**Annex II**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)**

Family name and first name: Schefer, Markus

Date and place of birth: 4 February 1965, Teufen/Appenzell Ausserrhoden (Switzerland)

Nationality: Swiss

United Nations working languages: Englisch, French

Current position/function:

(Five lines maximum)

* Professor of Constitutional and Administirative, Law Faculty, University of Basel
* Member of the CRPD Committee (since 2019)

**Please refer to the attached CV for details on the topics below**

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Ten lines maximum)

Markus Schefer works as an academic as well as a practitioner on the rights of persons with disabilities. He publishes academic books and articles and has written the main treaties on Swiss disabilities rights law. He has drafted the laws of three cantons and is in the process of drafting several others. He has advised members of the Swiss parliament and of parliaments of cantons on how to frame their motions. He works closely with organizations of persons with disabilities. He advises them on legal issues in all areas of disabilities rights law, participates in their processes of strategic litigation, and is currently drafting the text of a popular initiative aimed at amending the Federal constitution with provisions to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities. He organizes an annual conference and several online conferences on disabilities rights.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

(Five lines maximum)

I graduated with a law degree from the University of Berne. I completed my Ph.D. on the methods the US Supreme Court employs interpreting individual rights. I wrote my professoral thesis on the core contents of individual rights. I teach classes on anti-discrimination law and on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

(Three lines maximum)

I do not have a disability. However, for two decades now I have had extensive and close contact with persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, on a professional as well as a personal level.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

(Five lines maximum)

I have extensive expertise at general international human rights law, which allows me to interpret the CRPD from that background. As rapporteur of communications, I prepare the Committee’s individual communications and present them to the Plenary. I put a specific focus on the right of access to justice, the requirement to set up focal points and monitoring mechanisms, and on the general obligations under the Convention.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Five lines maximum)

A Guide to Disabilities Rights Legislation, forthcoming January 2022 (653 p.); Non-Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities with Respect to Building and Public Transportation, 2011 (30 p.); Accessible Construction, 2016 (20 p.); Swiss Disability Law, 2014 (567 p.); Non-Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities in Services, Education and Work, 2011 (30 p.).