation or reprisals and the causal link of the activity which allegedly led to the act(s) of intimidation or reprisals.

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