

## PRESS RELEASE - Initiative for Disability Inclusion in the Convention on Crimes against Humanity

**[Insert Organisation Name]** calls for disability inclusion in the upcoming international Convention on Crimes Against Humanity

**[City, Date]** – A coalition of leading human rights and disability organisations has released a joint policy brief urging United Nations Member States to ensure that the forthcoming *Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity* explicitly includes protections for persons with disabilities.

The policy brief, titled “[\*Towards Inclusive Justice: Addressing Persons with Disabilities in the Convention on Crimes Against Humanity\*](#)”, highlights the widespread and systematic nature of crimes committed against persons with disabilities, including forced sterilisation, torture, sexual violence, and targeted killings. Despite extensive documentation, these violations remain largely unaddressed in international criminal law.

“Persons with disabilities continue to be disproportionately affected by serious crimes, yet their experiences are often invisible in legal frameworks and accountability mechanisms,” said **[Insert Name, Title, Organisation]**. “This treaty presents a historic opportunity to correct that injustice.”

The coalition includes organisations such as CBM, Global Rights Compliance, the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV), the International Disability Alliance (IDA), Validity Foundation, and the World Institute on Disability. Together, they propose concrete amendments to the draft treaty text, including:

- Explicit recognition of disability as a ground for persecution under crimes against humanity.
- Inclusion of safeguards and accommodations to ensure equal access to justice for persons with disabilities.
- Recognition of the unique vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities in conflict and post-conflict settings.

The policy brief also calls for the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in the treaty negotiation process, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and UN Security Council Resolution 2475.

**[Insert Organisation Name]** joins its partners in calling on UN Member States to ensure that the upcoming international convention reflects the lived realities of persons with disabilities and upholds their rights to justice, dignity, and protection under international law.

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Persons with disabilities face targeted violence but remain invisible in international law. A new international convention on #CrimesAgainstHumanity must change that. We call for disability-inclusive justice. Read our policy brief:

[https://www.cbm.org/dam/jcr:3e892b20-1038-49ef-a16f-8d9f8342c03b/Disability\\_in\\_the\\_CAH\\_Treaty.pdf](https://www.cbm.org/dam/jcr:3e892b20-1038-49ef-a16f-8d9f8342c03b/Disability_in_the_CAH_Treaty.pdf)

## Social Media (2)

The UN member states are drafting a treaty on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. But persons with disabilities are still not explicitly protected. Together with partners, we've released a policy brief calling for disability-inclusive justice. It's time to ensure that international law reflects the lived realities of persons with disabilities. Learn more:

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