



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD International Task Force
Annual Report for 2009**

2009 ACTIVITIES

The CCD International Task Force worked in 2009 to encourage the President to sign the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and following U.S. signature of the treaty on July 30, 2009, to monitor and participate in efforts to move the Administration to submit the CRPD to the Senate for advice and consent (i.e.: ratification). As part of this effort, the Task Force co-chair worked with a group organized by the U.S. International Council on Disability (USICD) seeking for the administration to submit the CRPD to the Senate for ratification. As part of this effort, the Task Force has discussed issues regarding Articles 12 and 14 under the CRPD dealing with respectively, equal recognition before the law and liberty and security of person for individuals with disabilities, and the potential impact of these articles on U.S. law and policy upon ratification of the CRPD.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Task Force plans to continue to educate CCD members and others about the CRPD, and to encourage the administration to submit the CRPD to the Senate for ratification. The Task Force may also address other issues in 2010 around foreign aid and disability, accessibility of U.S. embassies abroad, and State Department policies which restrict the ability of individuals with disabilities to serve in the foreign service. A list of the International Task Force recommendations in these areas is listed in the CCD [Disability Policy Recommendations for Presidential Transition and 111th Congress](#).

As the Obama Administration moves closer towards submitting the CRPD to the Senate for ratification, it is becoming critical that CCD members become aware of the emerging issues and assist the Task Force with completing research on the impact of the CRPD on individuals with disabilities in the U.S. New members are urgently needed to join the Task Force to assist with these tasks.

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