**Annex II**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)**

Family name and first name: Fefoame, Gertrude Oforiwa

Date and place of birth: 23-09-1957, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana

Place of residence: Accra, Ghana

Nationality: Ghanaian

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

(Five lines maximum)

Member, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Global Advocacy Manager for Social Inclusion, Sightsavers

Member of the Board, Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations (GFD)

Africa President, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

Member, International Communication Rights Alliance

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Ten lines maximum)

Leading the work of Sightsavers in implementation and monitoring of the CRPD and other human rights mechanisms; empowering organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and civil society organisations to engage on human rights and development issues, including the impact of COVID-19; expert support to the UN on disability, involved in the negotiation of ensuring disability inclusion in Beijing and worked assiduously from then until the current Generation Equality Forum processes; technical support to States and the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in the development and ratification of the Africa Protocol on Disability; driving ICEVI’s work to enhance quality of education through influencing governments’ implementation of the CRPD and SDGs; advising on human rights to GFD, with a focus on gender.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

(Five lines maximum)

M.A. Theology and Mission, Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture, Ghana (2016); Exec. M.A. Governance and leadership. Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (2010); United Nations Human Rights System, Distance learning course (2010); B.A. Education (Special Education), University College of Education, Ghana (1995)

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

(Three lines maximum)

As a woman with a disability (visual impairment) in a developing country, I have first-hand experience and knowledge of the stigma and discrimination faced by people with disabilities and the negative impact on their lives, community, and opportunity.

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

(Five lines maximum)

I am an advocate on disability and gender issues which I bring to bear on the work of the CRPD Committee as chair of the working group on women and girls with disabilities. With extensive experience and expertise in policy formulation and close engagement with OPDs, I am also able to reflect the perspectives of persons with disabilities as chair of the task force of general comment on article 27.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Five lines maximum)

Fefoame, G. (2021) *Access to health for women with disabilities.* MMS Health for All Podcast; Fefoame, G. (2020) *I wasn’t left behind, but most learners with disabilities still are.* African Arguments; Fefoame, G. (2018) *The blind campaigner who is fighting to empower women with disabilities*, Chatham House; Fefoame, G. (2017) *Bold Women Can tackle workplace challenge of Disability*. World Economic Forum