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The Secretary-General (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, present its compliment to the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations, and wishes to refer to the below request of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Request pursuant to article 36, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 36 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which allows the Committee to request further information from States Parties relevant to the implementation of the Convention, the Committee respectfully request information about:

1. The measures adopted to ensure that the “Foreign Agents Registration Act”, the amendments to article 355 of the “Criminal Code of Georgia”, and the “Law of Georgia on Grants”, are aligned with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and respect, protect and guarantee the right of persons with disabilities to freedom of association, including by guaranteeing their right to seek and gain access to legitimate foreign funding.
2. Number and type of organizations of persons with disabilities, and human rights defenders advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities already affected by the above-mentioned pieces of legislation, measures imposed on them and remedies available to affected organizations and outcomes of any administrative or judicial recourses lodged by affected persons or organizations.
3. Rational which would justify that “Just two days after requesting assisted suicide or euthanasia, a person may be legally killed”.

Previous recommendations

In March 2023, the Committee considered the initial report of Georgia and adopted Concluding Observations (CRPD/C/GEO/CO/1), and recommended, inter-alia, that:

“ 10. With reference to its general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, the Committee recommends that the State party: (a) Ensure the right of persons with disabilities to freedom of association, including by making national funds available to all organizations of persons with disabilities, including organizations of women with disabilities and self-advocacy organizations, and guaranteeing their right to seek and gain access to legitimate foreign funding”

Information available regarding the proposed Bill

The Committee has received credible information indicating that if the above-mentioned pieces of legislation were implemented, it would result in the shrinking of civic space, by the imposition of extensive reporting requirements, including the obligation for registered individuals and associations to label their public statements as originating from a “foreign agent”; the imposition of criminal fines in case of non-compliance with these requirements, such as failure to register or provide the necessary information; and the impossibility to receive grants without the previous approval from a government agency.

Timeframe and further steps.

The Committee would appreciate receiving information to the above-referred questions by 11 August 2025, in Word format. The Committee will examine the responses and all credible information during its thirty-third session, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 to 29 August 2025.

For any additional information, please kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Jorge Araya, at jorge.araya@un.org

The Secretary-General (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) reiterates to the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the assurances of his highest consideration.



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