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| **Minutes-Meeting of the EU Framework to promote, protect and monitor****the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** **Tuesday 7 July 2020****14.00 – 15.30**(WebEx meeting) |

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**Minutes**

1. Welcome and opening
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Discussion on the Chair of the EU Framework

- The EO will continue as Chair of the EU Framework until the end of 2020. The EP will take over the Chair in the beginning of 2021. This issue will be discussed again and more concretely in the autumn.

1. Debrief on meeting with Commissioner Dalli

- There was general satisfaction within the EU Framework about the meeting, although it was perhaps regrettable that there was no time for discussion.

- Another meeting/consultative event of the EU Framework should be held in August/September 2020 before the next meeting between the EU Framework and Commissioner Dalli in autumn 2020.

- It would be useful to have concrete points for the next meeting with the Commissioner, agreed previously with the Commission.

- There might be more moments of dialogue between now and autumn 2020.

1. Updates from EU Framework members on activities to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD and review of the Framework work plan and activities for rest of the year 2020

- The Work Programme 2019-2020 was discussed.

- The EU Framework delivered a common input on the evaluation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and put forward recommendations for the new Disability Strategy post-2020.

- FRA will organise a consultation hearing with its stakeholders in the Fundamental Rights Platform on the implementation of the CRPD and on ideas for the new European Disability Strategy, possibly in October/November 2020.

- Regarding the short paper on promising practices on the functioning of national monitoring mechanisms, this will not be drafted before 2021.

- FRA has drafted a paper on benchmarks and indicators on how to measure progress in the implementation of the CRPD, for which input from ENNHRI disability Working Group members will be sought.

- The EDF continuously works on analysing relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to ensure compliance with the CRPD in key areas. For instance, EDF gave input to the new European Gender Equality and Victims’ Rights Strategies, that now include persons with disabilities.

- PETI voted a Short Motion for Resolution on petition 0491/2020 on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and their families in the COVID-19 crisis. PETI will provide an overview on petitions on the rights of persons with disabilities they have treated. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, PETI has prioritised petitions related to various matters of the crisis, among them above-mentioned petition 0491/2020.

- PETI plans to organise an event on the rights of persons with disabilities in autumn 2020 that was originally planned for March but had to be cancelled.

- LIBE mentioned its annual report on fundamental rights.

- EO stated that it has not yet worked on the development and dissemination of information and training material to increase awareness of the CRPD among staff of the EU administration as the COVID-19 crisis came in between. It will explore the possibility of working on that before the end of 2020.

- No revision of the EU Framework’s ‘Operational Provisions’ was considered necessary.

- New common initiative: A common short paper on the EU Framework’s initiatives re COVID-19 will be published on the EU Framework’s page on FRA’s website. It could be a ‘living document’ to be updated if/when new actions are taken.

1. Debrief on meeting with ENNHRI Working Group on Disability
* The Framework is awaiting their feedback on the discussion and proposals. In 2015, ENNHRI submitted its own alternative report for the review of the EU by the CRPD Committee. It may be valuable that they do a similar report for the second review.
1. Discussion on upcoming EU review by UN CRPD Committee-overview of situation and next steps

- FRA will take the lead as regards the possible EU Framework’s input for the upcoming review of the EU’s implementation of the CRPD by the UN CRPD Committee. Input to the Committee is due in June 2021 for the List of Issues the Committee would send the Focal Point (the Commission) in September 2021.

- The EU Framework aspires to a common contribution to the UN Committee for the EU review, and it will work towards that goal.

1. Discussion on meeting with Focal Point (to take place on the very same day)

- The following issues could to be discussed: the timeframe of the new Disability Strategy - other issues of interest that the Commission is currently working on in this area - Equality Task Force: how does it work and how the different structures in the Commission on equality/disabilities etc work together - possible nomination of an expert from the EU for the UN Committee.