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Chairperson: Ms. Cisternas Reyes

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 5.55 p.m.

Other matters

1. **Mr. Araya** (Secretary of the Committee), taking stock of the work accomplished, said that, at the current session, the Committee had adopted concluding observations on the initial reports of seven parties to the Convention, Views on one communication and an interim report on follow-up to other Views previously adopted under the Optional Protocol. The Committee had considered matters relating to its inquiry procedure under articles 6 and 7 of the Optional Protocol. In addition, it had endorsed the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (San José Guidelines) and the common consultation process for the adoption of general comments. A statement on the World Humanitarian Summit had been adopted and posted on the Committee's website. Guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities had been adopted, along with the report on the Committee's fourteenth session.

2. **Ms. Lee** (International Disability Alliance (IDA)) said that the review by the Committee of the European Union's fulfilment of its obligations under the Convention, the first such review by a human rights mechanism, had set an important precedent. Equally historic were the newly adopted guidelines on the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities.

3. Her organization believed that children must be allowed to learn together, regardless of their disabilities, sex or background, since that was a first step towards working together, living together and being included and thus towards the successful implementation of article 19 of the Convention, which it regarded as an end goal. In that connection, it welcomed the Committee's work on the draft general comment on article 24, on the right to inclusive education.

4. The live webcast of the session, produced by IDA, had been watched by over 4,600 viewers in more than 50 countries, a new record.

5. IDA would shortly carry out a mission to Peru, the first of its kind, to follow up on the implementation of the Committee's concluding observations in that country.

6. **Ms. Lachowska** (Disability Council International) said that there was a close link between the post-2015 development agenda, with its focus on the eradication of poverty and halting climate change, and efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities. Over the past two decades, the world had been struck by a number of natural and man-made catastrophes. Humanitarian responses failed to take into account the needs of persons with disabilities, despite the fact that they were often among those most affected. One of the goals of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit was to ensure that no one was left behind. The Committee could use both the post-2015 development agenda and the Summit to emphasize the need for global responses that were inclusive of persons with disabilities.

Future meetings

7. **Mr. Araya** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the fifteenth session of the Committee would take place from 29 March to 21 April 2016. At the session, the Committee would consider reports submitted by seven States parties and adopt lists of issues in relation to a further eight. Country rapporteurs had been appointed for the seven States parties whose reports were to be considered. The fifth meeting of the pre-session working group would take place from 21 March to 24 March 2016.

Closure of the session

8. After the customary exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the fourteenth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities closed.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.