Compilation of proposals received from Government delegations electronically* by Friday, 18 August 2006, midnight

* Contributions on issues taken up in organized informals have been forwarded to the respective facilitators. Contributions on bracketed text are posted on the Enable website and will be taken up separately in the plenary.

Preamble

Pp(s)

Arab Group

Concerned that situations of armed conflict, foreign occupation, and the occurrence of natural disasters have considerably increased the experience of disability in war-stricken and disaster-prone countries, as well as having especially devastating consequences for the human rights of persons with disabilities;

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Concerned that situations of armed conflict have especially devastating consequences for the enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities, and reaffirming the obligations of parties to armed conflict under international humanitarian law;

Croatia

Concerned that situations of armed conflict have especially devastating consequences for the enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities, and reaffirming the obligations of parties to armed conflict under international humanitarian and human rights law;

Egypt, Morocco, Sudan and Syria

Add ", foreign occupation" after "armed conflicts", so as to read the first sentence as follows, "Concerned that situation of armed conflict, foreign occupation and the occurrence of natural disasters..."

Qatar on behalf of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Yemen

The states agree with the Arab Group to include a phrase on the "foreign occupation' in the beginning of the paragraph (s) so it will read as "concerned that situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation Etc

Proposed Modifications by Governments Draft Articles 23 and 11

The following compilation of government proposals was prepared by MDRI to assist delegations in finding a flexible, fair, and expeditious way through the issues posed in draft Articles 23 and 11 of the anticipated U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It is based on transcription, through English-language translation services, of the statements made by distinguished state delegates from the floor of AHC-8 on 17 August 2006. The first (underlined) parenthetical indicates the delegation that made the initial proposal, followed by a listing of those delegations who indicated express support for it.

Article 11. Situations of Risk

"States Parties recognize that in situations of risk to the general population [, including situations of...,] persons with disabilities are a group in especially vulnerable circumstances and shall take all feasible measures for their protection."

- "States Parties, in accordance with their commitments commensurate with international law, including humanitarian law, shall take all measures necessary to protect persons under foreign occupation. The institutions that provide dare and rehabilitation should never be jeopardized or put at risk." (Sudan, on behalf of Arab Group) (Cameroon, on behalf of African Group; Cuba, Pakistan, Iran, Yemen)
- "States Parties recognize that in situations of major or complex humanitarian emergency persons with disabilities are a group in especially vulnerable circumstances and shall take all feasible measures for their protection." (Serbia) (Japan)
- "In situations of risk to the general population, State Parties shall take all feasible measures to protect persons with disabilities." (EU) (Japan, United States, Australia, Canada, Norway).