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SOUTH AFRICAN DISABILITY ALLIANCE

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Comments towards the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities on armed conflict, 76th General Assembly – 2021

The South African Disability Alliance (SADA) exists as a consultative forum of member organisation on issues of mutual concern and interest. In line with the goal of the advancement of the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities in South Africa.

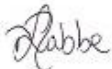
We received a request to submit comments from the Department for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) to take part in the questionnaire under Section C, Civil Society.

Although SADA often engages government on policy making issues, military legislation is not at the core of our work. Protection of and humanitarian service to persons with disabilities are key areas we prioritise. We have consulted with **CURAMUS**, an organisation which we regard as experts in this field. Attached to this letter, please find:

Annexure A – Comments from CURAMUS
Annexure B – SADA profile

We trust you find this in order

Sincerely yours,



Ms. M. Lubbe
Secretariat

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Associate members:); South African National Association of Blind & Partially Sighted Persons (SANABP); Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa (OTASA); Stroke Survivors Foundation (SSF); Dementia SA; Rare Diseases SA; Quadriplegic & Paraplegic Charitable Trust – South Africa