Dear participants of the Day of General Discussion on the Art 5 Equality and Non-Discrimination of the CRPD.

On behalf of the entire Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities may I thank first to our supporters and sponsors without whom we couldn’t have such a rich day. I want to thank to the Government and Permanent Mission of Germany, for their support. Also I thank to the secretariat of the Committee for their extensive support.

Secondly, my special thanks go to **all** speakers today for your **outstanding** presentations and inputs into equality and non-discrimination discourse and especially to the General Comment Equality and Non-Discrimination.

May I also thank to European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, to Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and to International Disability Alliance, who hosted the side event with the co-sponsorship of the Office of High Commissioner and the Permanent Missions of Mexico and New Zealand

I would like to thank you **all** for you participation here in Geneva and around the globe via internet, for being with the Committee such an important day when preparing the General Comment for the Art 5 on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Dear participants and stakeholders, May I call you all for your contributions and submissions with regard to the development of General Comment on art 5.

We the Committee we will work without any delay on the first draft during next days and we do hope to post publicly the first draft of the General Comment on the website of the Committee to the end of the next week for your consideration and for your contributions.

We the Committee want to take into consideration your experience, your suggestions and your insights while drafting and preparing the General Comment.

Your contributions will be taken on board and will help the Committee to develop the GC on Equality and Non-Discrimination that we all, persons with disabilities and the States Parties need.

And my last word but not least: we are all kindly invited to the reception here at the door of this room, reception sponsored by Government of Germany and IDA, International Disability Alliance.

And, finally, Let me once again to express my thanks on behalf of the entire Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations and to close this, I dear to say, very rich and outstanding Day of General Discussion.