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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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State Report

B. Socio-economic and political situation of women

61. The labour market presents the greatest difficulties to women raising young children, school graduates with no work experience, women close to retirement age, **disabled women** and women in fields where the current market favours men (engineering, technical, construction and other specializations).

474. Additional guarantees of employment assistance to citizens, including those in rural areas, are provided through the development and implementation of targeted State programmes to promote employment, generate more jobs and establish specialized labour organizations (including those involving work for **the disabled**), provide vocational guidance services and training through special programmes, and other measures.

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 the situation of girls and women with disabilities as well as information on specific programmes and achievements?

- What measures are being taken to assist women with disabilities to enter into the labour market?