

Facilitator's text

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1. States Parties recognize the importance of international cooperation and its promotion, in support of national efforts for the realization of the purpose and objectives of the present Convention, and will undertake appropriate and effective measures in this regard, between and among States and, as appropriate, in partnership with relevant international and regional organizations and civil society, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities. Such measures could include, inter alia:

- a) Ensuring that international cooperation, including international development programmes¹, are inclusive of, and accessible to, persons with disabilities;
- b) Facilitating and supporting capacity-building, including through the exchange and sharing of information, experiences and best practices;
- c) Facilitating cooperation in research and access to scientific and technical knowledge; and
- d) Providing, as appropriate², technical and economic assistance, including by facilitating access to and sharing of accessible and assistive technologies, and through the transfer of technologies.

2. Each State Party undertakes to fulfill its obligations under the present convention, irrespective of international cooperation.³

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¹ There were differences of view regarding the inclusion of a reference to “development programmes”. The Committee might wish to consider this formulation further.

² While a number of delegations deemed the phrase “as appropriate” to be unnecessary, other delegations considered it important in this context. Alternative formulations were proposed, although no agreement was reached. The Committee might wish to consider this issue further.

³ The phrase “irrespective of international cooperation” is intended to convey that the obligation of States Parties to implement the Convention should not be contingent upon international cooperation. The Committee might wish to consider whether the present wording conveys that idea in an appropriate way.