

Periodic review about the compliance of Lebanon with the obligations related to the rights of PWD

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This report is based on the internationally recognized rights of PWD stated in the International Convention for their rights, issued in 2006. The report displays the current status of the rights upon the level of the Lebanese state's recognition of these rights through legislation, upon the level of the extent of the application of the rights, as well as the results arising from any defect in the first two levels. The report also includes the status of the disabled refugees' rights, in addition to some recommendations to promote and protect the rights of PWD in Lebanon.

The main defect lies in the deprivation of PWD from some of their rights in Lebanon due to non-ratification of Lebanese state on the International Convention on the Rights of PWD and for not developing the national legislation to translate the internationally recognized rights. Since signing this International Convention without ratification means an implicit recognition of the rights, and therefore doesn't exempt the state from developing its related national laws. Those rights are internationally recognized and the Convention became an international law after being ratified by more than a hundred state.