

Minutes of IDC meeting held on February 1st 2005

1. Revision and adoption of minutes of previous day(s): The minutes of Friday and Monday were adopted
2. Evaluation of yesterday's Plenary meeting and possible reaction to state of play of negotiations:
 - WFD was asked to provide the presentation made by Markku at yesterday's side event
 - Concerns were expressed about the decision to have a separate article on all types of medical interventions, which led to a very bad discussion. The IDC prefers that non disability related medical interventions are covered by the article on health
 - Information was also shared about the ongoing discussions on article 13, where the issues of choice of mode of communication and the obligation for all public information (not only official) to be accessible
 - Tina informed that WNUSP was having a strategy meeting on how to react to current state of play on articles 9 to 12
 - It was informed that the country facilitator version of articles 7, 12 and 13 are available on the enable website
3. Information about final IDC text for articles 14 and 16: The final text of article 16 was approved. The text of article 14 is still not final
4. Approval of new lobby sheets and update on work on lobby sheets:
 - Lobby sheet on article 15 was presented, but needs to be improved on the issue of choice and peer support. Tirza was going to coordinate the additions and amendments to this lobby sheet
 - The lobby sheet on article 14 is still pending and the lobby sheet on article 24 bis still needs to be prepared
5. Rescheduling of IDC meetings on articles 19-20, 21 bis, 22, 18, 23 and 24:
 - It was informed that article 19 has been finalised and that it is proposed not to have an article 20 on personal mobility as all provisions of this article are already covered in other articles
 - Work was done yesterday afternoon on article 21 (Right to Health)
 - It was agreed to hold the discussion on article 21 bis (Rehabilitation) today at 3 pm. Articles 18, 23 and 24 will be discussed on Wednesday 6 pm and article 22 on Thursday 6 pm
6. General discussion about state of play on negotiations and speed of process:
 - Different views were expressed on the need to speed up the process. There is general agreement on the need to ensure the quality of the Convention. It was suggested to propose that no second reading should be held and that once negotiations on articles 8-15 are over, negotiations on the following articles should start
 - Many expressed their major concern about wrong wording in the Convention text and that, if we prepare a statement, we include a clear demand that no

language in the Convention should limit in any way the equality of persons with disabilities

- The continued participation of the NGOs was also stressed, including the option of addressing the Plenary as done last Thursday
- It was agreed to start drafting an IDC statement including all these elements

7. Announcements:

- Luis Fernando informed about a document which he distributed on universal design and inclusive development which had been prepared in Rio end of 2004
- Linda read out a proposed wording to be added to article 21 on the basis of taking into account individualised needs

Article 24bis International Cooperation

Prepared by the International Disability Caucus

According to World Bank estimates, one in five of the world's poorest people are persons with disabilities. However, mainstreaming disability has not been sufficiently considered within current international development frameworks. For example, the Millennium Development Goals fail to address disability issues.

Technical support and exchange of experience can support inclusive development. Nevertheless, only mainstreaming of disability issues within can effectively guarantee the inclusion of people with disabilities within international development.

The twin track approach: achieving mainstreaming of disability in international cooperation

There is a need to mainstream disability issues across all relevant programmes and projects and to have specific programmes that address people with disabilities. This means that disability concerns should be recognized in the main funding programmes such as infrastructure or employment but also addressed through specific disability projects particularly capacity building and empowerment of people with disabilities and their representative organizations.

Ensuring equal opportunities of persons with disabilities as part of the development process

Both, donors and recipients are obliged to include the disability dimension in all phases of the development cycle in order to ensure full participation and equalization of opportunities of persons with disabilities:

1. **No public money should be spent to create barriers for people with disabilities.**
For example, new schools and public infrastructures that are built as part of the post-tsunami reconstruction efforts must be accessible.
2. **More resources within existing aid efforts must be allocated for disabled people**
For example; HIV/AIDS projects should have a component to always include people with disabilities.

International development frameworks cannot achieve their goals if they do not mainstream disability.

Women with Disabilities

Note: given discussion on the right to life, perhaps use the singular, rather than plural

Two-Tiered Approach

General Principles Addition (interpretative tool)

(f) equality between men, women, boys and girls.

Discussions at 4AHC suggested the need to include a reference to gender equality. (Cf. EU, Mexico, Canada, South Africa, Morocco, Lichtenstein, Sierra Leone, Jordan, Norway, NZ, Chile, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Cuba.) This important principle has now be added as (f), and includes boys and girls.

Equality of women and men with disabilities in the enjoyment of rights

1. States Parties recognize that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination and that focused, gender-specific measures (including protective measures) will be necessary to ensure that women and girls enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms on the basis of equality with men and boys.
2. Each State Party undertakes to take all necessary measures to ensure the equal right of women and men with disabilities to the enjoyment of all rights set forth in this Convention.

Other Textual Provisions

Article 6 Data and Statistics
Article 14 Right to Family
Article 22 Right to Work

IDC Steering Committee and plenary meeting minutes
2 February 2005
5th Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

1. Revision and adoption of minutes of previous day(s): The minutes of previous days were approved.
2. Evaluation of yesterday's Plenary meeting and possible reaction to current negotiations:
 - The discussion in Plenary had been confusing on the issue of sign language. The Coordinator had asked for expert advice which could have included a presentation made by WFD. Follow-up actions need to be undertaken. Discussions held after the meeting improved the content of the chapeau which will also cover other forms of communication (like tactile)
 - A key issue will be the recognition of sign language and we all need to support WFD
 - We also have to insist on the inclusion of a reference to freedom of thought
 - Another key issue relates to the discussion of what is public information, which should mean information available to the public. Not achieving this, would render the Convention useless
 - Some references to ICT have been include but it was not deemed sufficient
3. Approval, if decided, of final IDC text for article 14 and 17. Information about IDC articles 19, 21 and 21 bis:
 - A new IDC text on article 14 was approved and will be handed out to the Government delegates
 - Kicki informed about new version of article 17 on Right to Education and the efforts made to come up with a clearer text on inclusive and special education. WFD considers that the text is not yet final as the issue of education in one's own language is not well covered
 - A new text of article 21 has been distributed for IDC delegates to comment on. Work has continued on articles 19 and 21 bis and new versions will be circulated later the week
4. Approval of new lobby sheets and update on work on lobby sheets:
 - The lobby sheet on article 15 and the new version of article 15 was approved. A lobby sheet on article 15 bis (Women with disabilities) will be prepared and Kicki will support the lobby working group, which will meet today at 3 pm
 - The meeting to start preparing the lobby sheet on the article 24 bis will be held between 2 pm to 3 pm in conference room 4
 - No lobby sheet on article 14 will be prepared, but a reaction of IDC could be prepared if the discussion moves to a wrong direction
 - More efforts need to be made to hand out the lobby sheets to all delegates, including blind delegates
 - Mdubai raised the issue of marriages which are undergone to take the assets away from persons with disabilities.
5. Reflection about the need for a second reading:

- The suggestion is not to have a second reading and to continue directly with negotiations, as long as the possibility is given to the IDC to address the delegates
- Kicki had spoken with the EU which has received well our suggestion not to hold a second reading. Maria Veronica informed that some Government delegates have expressed their view that a second reading is relevant in order to increase understanding

6. Possible IDC statement to the Plenary on the speed of the process and on achieving a good Convention:

- Stefan has prepared a draft statement on basis of yesterday's discussion which could be the basis for a statement in the Plenary.

A bureau meeting is taking place this morning

- IDC should have a position on whether a second reading should be held
- We should try to find out what the bureau decision was (Kicki will do this) and on the basis of the information, Ambassador McKay will be approached and informed about our views, which basically can be resumed as: we can skip a second reading if IDC is given the opportunity to speak in Plenary on the different articles
- Venus informed that Gallegos is willing to meet with the IDC tomorrow

7. Suggestion made by DESA to IDC to become focal point for examples of good practice:

- Kicki informed about the work RI is doing on accessibility issues
- Stefan informed about the interest by DESA to collect examples of good practice linked to specific areas of the Convention. DESA does not feel able to do this but would like the IDC to reflect whether IDC is willing to become a focal point for this issue

8. Announcements:

- A side event on women with disabilities organised by Korea is taking place tomorrow at 1:15 on women with disabilities in conference room D
- WNUSP is organising a side event during today's lunch break. It could also allow us to reflect whether the current negotiation process is being held without discrimination

IDC steering committee meeting
Wednesday 26th January 2005
DRAFT AGENDA
8:15-9:00

1. Revision of minutes from previous day
2. Review of main issues of previous days which require an IDC reaction (by DPI)
3. Approval of new lobby sheets (probably on articles 10 and 11) (presented by TWG coordinators)
4. Update on where we are on lobby sheets and revision, if needed, of schedule of meetings (by Adnan)
5. IDC briefing meeting. Decision on issues and speakers.

IDC plenary meeting
Wednesday 26th January 2005
DRAFT AGENDA
9:00-9:45

1. Discussion and approval, where needed, of IDC steering committee proposals
 - a. IDC briefing meeting to be held today
 - b. Revised schedule of IDC meetings and state of play of preparation of lobby sheets
 - c. Follow-up actions, if needed, related to negotiations held on previous day
2. Presentation based on lobby sheets of key issues related to articles to be discussed on that day (possibly articles 10 and 11) (by Tina)
3. Approval of IDC article 14 (prepared by Amrita)
4. Announcements