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Subject: Elections of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Missions of States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter, the Convention) and has the honour to refer to the upcoming elections of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Committee), for the period 2019-2022, which will take place during the forthcoming session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention.

The eleventh session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention shall convene from **12 to 14 June 2018**, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. States parties will elect nine members of the Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018.

Pursuant to article 34 paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite your respective State to nominate candidates for membership in the Committee. Each State party shall nominate one person from its own nationals, in accordance with article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

According to article 34, paragraph 3, of the Convention, “the members of the Committee shall serve in their personal capacity and shall be of high moral standing and recognized competence and experience in the field covered by the present Convention. When nominating their candidates, States parties are invited to give due consideration to the provision set out in article 4.3 of the present Convention according to which “in ... decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations”.

According to paragraph 4 of article 34 “The members of the Committee shall be elected by States Parties, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution, representation of the different forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and participation of experts with disabilities”.

The current membership of the Committee consists of one woman and 17 men, who come from the following regions: one from Latin America and the Caribbean, five from Africa, five from Asia-Pacific, four from Eastern Europe and three from Western Europe and other States. Regarding the nine members whose term will end on 31 December 2018, one is a woman and seven men; one is from Latin America and the Caribbean, 2 from Africa, 2 from Asia-Pacific, 2 from Eastern Europe and 2 from Western Europe and other States.

All the documents relating to the elections are available on the website of the Committee: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/Elections.aspx>.



The Secretary-General would also like to draw attention to General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/268 adopted on 9 April 2014 entitled “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” and its paragraphs 10 and 13 on the nomination and election of treaty body experts, in which the General Assembly:

Encourages States parties to continue their efforts to nominate experts of high moral standing and recognized competence and experience in the field of human rights, in particular in the field covered by the relevant treaty, and, as appropriate, to consider adopting national policies or processes with respect to the nomination of experts as candidates for human rights treaty bodies; (para. 10)

Encourages States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographic distribution, the representation of different forms of civilisation and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies; (para. 13)

Nominations and biographical data should be submitted, using the attached form (Annex II), to the Secretary-General, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Secretariat of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, **in electronic Word format** addressed to jaraya@ohchr.org with copy to creynaud@ohchr.org, and registry@ohchr.org by **12 April 2018** at the latest.

In accordance with article 34 paragraph 6 of the Convention, the Secretary-General shall subsequently prepare a list, in alphabetical order, of all the persons nominated, with an indication of the States parties which have nominated them, and shall submit the list to the States parties.

12 February 2018