

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 CEDAW Committee 46th Session (12 to 30 July 2010, NY)

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 reports on Papua New Guinea.

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Article 19 of the Constitution calls for *fair representation of women and marginalized groups on all constitutional and other bodies*, with the Article 20 encouraging *customary practices of provision of care for widows, children, orphans, the aged and **the disabled***. Article 28 gives recognition and encouragement to the *role and welfare of women in traditional and modern Bougainville society which shall be developed to take account of changing circumstances*.

Recommendations from IDA

- To consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol.
- To provide more information about women with disabilities who often suffer from multiple forms of discrimination, especially with regards to access to education, employment and health care services.
- To provide detailed information on the situation of girls and women with disabilities as well as information on specific programmes and achievements.
- To take appropriate support to ensure access to reproductive rights
- To provide more information on indigenous women with disability.
- To take appropriate measures to ensure the full development, advancement and empowerment of women with disability included indigenous women with disability.

- To ensure that women with disabilities have the right to choose where they want to live and have the support of community services or personal assistance.