

Article 6

Women with disabilities

(REPLACE “1. States Parties recognise that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination and that focused empowerment and gender sensitive measures are necessary ensure the full and equal enjoyment by women and girls with disabilities of all human rights and fundamental freedoms”)

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1. States Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure the full enjoyment by women and girls with disabilities of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and ensure the equal rights of women and girls with disabilities to the enjoyment of all rights set out in this Convention

Justification: The text as proposed here by IDC is much stronger than the proposed working text and is similar to that under Article 7.1 Within this Convention the rights of women should not be less addressed than that of children.

(REPLACE: “2. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the full development and advancement of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of the human rights”)

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2. State Parties recognise that women and girls with disabilities are subject to intersectional discrimination and shall take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities and shall take focused, empowering and gender sensitive measures to enable women with disabilities to live in freedom, safety and autonomy and to ensure the full advancement and development of women and girls with disabilities”

Justification: It is important to stipulate the discrimination that women with disabilities encounter on the basis of their disability and gender as well as on other elements (e.g. ethnicity, class, geographical difference), therefore the term intersectional is a better choice than multiple. Women should be further guaranteed to live in freedom and autonomy as this often does not apply to women with disabilities in the same way as to men with disabilities or women without disabilities on the basis of their gender and disability. It

is essential that women with disabilities are empowered to reach their full advancement and can develop on an equal basis with others.

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3. State Parties shall ensure to women with disabilities the right to make their own decisions free from discrimination, coercive influence and violence and shall guarantee to women with disabilities the same rights as others concerning their reproductive rights including their sexuality, pregnancy, childbirth, and motherhood and the right to gender sensitive information, education and related support on these matters"

Justification: For women with disabilities the right to make one's own decisions in all areas of life including those related to sexuality and reproduction are fundamental to autonomy and equality. Discrimination based on both gender and disability impedes women with disabilities from exercising these rights on an equal basis with others. Article 23 is insufficient since it does not address the gender dimension and only covers aspects of reproductive rights in the private sphere, while reproductive rights effects all areas of a woman's life, including work, education and political participation.