

International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Disabled Peoples' International, Down Syndrome International, Inclusion International,
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People,
Rehabilitation International, World Blind Union,
World Federation of the Deaf, World Federation of the DeafBlind,
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry,
Arab Organization of Disabled People, European Disability Forum,
Red Latinoamericana de Organizaciones no Gubernamentales de Personas con
Discapacidad y sus familias (RIADIS)

Suggestions for disability-relevant recommendations to be included in the Concluding Observations of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 47th Session (4-22 October 2010)

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has prepared the following suggestions for the Concluding Observations, based on references to persons with disabilities to be found in the CEDAW Committee's 47th Session state report.

MALTA

Malta has signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities but not yet ratified it.

State Report

References to persons with disabilities in the state report:

2.1 International Conventions

Apart from the general protection provided by the European Convention Act, Malta has introduced specific legislative acts to transpose Council Directives 2000/78/EC and 2000/43/EC. These include:

- (a) The Employment and Industrial Relations Act;
- (b) **The Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act;**
- (c) The Equality for Men and Women Act;
- (d) The Equal Treatment for Persons Order
- (e) The Equal Treatment in Self-Employment and Occupation Order

Up to this date there is no national body or bodies responsible for the promotion of equal treatment on all grounds of discrimination. The existing entities which safeguard equality on a national scale are the **National Commission Persons with Disability** and the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality, which presently caters for the promotion of equality on grounds of sex. Furthermore, the Equal Treatment for Persons Order has widened the remit of the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality to include race.

Recommendations from IDA :

- To collect adequate data on women with disabilities and use disaggregated data and results of studies to develop policies and programmes to promote equal opportunities for them in society.

IDA suggested recommendations on Malta

- To raise awareness and provide more information about women and girls with disabilities, who often suffer from multiple forms of discrimination, especially with regard to access to education, employment, access to health care and violence.
- To adopt targeted measures for the media and education system to promote positive images of women with disabilities.
- To consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.