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REFERENCE:

FROM: Akiko Ito, Chief
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Fax to States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

OBJET:

1. We would appreciate it if you could kindly transmit the attached letter from the President of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the attached list of Permanent Missions to the United Nations. For questions, kindly contact Mr. Guozhong Zhang at email: zhangg@un.org or telephone 212-963-4755. A list of the current States parties and signatories to the Convention is attached.

2. Kindly also transmit by facsimile the attached note on accessibility requirements regarding their participation in the upcoming Conference of States Parties to the CRPD to be held from 12-14 September 2012 in New York.

3. Thank you.

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New York, 30 May 2012

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States Parties and Observers at the Conference
of States Parties to the Convention on the
Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Making the CRPD count for women and children - Fifth Session of the
Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities**

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Excellencies,

In my capacity as President of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and on behalf of the Vice-Presidents Hungary, Jamaica, Sierra Leone and Thailand, I would like to inform you that preparation is under way for the fifth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 -14 September 2012.

The theme of the fifth session is "Making the CRPD count for women and Children". The programme of the fifth session will include the election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as two roundtables and one informal discussion on the following topics: Technology and Accessibility (art. 9); Children with Disabilities (art. 7); and, for the informal session, Women with Disabilities (art. 6)". An interactive dialogue will also be held on the implementation of the Convention by the United Nations System. A copy of the provisional agenda for the fifth session is attached to this communication.

As part of the preparation for the above-mentioned roundtables and the informal discussion, I wish to kindly request that Member States forward to the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, by 16 July 2012, information concerning their delegations to the fifth session, including the level of representation as well as their accessibility requirements. I wish to encourage Member

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States to take account of a gender perspective and consider to include women delegates with disabilities in their delegations, since this session will have a particular focus on the situation of women with disabilities. States may also wish to consider including youth with disabilities in their delegations. Development partners are encouraged to explore innovative ways, including use of remote teleconferencing facilities and working with locally supported disabled persons organizations and partner countries, to provide support to the attendance of participants from developing countries.

Furthermore, I also wish to kindly encourage States Parties and signatories to provide to the Secretariat, on a voluntary basis, information on national legislative measures undertaken in the implementation of the rights of women with disabilities and of children with disabilities. This information, will be compiled and posted on the UN Enable website (www.un.org/disabilities) as part of the background documentation of the Conference. States Parties and signatories are kindly requested to forward, in an accessible format (text only or in MS WORD format), by 16 July 2012 via e-mail to the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of UNDESA at: zhangg@un.org and copy to enable@un.org or by facsimile to: 1-212-963-3062.

Yours sincerely,



Mårten Grunditz
Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations

President of the Conference of States Parties
to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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**TO ALL PERMANENT MISSIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

The fifth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) will be held in accordance with article 40 of the CRPD on 12 and 13 September (a.m. and p.m.), and on 14 September 2011 (a.m.) at United Nations headquarters.

Further information on the Conference of States parties will be available in the Journal, as well as on our website: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/>.

All Permanent missions attending the Conference of States Parties are kindly requested to provide information concerning:

- (a) attendance; and
- (b) accessibility requirements, such as:

- (1) Wheelchair access;
- (2) Hearing loops;
- (3) Braille documents;
- (4) Large print documents;
- (5) CDs; or
- (6) Sign language interpretation.

The information may be sent by email to the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at: zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org. Delegations are kindly requested to submit this information at their earliest convenience and no later than Friday, 16 July 2012. Information received after this date may not be accommodated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniela Bas', written over a printed name and title.

Daniela Bas
Director

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
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Excellency,

You would recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/124 adopted on 19 December 2011, decided to convene a one-day High-level Meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on 23 September 2013 and requested the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting. It also requested the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text of the outcome document of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, taking into account input from organizations of persons with disabilities, and to convene informal consultations at an appropriate date in order to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States prior to the Meeting.

In order to initiate action on these mandates as contained in resolution 66/124, it is necessary that consultation among the Member States commence as soon as possible.

Bearing this in mind, I have the honour to inform you that I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Libran Cabactulan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Fernando Arias, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations to serve as the co-facilitators to undertake the needed consultations as envisaged in the General Assembly resolution 66/124.

I would like to thank Ambassador Cabactulan and Ambassador Arias for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

All Member States and
Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
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