**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: KAYESS Rosemary

Date and place of birth: 27th March 1963, Camden Australia

Place of residence: Sydney, Australia

Nationality: Australia

United Nations working languages: English

Current position/function:

(Five lines maximum)

Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Senior Lecturer in international human rights law and anti-discrimination law at University of New South Wales (UNSW). Senior Research Fellow at Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW. Visiting Professor, Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland (Galway).

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Ten lines maximum)

Chairperson, Australian Centre for Disability Law. Expert Member, Strategic Engagement Advisory Group, Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. Fellow, Australian Discrimination Law Experts’ Group.

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

(Five lines maximum)

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) UNSW,

Bachelor Social Science (Hons) UNSW,

International Disability Law Summer School NUIG (Galway)

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)

Yes, I am a woman with a mobility impairment resulting from a spinal cord injury. As a result I am a wheelchair user.

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)

Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Designated specialist, Australian Government delegation for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and successfully facilitated the UN negotiations for the text of Article 24 Education, June 2002–August 2006. Human Rights lawyer and legal academic. Legal advisor, Australian civil society CRPD shadow report project group, 2013 and 2019.

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

(Five lines maximum)

P Gooding and R Kayess (2021) ‘Human Rights and Disability: An Australian Experience’ in P Gerber and M Castan, *Contemporary Perspectives on Human Rights Law in* Australia, Thomson Reuters.

Kayess R; Sands T, 2020, *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Shining a light on Social Transformation*, UNSW Social Policy Research Centre, Sydney.

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Kayess, R., & French, P. J. (2008). ‘Out of Darkness into Light? Introducing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.’ *Human Rights Law Review*, *8*, 1-34.