**Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**When the committee looks at how well a country used their recommendations**

Plain English version of:

**Guidelines on the procedure follow up –**

**Annex II**

**Note:** Please note this is not a United Nations official document.

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**1. Introduction**

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The committee on the rights of people with disabilities watches how well countries use the Convention.

Each country needs to report to the committee on how they are making the Convention work. The committee then gives recommendations on how the country can use the Convention in better ways.

This paper says what we do when we look at how a country used our recommendations.

**2. The job of the rapporteurs**

1. Two people will look at information on how a country uses our recommendations:

* the rapporteur from the committee
* the rapporteur for the country.

The rapporteurs can ask a country for extra information.

They will decide how well the country used the recommendations and then report to the Committee.

**3. Questions to decide which recommendations to look at**

2. These questions help the committee to decide which recommendations the rapporteurs need to look at:

* How long does the recommendation take to carry out?
* How important is the recommendation for people with disabilities to be able to use their rights?
* How easy is it to use the recommendation?
* How easy is it to check how well the recommendation is used?
* How easy is it to use the recommendation quickly? By this we mean in less than a year.
* How serious is the situation the recommendation is trying to change?

**4. How many recommendations to look at?**

3. The committee can choose at the most 2 recommendations for each country.

**5. How good are the replies from the countries?**

4. We mark what a country has done as good, good in parts or poor.

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| Good  | The committee will tell the country they are happy with what they have done.  |
| Good in parts | We can help the country with how to find ways to use the recommendations well. |
| Poor  | The committee will tell the country to do more. We may ask someone from that country to talk to us. The committee rapporteur will help them to think about how they can do better.If the committee is still not happy with how the country uses the recommendations they will ask for regular reports. These reports are about more than just the recommendations.These reports will have to continue until the committee is happy with what is happening. |

**6. Reminders**

5. Each country must tell us what they did to follow our recommendations. If they take too long we will send a reminder.

6. If they still do not reply we will write to the person who speaks for that country.

**7. The replies are for anyone to read**

7. The replies from a country will go on the Committee’s web page.

8. Other groups can say what they know of how the country uses the recommendations:

* groups independent of the government
* groups of people with disabilities
* human rights groups

Any letter or report they write will also go on the committee’s web page.

Other parts of the UN may also give us information.

**8. Length of reports by other groups**

9. The report on the recommendations and anything from other organisations must be less than 3,300 words.

**9. What is in the report from the rapporteur**

10. The rapporteur will write a report for the committee every year.

11. The rapporteur’s report will have:

* a short description of the recommendations
* a short description of what the country has told us
* a short description of what other organisations say how well they think the country has done
* thoughts for the committee on how well the country has done with the recommendations

We will put the rapporteur’s report on our web page. The committee will use a short version of it when they write their report other major groups at the UN every 2 years.

**10. Word bank**

**Rapporteur** – a person working for the UN who looks at how well countries are using recommendations from the UN.

**The Convention** – this is the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the United Nations. It says what rights people with disabilities have.

**Recommendation -** saying that something is good and will improve what is happening.