

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES

Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group

The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House  
Palace of Westminster,  
London, United Kingdom  
27-28 April 2009



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Tuesday 3 March 2009

Dear «12+ Member»,

Following the launch in 2007 of the IPU's Handbook entitled "*From exclusion to equality: Realizing the rights of persons with disabilities*" the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union together with the IPU is arranging a regional seminar to inform parliamentarians about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how they can encourage their Governments to ratify and implement this important human rights treaty.

The Convention is the response of the international community to the long history of discrimination, exclusion and dehumanisation of persons with disabilities, who make up the world's largest - over 650 million persons - and most disadvantaged minority. The purpose of the Convention is to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy the same rights and opportunities as everyone else and are able to lead their lives as full citizens who can make valuable contributions to society if given the same opportunities as others.

This regional seminar will be open to members of the 12+ Group. The topics on the agenda will be introduced by Members of Parliament, experts and representatives of international and regional human rights bodies. The emphasis will be on discussion, with a view to allowing ample time for a free exchange of views. English and French interpretation will be provided.

Please find enclosed a registration form, which we invite your Parliament to return to the BGIPU Secretariat no later than **20 March 2009**. In this regard, we should inform you that the conference room in the House of Commons has limited seating capacity, which is why we kindly request your Parliament to limit its delegation to a maximum of three people, including advisers and secretaries.

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Lastly, we would like to point out that participants should handle all matters relating to their visas, hotel accommodation and transportation. To facilitate hotel bookings, we enclose a reservation form which participants may wish to use. Please note that both forms, along with the provisional programme of the seminar and other relevant documents, will be posted on the IPU website shortly.

We look forward to the participation of your Parliament in the Seminar.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Roger Berry MP  
Chair, IPU British Group

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General

Encl.: Provisional Programme  
Registration form  
Hotel reservation form

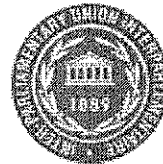
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The regional Seminar for Parliaments on 'The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities', organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and hosted by the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union will be held in London from 27 to 28 April 2009.

**REGISTRATION**

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants attending the Seminar as soon as possible and not later than 20 March using the enclosed Registration Form, to the following addresses:

British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Palace of Westminster  
LONDON  
SW1A 0AA  
UNITED KINGDOM  
Tel: +44 207 219 3011  
Fax: +44 207 222 1213  
Email: [bgipu@parliament.uk](mailto:bgipu@parliament.uk)

Inter-Parliamentary Union  
5 Chemin du pommier  
Case Postale 330  
1218 GENEVE 19  
SUISSE  
Tel: 41 22 919 41 50  
Fax: 41 22 919 41 60  
Email: [postbox@mail.ipu.org](mailto:postbox@mail.ipu.org)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS**

For practical reasons, it is proposed that participants stay at the City Inn Westminster Hotel (<http://www.cityinn.com/london/>), close to the venue of the Seminar. Block bookings have been made by the British Group IPU (BGIPU) but delegates shall have to book and pay their own accommodation directly to the hotel. Details of how to make your booking are below:

**City Inn Westminster Hotel**

30 John Islip Street  
London SW1P 4DD  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7630 1000  
Website: [www.cityinn.com/london/index.htm](http://www.cityinn.com/london/index.htm)

**Booking contact: Fabiana Spinosa**  
**E-mail: [westminster.groups@cityinn.com](mailto:westminster.groups@cityinn.com)**  
**BOOKING CODE: PARL230409**

Please ensure you quote the above code to ensure you get the preferred rates as detailed below:

**Single Room:** £164 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT  
**Double Room:** £174 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT  
**Suite single occupancy:** £264 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT  
**Suite double occupancy:** £274 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT

**DEMAND FOR HOTEL ROOMS NEAR WESTMINSTER IS VERY HIGH – WE WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD REGISTER YOUR HOTEL BOOKING**

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**DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – AND NOT LATER THAN 20 MARCH 2009.**

Participants who would prefer accommodation in other hotels are kindly requested to inform the BGIPU accordingly.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

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A reception service will be provided for participants at the Westminster City Inn from Sunday 26 April onwards. In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide sufficient arrival and departure information, including dates and arrival and departure times on the hotel reservation form.

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

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A registration and information desk will be available to participants at the Seminar venue on 27 and 28 April from 8 am until 6.30 pm. Participants are kindly requested to register with this service which will issue identity badges, deal with enquiries concerning the Seminar and handle messages and mail.

**VISAS**

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12+ countries requiring a visa for entry to the United Kingdom are listed below:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

**SECURITY**

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Participants are required to wear their identity badges visibly at all times when they are in the Seminar venue and at all official functions during the Seminar.

**TRANSPORT**

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Participants are kindly asked to arrange their own transport between the airport and the hotel.

Transport between the Westminster City Inn hotel and the conference venue will be provided.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

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Details of the social events will be available in due course.



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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<u>Monday, 27 April</u>	
8 - 9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants and distribution of documents
9.30 - 10.15 a.m.	▶ <b>Inaugural session</b>
10.15 - 11.30 a.m.	▶ <b>Session I:</b> <b>Why a new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was needed:</b> (a) The CRPD and its Optional Protocol in the framework of the other core human rights conventions; (b) The Convention process
11.30 - 11.45 a.m.	▶ Coffee break
11.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	▶ <b>Session II:</b> <b>The Convention's key concepts</b>
2.30 - 4 p.m.	▶ <b>Session III:</b> <b>The key obligations of States under the CRPD</b>
4 - 4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15 - 6.00 p.m.	<b>Session IV:</b> <b>The rights set out in the Convention and added features of the Convention</b>
<u>Tuesday, 28 April</u>	
9.30 - 11.15 a.m.	▶ <b>Session V:</b> <b>Monitoring the Convention: monitoring mechanisms in the Convention and at the national level</b>
11.15 - 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	▶ <b>Session V: continued</b>
2.30 - 4 p.m.	▶ <b>Session VI:</b> <b>Implementing the Convention: legislative measures and best practices</b>
4 - 4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15 - 5.30 p.m.	▶ <b>Session VI: continued</b>
5.30 - 6 p.m.	▶ <b>Closing ceremony</b>

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**Registration Form**

THE REGISTRATION FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY 20 MARCH 2009 TO:

British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union Palace of Westminster London SW1A 0AA United Kingdom Fax: +44 207 222 1213 Email: reesd@parliament.uk and bgipu@parliament.uk	Inter-Parliamentary Union 5, chemin du Pommier Case postale 330 CH 1218 Grand-Saconnex Geneva, Switzerland Fax: +41 22 919 4160 Email: postbox@mail.ipu.org
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**Country/Parliament:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegates:**

Mr/Mrs.	First Name	Last Name	Parliamentary Function

**Fax/E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**  
(ONE FORM PER DELEGATE)

Name:	
Title:	
Country/Parliament:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Email:	
Arrival date & time:	
Departure date:	
Credit Card Number:	
Expiry Date:	
Credit Card Holder:	
Signature:	

Please Mark your preferred room category

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|--------------------------|--|
| Single Room              | <input type="checkbox"/> £164.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast exclusive of VAT  |
| Double Room              | <input type="checkbox"/> £174.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast, exclusive of VAT |
| Suite (single occupancy) | <input type="checkbox"/> £264.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast, exclusive of VAT |
| Suite (double occupancy) | <input type="checkbox"/> £274.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast, exclusive of VAT |

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