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**People Who**

each other on the internet -  
people who experience  
mood swings, fear, voices and visions

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Re: Human Rights Council, resolution 7/9, (para.16)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the thematic CRPD study that your office is undertaking.

People Who is a virtual organization and thus most interested in information and communication technology, electronic accessibility.

For most left out groups there are insufficient resources for participation on an equal basis. For people with disabilities, electronic accessibility means inclusion in the knowledge society, access to information and communication tools, just like everyone else.

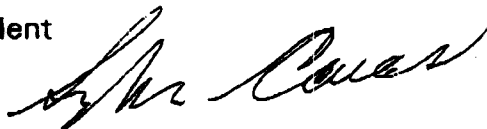
Some argue that communication is a human right. Access to knowledge is what gives rights teeth.

Thus, legislation must include support for "information/communication infrastructures that will become universal, seamless, affordable, open, accessible, reliable, democratically accountable and protective of civil liberties." (Clement)

As well, says the ITU "... the entire community can benefit from an "accessible ICT world." ... We will all grow old and lose abilities that we take for granted now, thus enlarging the part of the population that would benefit from accessible communication." [http://www.intgovforum.org/dynamic\\_coalitions.php?listy=14](http://www.intgovforum.org/dynamic_coalitions.php?listy=14)

I look forward to receiving the study when it is complete.

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