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| **Meeting of the EU Framework**  **to promote, protect and monitor**  **the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**  **Wednesday 18 May 2016**  **11.00 – 13.00**  Square de Meeûs 8, Room SQM07Y963  FRA participates via videolink |

**Minutes**

**Participants:**

European Ombudsman (EO): Elpida Apostolidou

European Parliament (EP): Monika Makay, Annika Pabsch, Orsolya Zara, Nicholas Strauch, Adrian Reina Hurtado, Eloy Rebollo Piriz

European Disability Forum (EDF): Catherine Naughton, An-Sofie Leenknecht

Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA): Martha Stickings, Nevena Peneva, Silvana Roebstorf

1. **Welcome and opening**

Martha Stickings opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

1. **Approval of the agenda**

The Agenda was approved with two changes:

1. Item 5 ‘FRA opinion and other follow up to Concluding Observations’ was removed upon request of other members.
2. A discussion of the roles of Chair and Secretariat of the Framework was added under item 7 ‘AOB’
3. **Preparations for the meeting between the EU Framework and national monitoring mechanisms**

EDF confirmed that the Work Forum is scheduled for 10 June and that official invitations should be sent out in the coming days. The meeting of the EU Framework and national monitoring mechanisms is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 9 June. Official invitations will be sent out by the Framework after the participants of the Work Forum have been invited.

Agenda:

Framework members proposed several changes to the draft agenda, to be incorporated by the Secretariat and shared with the Framework members for final approval. The meeting will take place from 15.00-18.00 in the European Parliament.

Framework members generally welcomed the idea of sharing responsibility in moderating the sessions.

*Action points:*

* *All Framework members to approve the updated draft agenda, to be distributed by the Secretariat (ASAP).*
* *The Ombudsman and EP to confirm whether they will able to moderate one session (ASAP).*

Logistics:

The Framework members discussed issues relating to the meeting room and the registration of participants.

*Action points:*

* *EP to book a room for 30 people and checks whether a second room nearby is available to facilitate the working groups (ASAP).*
* *EP to confirm which information is needed to facilitate the registration of participants and informs the Secretariat (ASAP).*
* *Secretariat to draw up a mailing list to send out the invitations and informs the participants of the agenda and the information needed for the registration (ASAP).*
* *EDF to check with the Commission regarding coordination of arrangements for the Work Forum and the meeting of the EU and national frameworks (ASAP).*

Outcomes:

The Framework members agreed that this year’s event requires a thorough follow up of action points.

1. **Conference of State Parties: attendance and possible side event**

EDF briefed the Framework members on the side events taking place at the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD (COSP) in New York on 14-16 June. EDF stressed that no side events have been confirmed yet since the COSP organisers require several side events to be combined. The proposed event on the EU review could be combined by an event organised by the Belgian mission. The EP confirmed the interest of MEPs in attending the COSP.

*Action points:*

* *EDF to share a list of all side events with Framework members and to update on whether the side event on the EU review will take place (ASAP).*
* *All Framework members to confirm whether they intend to participate in the side event (ASAP).*

1. **FRA opinion and other follow up Concluding Observations**

This item was removed from the agenda given the short time between the publication of the opinion and the meeting, and will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting.

1. **Invitation from COHOM to a discussion on the rights of persons with disabilities**

Framework members agreed provisionally on 12July 2016 for the COHOM meeting.

*Action points:*

* *All Framework members to inform the Secretariat of the availability of their representatives on 12 July 2016 (ASAP).*
* *Once confirmed by all Framework members, the Secretariat informs COHOM about the date.*

1. **AOB - Chair and Secretariat roles**

Framework members discussed the roles of Chair and Secretariat of the Framework, which FRA currently holds on an interim basis until June 2016. EDF reiterated its view that the Chair and Secretariat roles should remain distinct.

It was agreed to discuss this issue at the next Framework meeting, until which FRA will continue as Chair and Secretariat.

*Action points:*

* *Framework members to discuss internally their view on the Chair and Secretariat positions.*

**Next meeting**

A date for next meeting of the Framework will be identified in due course.