

### **Alternative report**

Article 33 of the UNCRPD concerns the national implementation and monitoring of the Convention. Article 33.3 stipulates that "civil society, in particular persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, shall be involved and participate fully in the monitoring process".

On the other hand, pursuant to article 35 of the UNCRPD, each State Party has to submit a comprehensive report on measures taken to give effect to its obligations to the Committee of experts of the UNCRPD on a regular basis: Belgium submitted its first report in July 2011.

As this report is an "official" report, it is important for persons with disabilities and their representatives to be able to submit their own testimonies in another "alternative" report, in order to enable the Committee of experts to evaluate, on the basis of different sources, how the Belgian State implements the rights of persons with disabilities.

The information supplied by civil society is included in another report than the report submitted by the State, hence the adjective "alternative". Based on different sources, the aim of both the official and the alternative report is to provide elements for the evaluation of the implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities.