

International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Disabled Peoples' International, Down Syndrome International, Inclusion International,
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People,
Rehabilitation International, World Blind Union,
World Federation of the Deaf, World Federation of the DeafBlind,
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry,
Arab Organization of Disabled People, European Disability Forum,
Red Latinoamericana de Organizaciones no Gubernamentales de Personas con
Discapacidad y sus familias (RIADIS)

Suggestions for disability-relevant recommendations to be included in the Concluding Observations of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 47th Session (4-22 October 2010)

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has prepared the following suggestions for the Concluding Observations, based on references to persons with disabilities to be found in the CEDAW Committee's 47th Session state report.

CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 28 September 2010.

State Report

No references to women with disabilities in the report submitted by Czech Republic.

References to persons with disabilities in the list of issues and reply:

List of issues

29. The report is silent on the situation of **women with disabilities**, refugee and migrant women and girls. Please provide such information, in particular with regard to their economic and social situation and indicate what measures are in place to support these groups of women. Please give details about the situation of older women, in particular in terms of their entitlements to pension benefits and other forms of social assistance.

Reply to List of Issues

14. The **draft National Action Plan of Prevention of Domestic Violence** (the "Plan") was drawn up by the Committee on Domestic Violence Prevention, as part of the Council for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men. The committee, whose members are representatives of Ministries, NGOs and other entities, was established on 1 January 2008 as an advisory body for the prevention of domestic violence.

For the requirements of the Plan, domestic violence is not regarded strictly solely as a form of violence against women, even though it is often "gender-conditioned". The National Action Plan also applies to other groups of victims, especially children, the elderly, **the disabled**, and members of minorities, but also men.

29. *women with disabilities*

In the future, the Czech Republic wants to pay more attention to the situation of disabled women through its National Plan for the Creation of Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, approved under Government Resolution No 253 of 29 March 2010. With this in mind, it tasked the Government Board for People with Disabilities to conduct a specific analysis focused on **women with disabilities** in the Czech Republic, i.e. to determine whether there are differences in their position compared with men in the Czech Republic and compared with the situation of women based on the results of existing expert studies in the EU and the world, including their position in the labour market and their wages. Based on the results of the analysis, specific measures will be set to improve the situation of women with disabilities.

At the same time, the Government enjoined all members, when adopting all organizational, legislative and factual measures that relate to the lives of **persons with disabilities**, to ensure equal conditions for **women with disabilities**.

Recommendations from IDA :

- To collect adequate data on women and girls with disabilities and use disaggregated data and results of studies to develop policies and programmes to promote equal opportunities for them in society.
- To adopt measures to ensure that women with disabilities are consulted and participate in leadership roles in policy development, including the National Plan for the Creation of Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (in particular in all related analyses, studies and the monitoring of implementation of the National Plan).
- To raise awareness and provide more information about women and girls with disabilities, who often suffer from multiple forms of discrimination, especially with regard to access to education, employment, access to health care and violence.
- To address the heightened risk for girls and women with disabilities of becoming victims of domestic violence and abuse, and adopt urgent measures to ensure that both services and information for victims are made accessible to women and girls with disabilities living in institutions and the community.
- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.