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Economic and Social Council

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Annex 2 to the combined second and third periodic reports submitted by Denmark

B. Annex

Children with disabilities

1. The Act on Support for Persons with Disabilities requires municipalities to prepare action plans no later than six months before a child with disabilities, who receives support under the Act, starts his/her primary school education and again at least 12 months before he/she completes primary school education.
2. The *Børnetalsmand* visits the country's municipalities and publishes travel reports on the compliance with the UNCRC. The specific challenges of children with disabilities have also been commented upon in the *Børnetalsmand's* travel reports.

Accessibility

3. Examples of stipulations in the building regulations regarding accessibility: level access to buildings, parking spaces for persons with disabilities, and handicap toilets in public buildings.
4. If the municipality becomes aware that a building project is unlawful, the municipality is obliged to attempt to make the building project lawful. The owner of the building is responsible for the building being lawful.
5. Additional information regarding the revised set of building regulations: the Government is also planning to introduce a requirement for accessible signage and information in buildings.
6. Example on how the needs of persons with disabilities are taken into account: prior to planning an upcoming college building project, there was a dialogue with the educational institutions in the towns concerned, to identify the need for accessible college housing.
7. In 2018, the Government conducted a course on universal building design and accessibility standards for employees of the municipal building authorities. The aim is to continue to organize courses in universal building design for both new employees and professionals.

Equal recognition before the law

8. There are 29 guardianships registered in Greenland. 4 were issued in 2019, 8 were issued in 2018, 4 were issued in 2017, 2 were issued in 2015, 3 were issued in 2014 and 8 were issued between 1969 and 2008.

Education

9. An experimental scheme aiming to uncover the level of demand as well as approve and create specially designed courses for students with special needs, started in 2017. The target group is anyone with various degrees of autism spectrum disorder and ADHD diagnoses, considered capable of completing high school, and who meets the general admission requirements, yet needs special educational support and thus would not be able to participate in the education on ordinary terms.

Habilitation and rehabilitation

10. If necessary, the doctor refers the patient to the therapy department. The therapy department consists of both occupational therapists, physiotherapist and a dietitian. An assessment of the patient's functionality is conducted, including a decision on whether there is a need for rehabilitation within the health care system or habilitation under the auspices of the municipality.

Participation in political and public life

11. Voters who are unable to move into the polling place due to lack of mobility or similar reasons will be able to cast their vote immediately outside the polling place. Visually impaired or blind voters can get help reading the list of candidates and get help to vote.

12. In cases where the citizen cannot visit the polling place within the stipulated deadlines, the municipality may be able to assist, so that the citizen can cast an absentee vote instead.

13. The municipalities also offer persons with different types of disabilities transportation to and from the polling places.