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The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and hereby send you in attachment the reply received from our Ministry of Children and Equality to the communication dated 6th April 2018 from the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities concerning two interpretative declarations with regards to articles 12,14 and 25 of the UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Reference OL NOR 1/2018).

The Permanent Mission of Norway avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 30 July 2018



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Mr. Karim Ghezraoui,
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Geneva

Geneva, 30 July 2018

Dear Mr. Karim Ghezraoui,

The Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN in Geneva is pleased to convey the reply received from our Ministry of Children and Equality to the communication dated 6th of April 2018 from the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities concerning two interpretative declarations with regards to articles 12, 14 and 25 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Reference OL NOR 1/2018).

Norway is of the opinion that the Convention is a very important tool in improving the human rights situation of people with a variety of disabilities and recognises that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity, the right to liberty and security of the person and a right to respect for physical and mental integrity on an equal basis with others, without discrimination.

Under Norwegian law, persons with disabilities generally enjoy full legal capacity on an equal basis with others and are entitled to support in exercising their legal capacity. The existence of a disability cannot in itself justify any limitations to these rights.

Norway's interpretative declarations to article 12, 14 and 25 were made upon ratification in 2013 after careful consideration. They are, in the Government's view, fully compatible with the Convention.


The Norwegian legislation on self-determination represents an effort to balance the principle of self-determination against other human rights, including the right to life, the right to health and the right to fair trial. For people with decision-making difficulties, the assumption of legal capacity in all situations may compromise these rights.

The Norwegian Government is fully committed and engaged in the work for full equality for persons with disabilities.

We are looking forward to the special rapporteurs' visit to our country in 2019. This will be an excellent opportunity to a constructive dialogue on these important and challenging issues.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

On behalf of
Mr. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador, Perm. Rep.
Permanent Mission of Norway,


Ms. Herborg Alvsåker, Minister Counsellor
Permanent Mission of Norway