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**Women Enabled, Inc.
Review of the United Nations Committee on the
Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**Country CRPD Compliance Reviews
Analysis and Identification of References to Women and Girls with Disabilities
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The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee) issues Concluding Observations following its consideration of reports submitted by States Parties under article 35 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

[Women Enabled, Inc.](http://www.womenenabled.org) undertook a comprehensive review of the work of the CRPD Committee to determine the extent to which it has addressed the rights of women and girls with disabilities as enumerated in the CRPD in its Article 6 on Women and throughout the terms of the Convention. We drew on two primary documents prepared by the CRPD Committee:

1. List Of Issues (LOI)
2. Concluding Observations (CO)

The above two types of documents, as well as States Parties reports to the CRPD Committee and Alternative or Shadow Reports prepared by non-government organizations, can be found on the CRPD Committee website on the CRPD States Parties reports page at:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/SPReports.aspx>.

The International Disability Alliance has also posted these documents, organized alphabetically by country, available at:
<http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/en/crpd-reports-0>

Women Enabled, Inc. did not review the reports submitted by the State Party itself for our review nor did we review the Shadow Reports submitted by non-governmental organizations as our purpose was to see the scope of the questions posed to the States Parties by the CRPD Committee itself, as contained in the Committee's List Of Issues (LOI) which it posed to the States Parties, and the depth of the CRPD Committee's Concluding Observations, as contained in the Committee's Concluding Observations (CO).

In order to monitor compliance with the CRPD, the CRPD Committee is mandated to review periodic reports submitted by States Parties under Article 35 of the CRPD. The Committee prepares for its dialogue with the State Party by reviewing the report submitted by the State Party and then requesting additional information in the form of a List of Issues (LOI). The CRPD Committee provides the States Parties with the List of Issues, which are specific to each country under review. The State Party report and the responses to the List of Issues form the basis of the discussion with the State Party by the CRPD Committee. Additionally non-governmental organizations, including disabled peoples organizations, may submit Shadow Reports to the CRPD Committee and these also will be reviewed and considered. These Shadow Reports may also serve as a source for the CRPD Committee's List of Issues because these organizations may have a greater awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in the country under review. Following the dialogue, the CRPD Committee issues Concluding Observations, which highlight key issues of concern and make recommendations for follow-up actions.

Based on our review of 6 countries for which the CRPD Committee has issued Concluding Observations (Argentina, China, Hungary, Peru, Spain and Tunisia) [Women Enabled, Inc.](#) concludes that the coverage of issues concerning women and girls with disabilities should be substantially enhanced with far greater depth and consistency. We conclude that the List of Issues must be more comprehensive and reflective of the unique situation of women and girls with disabilities in each country, drawing on specific Articles of the CRPD and on issues posed in shadow reports. (Note that we did not review Shadow Reports so are unable to conclude that Shadow Reports in the countries we reviewed may have, in fact, provided greater depth upon which to draw.) We finally conclude that often the CRPD Committee does not address in its Concluding Observations issues it raised in its own List of Issues posed to the States Parties, a great opportunity lost.

We recommend that the CRPD Committee develop an in-depth general List of Issues regarding women and girls with disabilities based on all relevant articles of the CRPD from which it can draw in tailoring specific Lists of Issues for each specific State Party and use State Parties' responses to this List of Issues in drafting its Concluding Observations.

In the future, depending on available resources, [Women Enabled, Inc.](#) hopes to review Concluding Observations on additional countries as they become available, and also to expand our review to include the reports of the States Parties themselves as well as any shadow reports.

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