

Communication to Member States and other Stakeholders from the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Postponement of the thirteenth session of the Conference due to the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic to Member States and other stakeholders

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The 13th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COSP13)

The Bureau of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD decided at its extraordinary meeting of the Bureau on 20 March 2020 to **postpone the 13th session of the Conference to the second week of December 2020**. The decision also included that, for the time being, the overarching theme, the sub-themes and the selected panelists of the three-roundtable discussion remain in place as confirmed at this extraordinary meeting.

The dates remain tentative at this time as the Department for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management (DGACM) of the UN Secretariat is in the process of collecting requests from relevant intergovernmental bodies for reconstructing the official Calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations in 2020 for the approval by the Committee of Conferences.

The Bureau will further consult with Member States and other stakeholders in the coming months to make assessment of the global COVID-19 crisis and its impact on the UN conferences and meetings.