**Biographical details – nominees to the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Surnames and name:** Peláez Narváez, Ana.

**Nationality:** Spanish.

**Place and date of birth:** Zafra, Spain, 4th October 1966.

**Working languages:** Spanish, English and French.

**Current position or post:**

- Expert on the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2019-2022) and Vice-Chair of the committee for the period 2021-2022.

- Executive Vice-President at CERMI Women’s Foundation (the umbrella organisation for women with disabilities in Spain).

- ONCE Social Group High Commissioner for Solidarity and International Co-operation.

- Vice-President of the European Disability Forum (EDF) and Chair of its Women’s Committee.

**Main professional activities:**

In addition to the responsibilities attached to the positions mentioned above:

- Advising governments, civil society organisations and other stakeholders for more than 20 years on the full inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in their legislative initiatives and public policies from an intersectional and human-rights based approach;

- Regular appearances at meetings of various United Nations bodies such as the Human Rights Council, several committees and specialised agencies, the Commission on the Status of Women and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, among others, as well as regional and national bodies such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the Spanish Congress of Deputies and Senate;

- Member of the Spanish State Observatory on Violence against Women and the National Council on Disability, representing CERMI Women’s Foundation;

- Member of the European Commission Disability Platform.

- Lecturer on the subject ‘Gender and Human Rights’ as part of the master’s degree on fundamental rights at the Carlos III University in Madrid.

**Academic qualifications:**

- Degree in Science of Education from the University of Seville, Spain.

- Degree in Psychology from the University of Seville, Spain.

- Post-graduate master’s degree in Special Needs for People with Disabilities and PhD courses at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

**Other main activities related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women mandate:**

- Spanish government delegate in the CRPD drafting process, focussing on the specific and cross-cutting inclusion of gender. Ana was an expert on the CRPD Committee for two consecutive terms of office (2009-2016) and acted as its focal point for women’s affairs. She co-chaired the working group responsible for drawing up the General Comment on women and girls with disabilities.

- Upon joining the CEDAW Committee in 2019, Ana became the first person with disabilities to serve on a United Nations human rights treaty body other than the CRPD Committee. As an expert serving on the CEDAW Committee, she has performed the role of rapporteur during the review process of several countries’ periodic reports, she has contributed to the drafting of General Recommendation No. 38 on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, and she is a member of the working group responsible for preparing the upcoming General Recommendation No. 39 on the rights of indigenous women and girls. She is a member of the Committee working groups on its working methods and on gender-based violence against women. Since February 2021, Ana is Vice-Chair of the Committee representing WEOG and is part of the Committee Bureau.

- As an expert serving on the CEDAW Committee, Ana has provided technical assistance and delivered presentations on the Convention and its Optional Protocol to several States Parties such as Argentina, Guatemala, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador and Andorra. She has partnered with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women, UNICEF and the UN Population Fund on specific events concerning women with disabilities and to strengthen disability and gender in position papers, such as the study on the sexual harassment of women and girls with disabilities and a future declaration on girls with disabilities. Ana has also participated in high-level events on gender equality and violence against women organised by the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

- Ana regularly co-operates with global, regional and national women’s organisations, providing support in particular to foster the individual and collective empowerment of women and girls with disabilities through training, guidance and support for their representative organisations worldwide in the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls with disabilities.

**Most recent publications in the area of discrimination against women and advancing their human rights:**

Ana is executive editor of the CERMI Women’s Foundation *Generosity* collection of studies and research papers on the social reality faced by women and girls with disabilities. The collection is available here: <https://www.fundacioncermimujeres.es/es/coleccion-generosidad>

Since 2019, the following publications have been released as part of the collection:

-15 *The impact of the pandemic on women and girls with disabilities: Spain report 2020* (2021).

-14 *Guide to* *the right to health of women and girls with disabilities* (2021).

-13 *Protocol for the care of women with disabilities victims of violence* (2021).

-12 *The right to health of women and girls with disabilities:* *Spain report 2019* (2020).

*-*11 *Guide to mainstreaming gender and disability in European Social Fund programmes* (2019).

*-*10 *The human rights of women and girls with disabilities: Spain report 2018* (2019).

*-*9 *Different different women* (2019).