



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD International Task Force
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2010 ACTIVITIES

In 2010 the efforts of the CCD International Task Force concentrated on preparation for the work to gain ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) by the U.S. Senate. The Obama Administration is currently completing a CRPD “treaty package” for submission to the U.S. Senate during 2011. Once the CRPD package is submitted, the Senate can consider ratification of the treaty. In preparation for the ratification effort and to alert the Senate of the pending submission of the treaty, the International Task Force drafted a sign-on letter in July 2010 using the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act to encourage the Senate to quickly ratify the CRPD when presented with the treaty by the Administration. Fifty-two CCD member organizations signed onto the letter.

Throughout 2010 the Task Force has also met to discuss strategy efforts around obtaining ratification of the CRPD and expects 2011 to be a very busy year. As CCD member organizations will be critical in the ratification effort, especially in educating their affiliates about the CRPD and the ratification process, new members are urgently requested to join the CCD International Task Force.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

As the Administration nears submission of the CRPD package to the Senate, the Task Force anticipates most of its efforts will be devoted to CRPD ratification in 2011.

The Task Force may also address other issues in 2011 such as 1) assuring disability and accessibility issues are addressed in U.S. funded international development projects, 2) the accessibility of U.S. embassies abroad, 3) State Department policies which restrict the ability of individuals with disabilities to serve in the foreign service, and 4) immigration and U.S. entry visa policies related to individuals with disabilities.

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