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The Secretary-General of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) presents its compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has the honour to refer to the decision adopted by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding the simplified reporting procedure.

In March 2024, during its 30th session (4-22 March) the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities decided to align its methods of work regarding the simplified reporting procedure, with those of other human rights treaty bodies, in line with General Assembly Res. 68/268, on the “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system”, particularly paragraphs 1 and 2, on the simplified reporting procedure, and paragraph 9, on the harmonization of working methods of treaty bodies.

The Committee decided to establish the simplified reporting procedure as the default procedure for periodic reports. It also decided that this procedure may be applied to long overdue initial reports.

The Rules of Procedure were amended, accordingly. Current Rule 38 Ter reads: *“The simplified reporting procedure is the default procedure for the submission of periodic reports. A State party may opt out of the simplified reporting procedure within one year of the Committee’s adoption of concluding observations on its initial report. The Committee may also consider applying the procedure in the case of initial reports that are long overdue. Under the procedure, the Committee shall formulate a list of issues prior to reporting at least one year prior to the date by which the State party’s periodic report or combined periodic reports are due. The replies of the State party to the list of issues shall be considered to constitute the periodic report or the combined periodic reports of the State party. The Committee shall set a limit on the number of questions posed in the list of issues.”*

The simplified reporting procedure will therefore apply to periodic report of Parties to the Convention listed in annex 1 to this NV., unless they opt out this procedure no later than **1 May 2025**, through a Note Verbale addressed to the Secretariat of the Committee (ohchr-crpd@un.org, jorge.araya@un.org, robert.ouko@un.org)

The Committee may consider applying the simplified reporting procedure to long overdue initial reports, regarding Parties to the Convention listed in annex two.

The status of the simplified reporting procedure for other parties to the Convention is described in annex three, four and five.

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