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OHCHR welcomes ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

OHCHR-Nepal welcomes ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol by the Legislature Parliament on 27 December, 2009.

The Office acknowledges that the Government of Nepal has demonstrated its commitment to protect and promote the human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities. The articles of the Convention cover, among other things, the right to education, health, work, adequate living conditions, freedom of movement, freedom from exploitation and equal recognition before the law while the optional protocol allows them to petition the Treaty Committee when their rights have been violated. This Convention has undergone the fastest treaty ratification processes in UN history.

“I hope that the rights of persons with disabilities mentioned in the Convention will also be reflected in the national legal framework as well as the new constitution of Nepal. The ratification of this Convention further supports the work of many organizations and human rights defenders engaged with the issue of disability and provides an important tool to respect and protect the human rights and inherent dignity of persons with disabilities” said Jyoti Sanghera, Deputy Representative of OHCHR-Nepal.



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