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invite the public to an international conference in anticipation of Israel's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

FROM RATIFICATION TO IMPLEMENTATION: THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD) - IN ISRAEL

Jerusalem, 13-14 March 2012

Bayt VaGan Guest House, 8 HaPisga Street, Jerusalem

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Tuesday, March 13th 2012

09:00 Registration and refreshments

09:30 Session One / Opening Address

Chair: **Mr. Mustafa Shalata** / Counselor and Journalist

Greetings: **Dr. Guy Rotkopf** / Director-General, Ministry of Justice

Mr. Michael Mertes / Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Israel

Prof. Barak Medina / Dean, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mr. Yoav Kraiem / Chairman, National Council for the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Disabled in the Community, Ministry of Health; activist for equal rights

Address: **Ms. Judith Heumann** / Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. State Department

“Ensuring Human Rights of Disabled People through Effective Implementation of the CRPD”

10:30 Session Two / The CRPD as an International Human Rights Convention

Chair: **Ms. Jean Judes** / Executive Director, Beit Issie Shapiro

Speakers: **Ambassador Luis Gallegos** / Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations Office in Geneva; Former Chairperson of the U.N. Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari / Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University

Mr. Ahiya Kamara / Commissioner for Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities

Prof. Arlene S. Kanter / Director, Disability Law and Policy Program, Syracuse University College of Law

12:00 Recess

13:15 Session Three / Implementation in Israel – Tasks and Challenges

Chair: **Adv. Hila Tene-Gilad** / Director, Human Rights and Relations with International Organizations, Ministry of Justice

Speakers: **Dr. Khaled Abu-Asbah** / Director, Massar Institute for Research, Planning and Educational Counseling

Adv. Bilha Berg / Legal Adviser, Commission for Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities

Prof. Arie Rimmerman / Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, Haifa University

Ms. Henia Shwartz / Director, Center for Independent Living, Jerusalem

Adv. Esther Sivan / Executive Director, Bizchut - The Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities

14:45 Recess

15:15 **Session Four / Theoretical Infrastructure**

Chair: **Dr. Tomer Broude** / Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Ms. Nili Broyer** / Director, Center for Disability Studies Research at Alin Beit Noam

Mr. Gábor Gombos / Member, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Dr. Sagit Mor / Faculty of Law, Haifa University

Prof. Neta Ziv / Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University

16:45 Recess

17:00 **Session Five / Legal Capacity**

Chair: **Adv. Tirza Leibovitz** / Disability Rights Initiative, The Open Society Foundations

Speakers: **Dr. Israel (Issi) Doron** / Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, Haifa University

Mr. Gábor Gombos / Member, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Prof. David Greenberg / Herzog Hospital, Jerusalem

Adv. Yotam Tolub / Bizchut - The Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities

18:30 Conclusion of the first day of discussion

Wednesday, March 14th 2012

08:30 Reception and registration

09:00 **Parallel Sessions:**

Session Six / The Right to Education

Chair: **Adv. Tammy Harel Ben Shahr** / Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Adv. Abbas Abbas** / Director, AlManarah Association

Dr. Nitsan Almog / Ben Gurion University

Dr. Tom Gumpel / School of Education, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Adv. Irit Shaviv-Shani / Commission for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Session Seven / The Right to Employment

Chair: **Adv. Dan Oren** / Director, Counseling and Legislation, Ministry of Justice

Speakers: **Mr. Benny Fefferman** / Director, Administration for the Integration of People with Disabilities in the Labor Market, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor

Ms. Ronit Fishman / The Fishman Group

Ms. Margalit Piller / Israel Elwyn

Adv. Or Sivan Gozdzinski / Rights of People with Disability Clinic, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ms. Carmel Stinger / Director, Rehabilitation Department, National Insurance Institute

10:30 Recess

11:00 Parallel Sessions:

Session 8 / Accessibility

Chair: **Mr. Yuval Wagner** / Chair, Access Israel

Speakers: **Adv. Tzvia Admon** / Commission for Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities

M.K. Ilan Gilon / Chairman, Subcommittee for the Regulations for Equal Rights for the Handicapped Law

Arch. Shmuel Haimovitz / National Accessibility Director, Commission for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Michal Tene-Rinda / Ono Academic College

Dr. Shira Yalon-Chamovitz / Ono Academic College

Session 9 / Access to Justice

Chair: **Mr. Eldar Yusupov**

Speakers: **Ms. Na'ama Lerner** / Bizchut - The Center for Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Adv. Shani Pogoda / Public Defender's Office

Adv. Sharon Primor / Bizchut - The Center for Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Adv. Yifat Raveh / Ministry of Justice

12:30 Recess

13:45 **Session 10 / Life within the community**

Chair: **Prof. Arlene S. Kanter** / Director, Disability Law and Policy Program, Syracuse University College of Law

Speakers: **Dr. Shlomo Elyashar** / Director, Rehabilitation Branch, Ministry of Welfare and Social Services

Prof. Reuven Feuerstein / Founder of the Feuerstein Center for the Enhancement of Learning Potential

Ms. Elisheva Hanegbi / Amutat Shekel

Ms. Batya Leidner / National Rehabilitation Coordinator, Ministry of Health

Ms. Na'ama Lerner / Bizchut - The Center for Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Avital Sandler-Loeff / Director, Israel Unlimited, JDC Israel

15:30 **Summing Up and Thoughts for the Future**

Speaker: **Mr. Ahiya Kamara** / Commissioner for Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities

16:00 Conclusion of the Conference

Space is limited - pre-registration is required

For registration and information please contact the Hebrew University's Minerva Center for Human Rights no later than 11 March 2012 at mchr@savion.huji.ac.il or tel. **02-5881156**

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