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The DPI/NGO Section invites you to a

Briefing

On

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Opens for Signature (30 March)

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15 March 2007

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Background Information: On 13 December 2006, the General Assembly adopted the first new human rights treaty of the twenty-first century. Adopted without a vote, the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities guarantees the same rights to disabled people allowed to the rest of the population, recognizing persons with disabilities as rights holders and active members of society.

Speakers:

Mr. Jorge Ballester, Counsellor Minister, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations

Mr. Thomas Schindlmayr, Social Affairs Officer, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

Dr. Fredrik Schroeder, Representative, International Disability Caucus, World Blind Union

At 10:00 a.m. there will be a screening of the World Chronicle television programme, *Towards a Convention on Disabilities*, featuring Ambassador Luis Gallegos of Ecuador, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Convention on Disabled People.

Representatives of NGOs are encouraged to participate during the Q & A segment.

The event may be webcast. If so, it will be available at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection.

Preview of Next Week's Briefing:

There will be no briefing next week. Instead the NGO Section will be holding its Annual Orientation Programme, designed to acquaint newly associated NGOs and new NGO representatives with the services and programmes we provide. The two-day programme will be held 21 – 22 March.

Briefings are held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. United Nations-produced videos relevant to the briefing theme are usually screened at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the briefing.

For briefing information please call the DPI/NGO Information Line at +1-212-963-7232, or e-mail dpingo@un.org. To receive the briefing information electronically and to be added to our e-mailing list, please e-mail dpingo@un.org. You can also visit the DPI/NGO Section website at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection, where an archived webcast of the briefings may also be available.

Should you require a guest pass to attend an NGO briefing, please fax your name and affiliation to +1-212-963-2819 no later than two days before a briefing. All guest passes should be picked up at the Pass & ID Office on the morning of the briefing, which is located on the corner of First Avenue and 45th Street at the ground level.

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