

The United Nations brings together the countries of the world to keep peace and to work together to help people, to eliminate poverty and disease, and to encourage respect for rights and freedoms.

A “convention” is an agreement. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities means that the United Nations agrees that people with disabilities have the same rights and freedoms as other people. The United Nations agrees to protect and help disabled people to enjoy these rights and freedoms.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) has chapters called “Articles”. There are 50 of these Articles. This brochure is a very short summary of all of them.

Articles 1-9: Purpose, definitions, general principles (rules), and general obligations (responsibilities)

Articles 1 to 9 describe the purpose of the CRPD. These nine articles make governments responsible for removing barriers and encouraging respect for people with disabilities, including women and children.

Articles 10-11: Right to life and to safety

Articles 10 and 11 say that people with disabilities have the right to life, and they have a right to safety and protection in war, emergencies, and natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes.

Articles 12-23: Rights to justice, protection, independence,

mobility, information, and family

Articles 12 to 23 explain that people with disabilities have equal rights in law and access to justice. This includes freedom from abuse, the right to move and live independently, the right to live in the community, to express their opinions, and to access information. It also includes the right to privacy and respect for their homes and families.

Articles 24-30: Education, health, employment, and participation

Articles 24 to 30 guarantee that people with disabilities have equal rights to accessible education, health care, employment, standards of living such as food and housing, public life including voting rights, and cultural and sporting life.

Articles 31-33: Responsibilities of

national governments

Articles 31 to 33 make national governments responsible for implementing the CRPD and monitoring it, working together internationally, and collecting statistics.

Articles 34-39: Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 34 establishes the United Nations' Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Articles 36 to 39 describe how this Committee works to review the CRPD.

Article 35 requires national governments to report to the UN on their own implementation of the CRPD.

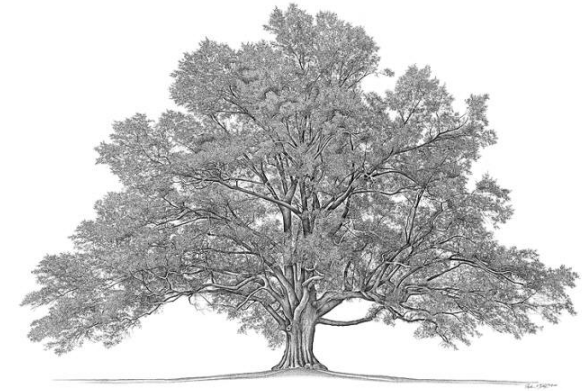
Articles 40-50: Administration

Articles 40 to 50 are administration details.

For more information about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, check the website www.cad.ca, where you will find easy-to-understand summaries available in ASL and LSQ videos, captioning, voice-over, and print publications.

For a full text version of the CRPD, check the United Nations website: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml>

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