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Government response to the consultation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2021

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Executive Summary

Introduction and overview

1. A brief introduction about the subject.

This public consultation was in respect of adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2021, which seeks to make provision for the possibility of civil actions alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in respect of the substantive Articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as to provide for other matters in respect of the implementation of said Convention.

2. The public consultation date.

Include the objective and purpose of the public consultation.

On 19 May 2021, Government launched a public consultation in respect of this Bill, in order to obtain feedback from the public concerning its provisions, as well as about specific aspects of said Bill.

3. This consultation sought views on:

The text of the Bill, by asking specific questions through an online form about specific aspects of the Bill, and allowing respondents to also make additional general comments through the form or other channels.

Responses to the consultation and process used to seek stakeholder views

This document is the Government Response to this consultation and sets out the Government's decisions on these matters.

4. The closing date of the public consultation. Which methods were used to receive the feedback. The total amount of responses. From whom you received the feedback.

Consultation closed on 16th June 2021. Few responses were received through an online form, which focused on disability services rather than on the text itself. Said responses were used towards finalising the national disability strategy.

5. Include (if any) meetings with stakeholders and list who the stakeholders were.

Meetings with the national disability federation, MFOPD, and with the parents' society, NPSPD, were held, as well as with CRPD, which also consulted its various structures.

Summary of responses and decisions

The following is a summary of the consultation responses received. We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation and participate in stakeholder meetings around the consultation exercise.

6. Statistics.

- Total feedback received: 7
- Total feedback received by individuals: 4
- Total feedback received by organisations: 3
- Total feedback received through email: 0
- Total feedback received through online form: 4
- Total feedback received by post: 0

7. Summary of feedback received.

Respondents through the online form commented on disability services, rather than on the text of the Bill. Discussions with NGOs and CRPD focused on clarifications and implementation.

8. Your assessment and the Government's decision (list the Government's decisions).

In view of no substantive changes being proposed during the consultation, no amendments to the Bill as presented for consultation were effected by Government.

Implementation

9. When you intend to implement the decisions

Bill is being referred to Cabinet and Parliament. Implementation would commence following adoption of the Bill by Parliament.

Contact Details

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact: ddi@gov.mt

Detailed overview of responses and the Government's response

The following section provide a brief summary of the initial proposals and the responses received, before setting out the final decision that has been made.

There is nothing additional to specify further to the contents of Sections 7 and 8 above.