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MESSAGE FROM IIMSAM SG REMIGIO MARADONA ON UNITED NATIONS DAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

The UN Charter was signed in San Francisco. The Organization commemorated two years the 70th anniversary of the UN's founding in 1945 with the original 51 members of the UN. Today, there are 193 Member States. The issues which the UN has addressed most successfully, which include decolonization, apartheid, development, peace keeping, human rights, children's rights, rights for the disabled, human trafficking are all a testament of the UN immense mandate of the organisation.

The Charter came into force on this late 24 October day in 1945, when China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and a majority of the other signatories filed their instruments of ratification.

"We the Peoples of the United Nations", the opening words of the Charter, became a reality just four months after the signing of the Organization's founding document, on 26 June 1945, which was held in the auditorium of the Veterans' Memorial Hall in San Francisco.

The celebration Member States, global civil society and the many individual women and men working in common cause to enable a strong UN to realize a better world.



IIMSAM'S-Secretary-General-Remigio-Maradona-Comented:

"As a disabled or as we say in UN parlance, a physically challenged person. I feel that one of the most significant accomplishments of the UN was the establishment of the Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (As a Polio-victim of the upper-extremities at the age of two. "

"I have always felt that the United Nations System was the only mechanism available for all the disabled peoples around the world to voiced their grievances and unfair play towards them and fighting social taboos, cultural barriers, insensitivity, social isolation, and outright injustice, for these reasons and my personal experiences." "I have been a staunch supporter of the UN System and a lifetime advocate of the Rights of the Disabled and have actively

participated at the various sessions of the United Nations Ad-hoc Committee on Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities as a delegate adviser of the Delegation of Chile and Vanuatu...and in my role with IIMSAM... I feel proud to have been part of yet another historical moment of the UN working for a better world as the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention in 2006 to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy the same human rights as everyone else”.

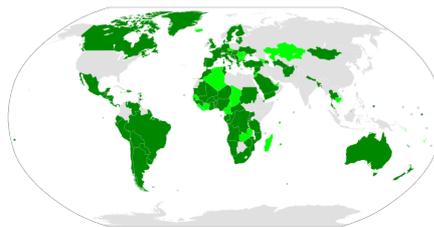
“The treaty sets out the obligations of States Parties to promote, protect and ensure the rights of all people with disabilities, which is widely regarded as the first international human rights treaty of the twenty-first century and one of the fastest ratified.”

*“ The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter “CRPD”) was adopted by the United Nations in 2006 and entered into force in 2008. Since then, **177 countries** have ratified it, but not the United States. “ This monumental achievement is evidence of the commitment by the international community through the UN-System to promote and protect the human rights of persons with disabilities,” and proven once again that working together is the answer to our world major challenges.”*

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states that signed, but have not ratified

states that have not signed



New York-February 8, 2008: The United Arab Emirates has ratified the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. Minister of Social Affairs Maryam Mohammad Khalfan Al Roumi signed the convention at the department of legal affairs of the UN headquarters. The convention and its optional protocols were adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2006.

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In 2015, All Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Governments, businesses and civil society together with the United Nations are mobilizing efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030. Universal, inclusive and indivisible, the Agenda calls for action by all countries to improve the lives of people everywhere.

