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Suggestions for disability-relevant questions to be included in the list of issues

46th Pre-Sessional Working Group, 2-6 August 2010

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has prepared the following suggestions for the list of issues, based on references to persons with disabilities to be found in the State reports submitted to the 46th Pre-sessional Working Group of CEDAW Committee.

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Fourth State Report

Special Health Concerns of Women with Disabilities

75. A nation wide accessibility survey found that most health clinics are not fully accessible to people with disabilities (95.4%). Also, in a sample survey of gynecological clinics, not one of the 24 clinics sampled addressed all basic requirements of women with disabilities, and only 6 clinics corresponded with most of these requirements.

Employment

76. The majority of people with severe disabilities are unemployed and most of them have never held steady jobs. Over 70% of the people with severe disabilities, physical illnesses and mental deficiencies, as well as approximately 72% of the blind and 20% of the deaf are unemployed. Of those employed, there is a higher number of men than women (20% to 12%) and 42% of the men work full time, whilst that figure is only 33% for women.

Suggestions for list of issues

 Please provide information on whether the State intends to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol?

- Could the State provide detailed information on what measures are being taken to make health care services accesible to women with disabilities included access to reproductive rights?
- Please provide further information on what measures are being taken to increase the levels of employment of women with disabilities?