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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and with reference to the latter's Note Verbal No. IW/MK/SW/is dated 4 June, 2008 has the honor to inform of the steps taken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with regard to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

- News and information on the Convention has been published in the Media;
- The Convention has been translated from English into two national languages (Dari and Pashtu). Its translation into the sign language within a year time is also under consideration;
- In light of the Convention, a New Draft Law on the Rights and Privileges of the Persons with Disabilities has been prepared. The Draft has been approved by the Council of Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and sent to the National Assembly for ratification;
- The text of the Convention has been printed in the local newspapers for public awareness;
- In collaboration with the civil society, non-governmental organizations, government institutions and unions of persons with disabilities seminars have been convened in the cities of Kabul, Nangarhar, Mazar-i-Sharif and Herat. Likewise, roundtables have been conducted through the electronic media;
- Recently the Council of Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has considered the Convention after which it was transmitted to the National Assembly for ratification before accession.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Geneva avails this occasion to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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