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STATEMENT

Opening of the 18th session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14 August – 1 September), **Room XVII**, Palais des Nations

Presented by GANHRI Geneva Representative Katharina Rose

Distinguished Chairperson and Committee members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to be here today and to deliver this statement on behalf of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (or GANHRI).

GANHRI is the network of more than a 120 national human rights institutions (NHRIs) from all regions of the world, with currently 78 NHRIs being accredited in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

NHRIs are independent institutions of the state mandated to promote, and monitor, implementation of international human rights treaties at the national and local level, including the CRPD.

NHRIs, whether they have been designated national monitoring mechanisms pursuant to Article 33 paragraph 2 of CRPD or as part of their functions and mandate under the Paris Principles, play a unique role in support of the work of the Committee. They in promote ratification of the Convention, provide independent, authoritative and reliable information to the Committee and support follow-up to the Committee's recommendation in-country.

The Committee and NHRIs have had a long-standing and fruitful cooperation.

In 2014, GANHRI and the Committee jointly organised the first meeting between the Committee, NHRIs and independent monitoring frameworks (IMFs) to share experiences and lessons learned in monitoring the Convention.

Two key priorities moving forward have been jointly identified at the meeting.
