



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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List of issues in relation to the initial report of Cyprus*

A. Purpose and general obligations (arts. 1-4)

1. Please describe when and how the State intends to harmonize domestic legislation with the Convention.
2. Please describe the measures taken, including budgetary allocation, to ensure that the understanding and scope of disability within national legislation and regulations encompasses all types of disabilities, and is in line with the human rights model of disability enshrined in the Convention.
3. Please describe the concrete steps taken to amend national legislation and regulations beyond the Persons with Disabilities Law to include the concept of “reasonable accommodation”, and its denial as a form of discrimination and to ensure its application in practice in the public and private sector.
4. Please provide information on the implementation, budget and outcome of the National Disability Action Plan 2013-2015.
5. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure the effective participation of diverse representative organisations of persons with disabilities in the decision-making and implementation of the Convention and the Sustainable Development Goals.

B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)

Equality and non-discrimination (art. 5)

6. Please provide information on concrete plans or measures adopted and implemented to address intersectional discrimination on the grounds of disability, age, sex and sexual orientation.

Women with disabilities (art. 6)

7. Please provide information on concrete measures taken to eliminate multiple and intersectional discrimination against women and girls with disabilities regarding education,

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employment, poverty, health, violence, forced sterilisation and access to justice, especially women and girls with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.

Children with disabilities (art. 7)

8. Please provide information on concrete support schemes and early intervention granted to children with disabilities and their families, including under the 3 Years Action Schemes developed by the Ombudsman.

9. Please provide information on how children with disabilities and their families are included in decision-making processes regarding the assessment and allocation of support.

Awareness-raising (art. 8)

10. Please provide information on the scope and content of awareness raising campaigns, trainings as well as their target groups.

Accessibility (art. 9)

11. Please provide information on action plans adopted and implemented in order to improve, among others, accessibility of public services, outdoor environments, public and private buildings as well as information and communication technologies, both in urban and rural areas. Please specify how action plans are monitored and breaches sanctioned.

Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies (art. 11)

12. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure that disaster risk reduction strategies and policies are disability inclusive.

Equal recognition before the law (art. 12)

13. Please explain how the concept of legal incapacity is being repealed under Persons with Intellectual Disability Law, (L.117/89), and how substituted decision-making is being repealed and replaced by supported decision-making.

Access to justice (art. 13)

14. Please provide information on accessibility of the justice system, including reasonable and procedural accommodations, physical access, legal aid, sign language interpretation and support to persons with disabilities, and particularly to persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.

15. Please provide information on measures taken to train the professionals of the judicial system, and those of the Office of the Ombudsman and Human Rights.

Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)

16. What concrete measures, including legislative, are taken to prevent and eliminate the use of involuntary detention of persons with disabilities in psychiatric hospitals or other institutions on the basis of actual or perceived impairment, particularly persons with psychosocial or intellectual impairment?

Freedom of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (art. 15)

17. Please provide information on the number of cases of coercive and involuntary treatment of persons with disabilities, and on the methods used.

Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)

18. Please explain what concrete initiatives are taken to prevent violence, sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking of women and children with disabilities and whether a due diligence framework has been adopted to eliminate such occurrences, including an efficient and adequate independent monitoring mechanism.

Protecting the integrity of the person (art. 17)

19. Please provide information on circumstances in which persons with disabilities, in particular persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disability, can be subject to medical interventions without their consent.

20. Please explain how current legislation protects women and children with disabilities from forced sexual and reproductive health procedures, such as forced sterilisation, and to what extent sexual and reproductive health education is provided.

Liberty of movement and nationality (art. 18)

21. Please provide information on access to and choice of available health and social services and support for refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants with disabilities and their families.

Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)

22. Please explain how persons with disabilities, regardless of impairment, can choose where to live and with whom, and to receive the necessary social support such as personal assistance, for their spontaneous and individual participation in the local community. Please describe the measures taken for promoting deinstitutionalisation.

Personal mobility (art. 20)

23. Please explain what kind of support is available for the personal mobility of persons with disabilities, particularly persons with visual or intellectual disabilities and their active participation in the local community.

Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information (art. 21)

24. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure the availability and sufficient funding of qualified sign language interpreters and on measures to promote accessibility in relation to education, health, employment, leisure activities, media services and public websites.

Education (art. 24)

25. Please inform about policies, measures and budgetary allocations to transform the special education model into a fully inclusive education system. .

26. Please inform on the number of children with disabilities that are not attending education in their nearest local community school, including the number of children with disabilities receiving education in institutions, at home or in hospital.

27. Please describe the measures taken to ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for children and adults with disabilities, in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 4, particularly for girls with disabilities and children belonging to religious minority groups.

Health (art. 25)

28. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure accessibility to health facilities and health treatment/training equipment for all persons with disabilities, regardless of their impairment.

29. Please describe how persons with disabilities are protected and guaranteed treatment and support through the existing insurance schemes, on an equal basis with others.

Habilitation and rehabilitation (art. 26)

30. Please provide information on the extent to which boys and girls with disabilities and their families have access to early health and social intervention and support, especially children with autism or high support needs.

Work and employment (art. 27)

31. Please describe what measures, including incentives, are in place to secure cross-sectorial systematic and qualified assessment of support needs of persons with disabilities at work, including eliminating sheltered or social employment in favour of employment within the public or private open labour market, in particular for women with disabilities.

Adequate standard of living and social protection (art. 28)

32. Please indicate how austerity measures taken following the financial crisis 2008/2009 have affected access to various support systems for persons with disabilities and explain the steps taken to mitigate the consequences of these measures.

33. Please explain the measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities and their families are protected from poverty and receive support for covering disability related costs.

Participation in political and public life (art. 29)

34. Please explain the reasons and conditions for limiting or depriving the right to vote and stand for election of persons with intellectual disabilities, in accordance with article 31 of the Constitution.

Statistics and data collection (art. 31)

35. Please provide detailed information on strategies, protocols and indicators aimed at providing high-quality and representative statistical data on persons with disabilities, disaggregated by impairment, sex, age, ethnicity and other grounds within the public and private sectors.

36. Please provide concrete and detailed information on how and where children and adults with disabilities live, disaggregated by impairment and age, including those living in various forms of hospitals, institutions, group homes, etc.

37. Please provide information on the involvement of organisations of persons with disabilities in the design and collection of statistical data regarding disability.

International cooperation (art 32)

38. Please describe how the Sustainable Development Goals are influencing the international and national policies relevant for persons with disabilities within the State party and the involvement of their representative organizations.

National implementation and monitoring (art. 33)

39. Please provide information on the scope of the mandate of the Ombudsman, especially in relation to the implementation of the Convention by the private sector.

40. Please provide information on the extra budget allocated for the independent monitoring mechanism established in accordance with article 33 (2), and on measures taken to ensure its full compliance with the Paris Principles.
