The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Committee) and the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) present their compliments to National Human Rights Institutions and national monitoring independent mechanisms appointed under article 33.2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Committee and the ICC have the honour of inviting your institution to participate in a one-day meeting on the “enhanced interaction and synergies between international and national monitoring mechanisms of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”.

The meeting’s main objectives are to strengthen the interaction between the Committee and national human rights institutions and other national monitoring mechanisms. The meeting will provide a forum to share experiences of NHRI engagement in the proceedings of the Committee and of the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention at the national level, and will identify follow-up opportunities to further the interaction between the Committee and national monitoring bodies.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 25 September from 10.00 to 13.00 and from 15.00 to 18.00 in conference room XVII at Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. We would also like to warmly invite your institution to participate in a side event on “Making the rights of persons with disabilities a reality – a pivotal role for National Institutions” which will take place the same date in the same conference room from 13:45 to 14:45.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Office in Geneva are co-sponsors of this event.

Attached you will find the provisional concept note and programme of work, together with an informative note on meeting logistics including a registration form and an accreditation form.

Remote participation will be made available upon request, and within current arrangements in place at the United Nations Office in Geneva.
For further information related to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Katharina Rose, ICC Geneva Representative, at k.rose.icc@gmail.com, or Mr Jorge Araya, Secretary of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, at jaraya@ohchr.org.

We are looking forward to your participation in this unprecedented and ground breaking event that gathers international and national monitoring mechanisms of the Convention, and which represents an important step forward in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

Yours faithfully,

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