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Eighth session

Summary record of the second part (public)* of the 93rd meeting**

Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, on Friday, 28 September 2012, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr. McCallum

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* No summary record was prepared for the first part of the meeting.

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The second part (public) of the meeting began at 5.05 p.m.

Closure of the session

1. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee was preparing to close its first two-week-long session, during which it had engaged in a dialogue with three States parties (Argentina, China and Hungary) and drafted the list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the initial report of Paraguay, scheduled for its ninth session in April 2013. However, he pointed out that the Committee was the only treaty body to hold such short sessions, that there were still some 20 reports from States parties to be considered and that the Committee would request additional meeting time from the General Assembly. In that connection, he invited all those concerned to draw the attention of States parties to the matter.

2. He also mentioned that Ms. Yang Jia, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Gombos, Chairperson of the Working Group responsible for drafting a general comment on article 12 of the Convention, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Hadj-Salah and Ms. Al-Suwaidi would be leaving the Committee on 31 December 2012, and that five new members would be elected. He expressed his warm thanks to the departing members for their devotion and unfailing commitment to the service of the Committee.

3. **Mr. Araya** (Secretary) referred to the decisions taken by the Committee at its eighth session: the adoption of a declaration in support of several proposals contained in the report of the High Commissioner on strengthening the treaty-body system; the adoption of directives on the independence and impartiality of the members of human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their functions (Directives of Addis Ababa) and the incorporation of those Directives into the Committee's Rules of Procedure; the acceptance, for the purpose of considering individual complaints, of interventions by third parties under article 73, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure and, to that end, the amendment of the Rules of Procedure; preparation of a note on interventions by third parties; confirmation of the decision to request additional meeting time from the General Assembly; acceptance of projects for presentations in connection with the half-day general debate on women and girls with disabilities, scheduled for the ninth session; adoption of a declaration providing information on that half-day public debate; and organization of a meeting with States parties during the tenth session (September 2013). He added that the concluding observations adopted at the eighth session had been posted on the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner.

4. **Ms. Lee** (International Disability Alliance) and **Ms. Lachowska** (Disability Council International) congratulated the Committee for the valuable work it had performed and reiterated to it the support of their organizations.

5. **Mr. Chowdhury**, whose mandate was due to end on 31 December, thanked all the members of the Committee, together with the secretariat, for their excellent collaboration.

6. After the customary exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities closed.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.