



Statement of Ireland

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Annual debate on the rights of persons with disabilities: habilitation and rehabilitation under Article 26 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Ireland aligns itself with the statement of the EU and wishes to add the following.

Mr President,

We welcome the distinguished panelists and wish to thank the High Commissioner for her report “Habilitation and rehabilitation under Article 26 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

Access to habilitation and rehabilitation services contribute to the realisation of the objective of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by promoting respect for the inherent dignity, autonomy and free will of persons with disabilities, their right to equality of opportunity, non-discrimination and full, effective participation and inclusion in society.

Ireland notes that access to these services may be limited in certain circumstances, particularly in humanitarian crises. In the case of children with disabilities, this can lead to developmental delays and impact on their education.

Mr President,

Given states’ obligation to international cooperation under CRPD, we ask the panel how states can help ensure that persons with disabilities have access to habilitation and rehabilitation services during humanitarian crises, particularly in times of conflict?

Thank you